

Duffield Drop Newsletter

October 15, 2024

Welcome to October



I hope that all of our families have enjoyed a beautiful Thanksgiving long weekend. Our staff participated in a great PD Day on Friday, learning more about reading comprehension and analysing assessment results in math to use in classroom teaching. Our support staff learned about speech and articulation and how to support our little learners with communication!

This month, in particular, I am incredibly grateful to work everyday with such a fantastic staff and such great children!!

And now we prepare for one of the most exciting days of the school year, Halloween!!

Take good care, everyone!
Cherie Lovsund

Parent-Teacher Interviews

October 21 and October 23

3:30-6:30

The website is open to book interviews!
K-3 will have both days as “In Person”
Interviews. Grade 4-9 will be virtual on
Monday and In-Person on Wednesday!

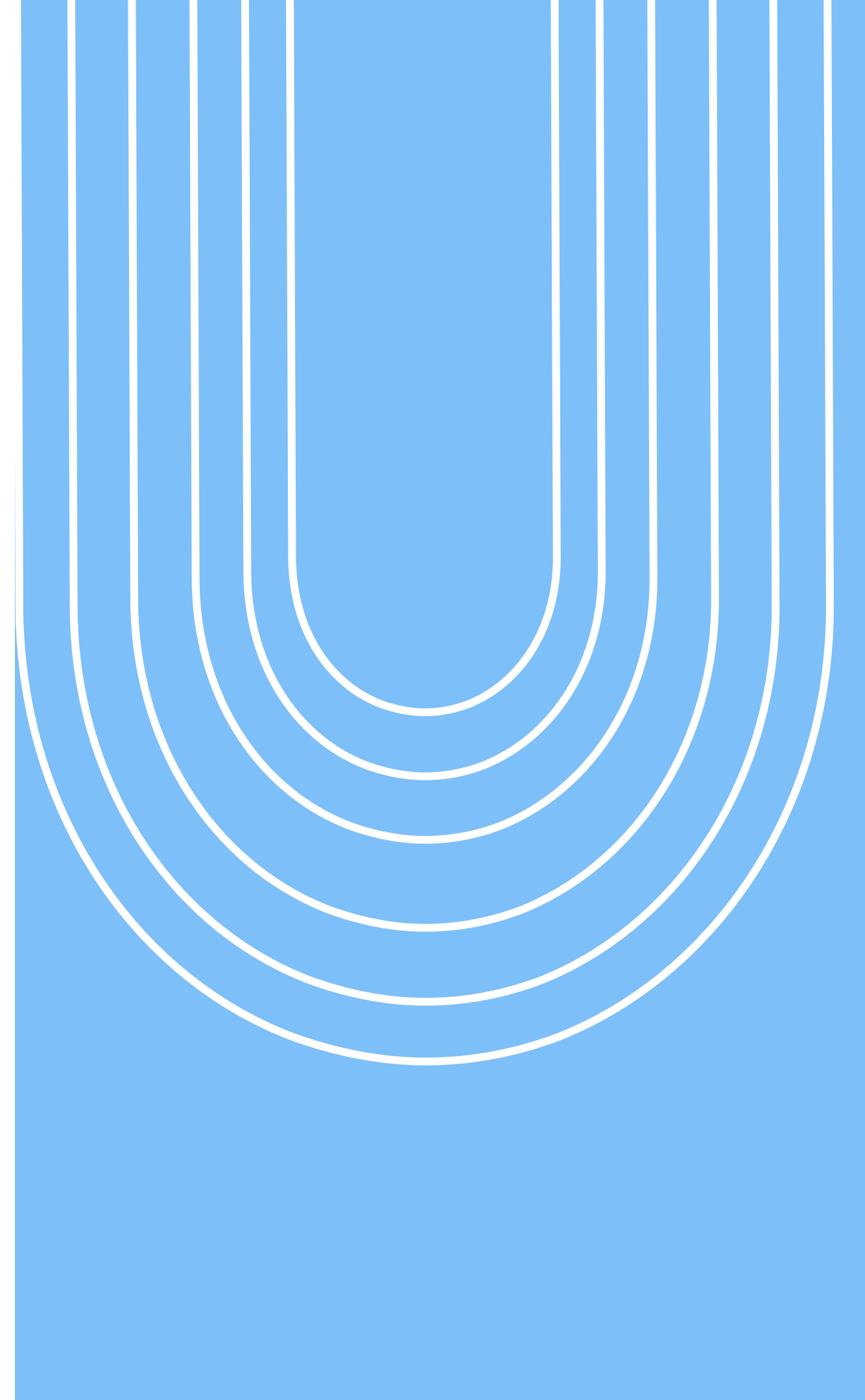
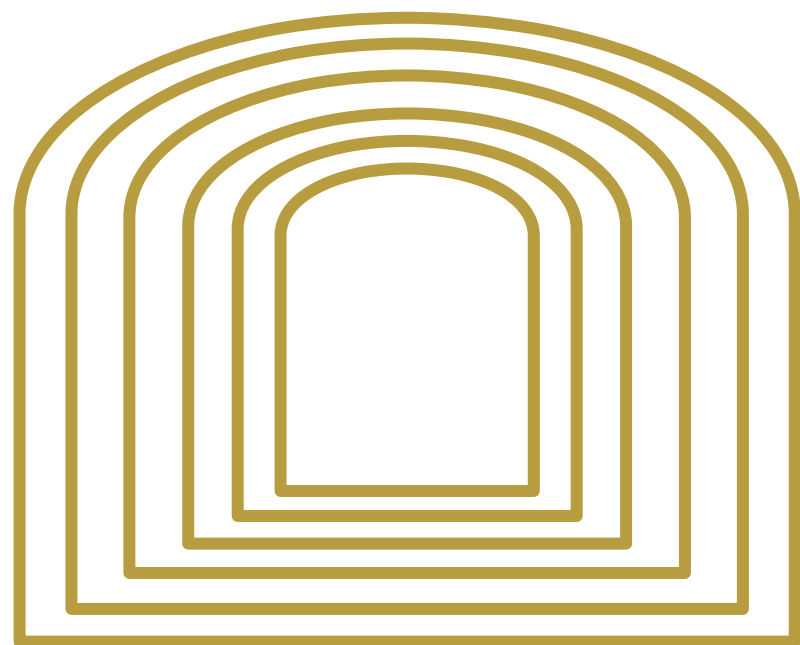
We look forward to meeting with all
families to share the great learning
happening in classrooms!

[Click here to book](#)



School Council Meeting

- October 23
- 6:00-7:00
- Duffield School or Online
- We would love to see new faces
at our meetings!



Duffield Indigenous Lead

We are excited to invite you to a special meet and greet event with our Indigenous Lead, Isabelle King, at Duffield School! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect, learn, and engage with our community about as we work together to celebrate and honor Indigenous cultures, perspectives, and histories through our Indigenous Studies teachings.

Event Details:

Date: October 25

Time: 9 AM - 2 PM

Location: Duffield School

Join us for some delicious donuts and coffee while you meet our Indigenous Lead and share your thoughts on what you would like to see included in our Indigenous Studies program. This is a drop-in event, so feel free to come by at any time between 9-2. We value community involvement, and while participation in activities throughout the school year is welcome, you're also invited to simply share your ideas. Your voice matters, and we want to ensure that our curriculum reflects the interests and values of our community.

We hope to see you there!



Picture Retakes: November 6



We will also be repeating a couple of class photos because we had some absences during our picture day on Oct. 9!

Practice Fire Drills and Lockdowns

We have been practicing our monthly Fire Drills and we will also be having a rescheduled lockdown PRACTICE on October 22. We wanted to let families know that there is nothing at all to worry about-we are simply practicing!



Share a Thought :
Visit our school
website to share your
thoughts!

Duffield School



Thank yous!!

A huge thank you to the parents/grandparents who have been volunteering in classrooms!! Your support and guidance in classrooms, supporting students is such a gift and we appreciate your time!

A huge thank you to our teaching staff in preparation of work samples for the Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Thank you so much to our secretaries for preparing the schedule for interviews and also for supporting the school with attendance!

We are so grateful for our tremendous EA support. We are lucky enough to have support in all of our classrooms, to ensure our students' needs are met.

Thank you so much to Mrs. Owen for her incredible guidance and support to help our students with grief, friendships, and anxiety, as well as many other important topics.



Counsellor's Corner

Mrs. Owen has been working so beautifully with your children and we are so appreciative of the care and kindness she shares with our staff and students!!

Please read the link below for some great information about Mrs. Owen.

[Mrs. Owen - Our Counsellor](#)

Community Round Dance: Wabamun



The poster features a large background image of a traditional drum with a colorful geometric pattern. A circular inset photo shows two men, one in a grey jacket and cap and another in an orange hoodie, playing drums. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with various colored boxes and icons.

Community Round Dance

In the Spirit of Bringing Communities Together

Saturday, November 16, 2024 **1:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Jubilee Hall (5132 53 Ave, Wabamun AB, T0E 2K0)

EVENT DETAILS

- Everyone welcome.
- Transportation available.
- **Pipe Carrier:** Howard Mustus Sr.
- **Emcee:** Al Crawford
- **Stickman:** Nathan Pahtaykan
- **Drummers have been invited**

- **Feast:** 1:00pm
- **Round Dance:** 2:00pm- 8:00pm

Sober event.

Photo courtesy of The Town of Stony Plain

For more information, email fcss@parklandcounty.com or scan the QR code.



Looking Ahead!!

Save the Date:

Our Christmas Concert will be held on December 17 and we will have two concerts:

1:00 and 6:30!!

School Fees


As you know, it is the time of year in which we need to collect school fees! Our school website has a detailed description of fees, by Grade level, but I have also included the list below. I know that the amount of money needed to run our school activities seems a lot but know that we do what we can to minimize costs to our families. And know that in order to attend field trips and school cultural events, we do need these costs to have been paid in advance. If it is easier to pay the fees in smaller increments, our school secretary, Ms. Shave, can help you with the process. Thank you so much for paying your child's school fees for the year.

Duffield School Fee Schedule 2024-2025

Please call the school office with any questions about school fees.

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 World Teacher Day
6	7	8	9 Photo Day	10	11 PD Day	12
13	14 Thanksgiving	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 PT Interviews	22	23 PT Interviews School Council Meeting	24	25 Indigenous Engagement 9-2	26
27	28	29	30 Monthly Assembly Pumpkin Decorating Contest	31 Hallowe'en		



October is already a fantastic month!

We look forward to welcoming all of our families into
the school!!!