

# Duffield Drop Newsletter

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January 13, 2025

# Happy New Year!



Happy New Year to all of our Duffield families. We were so excited to welcome students and staff back after the winter break. It was also a treat to have mild weather to welcome January! The month has started with so many excellent writing activities related to New Year's resolutions and it is an opportunity to make goals for school and also beyond school!

January may seem like a long month but we know that when we come back after Christmas, the rest of the school year moves so quickly. Registration for the new school year opens February 10 and will close right before we leave for Spring Break.

I hope that this month and new year bring positive moments for all of you and we look forward to seeing many of you throughout the month.

Cherie Lovsund

# January Spirit Days

January 17 - Retro Day

January 22 - Silly Sock Day

January 30 - Anything but a Cup Day



# Thank yous!!



TO ALL OF OUR  
EDUCATIONAL  
ASSISTANTS,

THANK  
YOU!

**Educational Assistants Appreciation Day | January 22**



# Report Cards

**January 30 is Report Card Day!**

As you know, a report card is only a snapshot of your child's learning and this is a perfect opportunity to remind you of the importance of checking your child's gradebook on a regular basis so that you are well-informed about every assignment/quiz/project/observation. We will open gradebook up again after teachers have finished writing their report cards for term one. Term two begins on February 3.



# Thinking about Attendance...

## Every minute counts

Good time keeping benefits your child's healthy morning routine and prevents loss in their learning.



Your child has arrived in good time.



Morning routine begins.



Your child has missed their time to settle and get ready to learn. Anxiety may be setting in.



Your child will enter the classroom and students will have already gone over today's schedule and discussions will have begun.



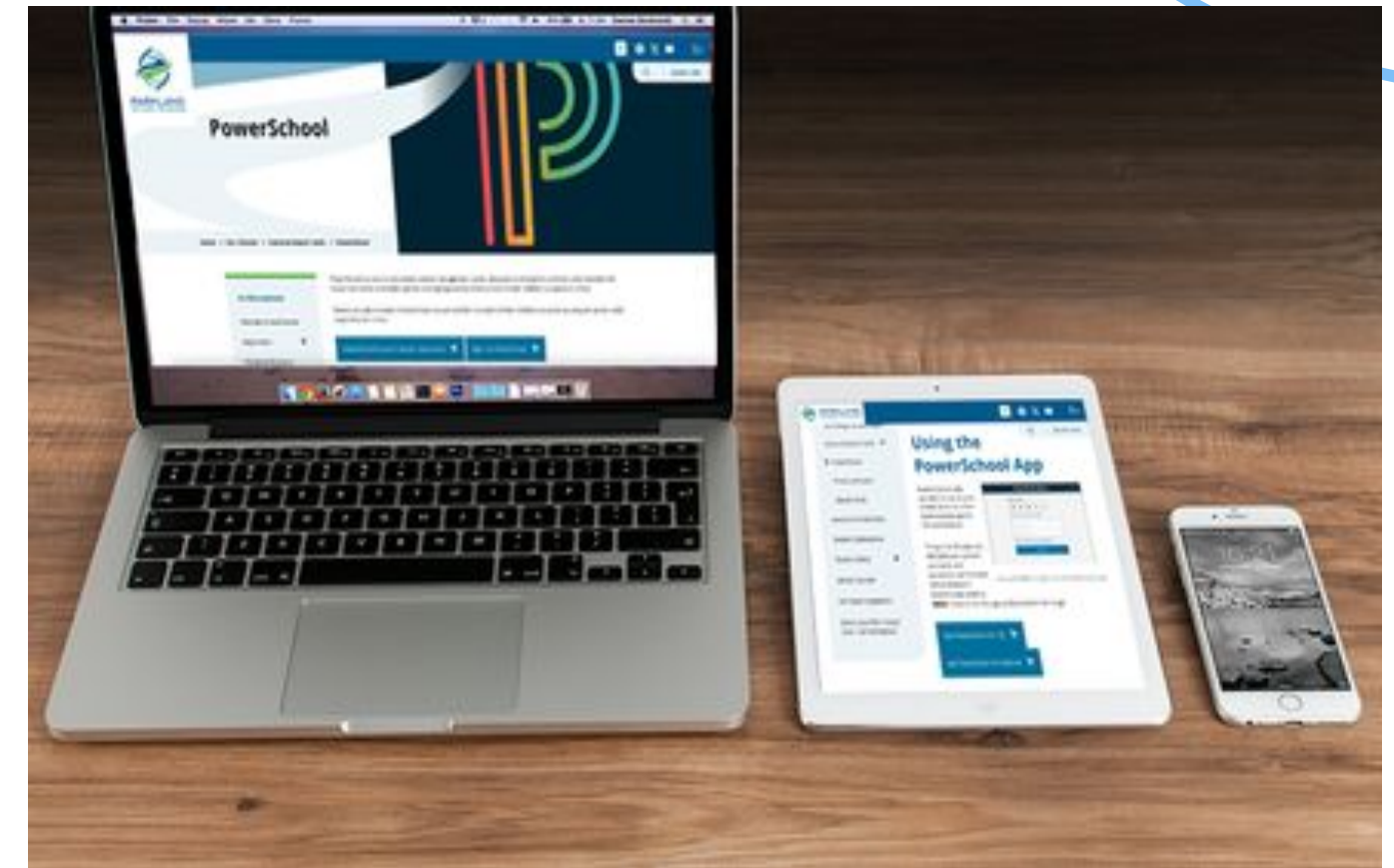
The day's lessons are in full swing. Your child is now starting the day in a deficit. Anxiety can develop, leading to low participation or heightened emotions.

**Better late than never, but never late is better!**



# 2025-2026 Registration

Our Registration for 2025-2026 will open on **February 10** and will close on **March 28**. Please be sure to go in to update for the upcoming school year! Registration is important for planning bus routes and also our classroom configurations. If you know of anyone with a Kindergarten-aged student for the upcoming year, please share this information with them so that they can register as well!



# Play Parkland

Play Parkland will be starting on February 4 for our Grade 3-5 students. A schedule has been sent home with permission forms and our students are very excited about the opportunity to swim, skate, participate in games, and go to Aerials Gymnastics!

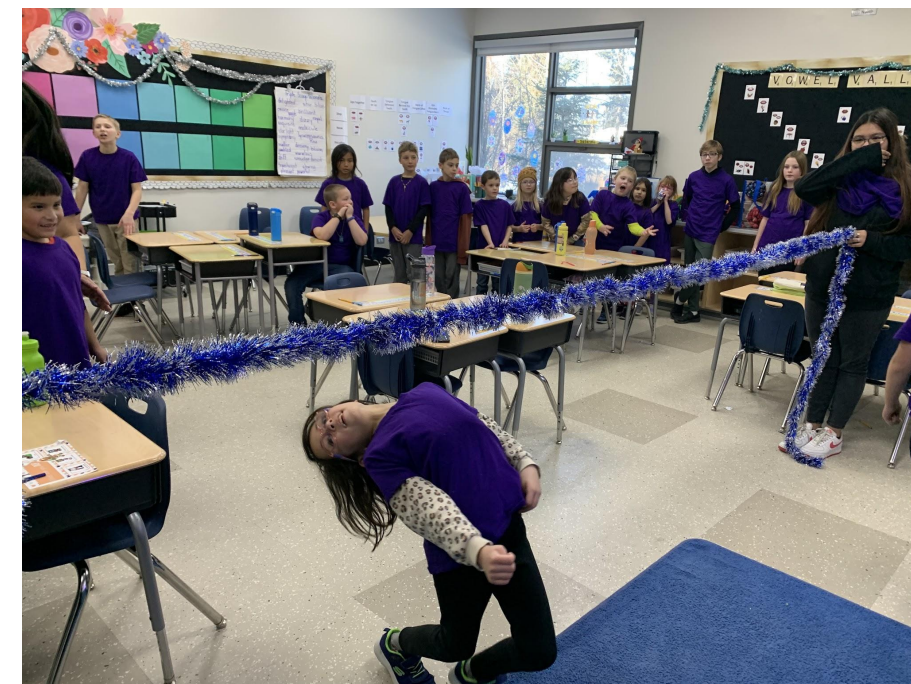
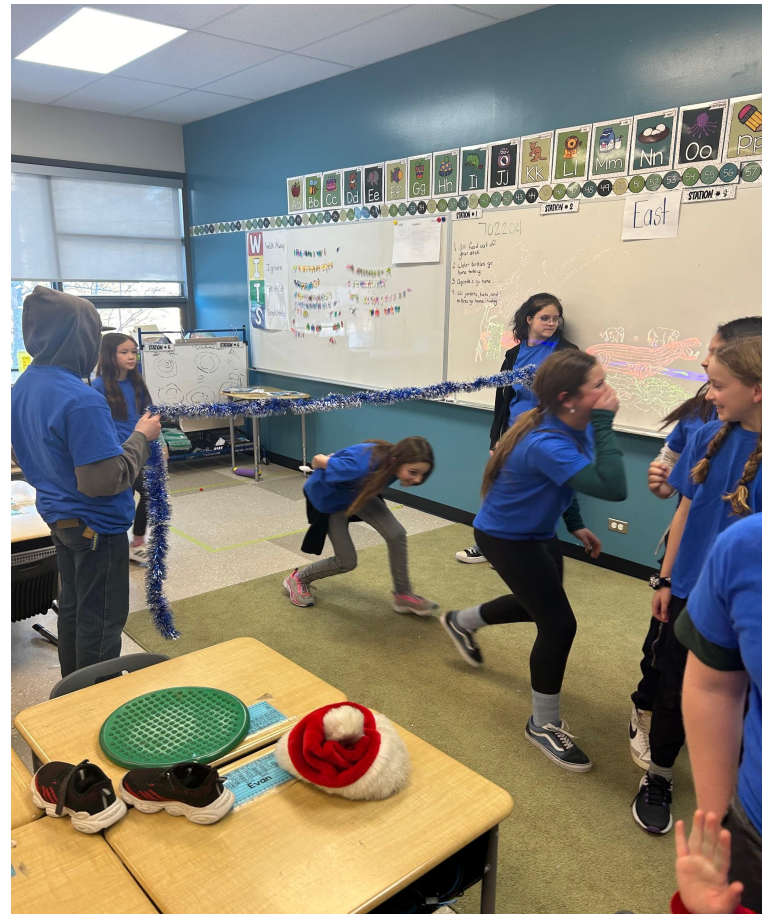






## Junior and Senior Basketball

# Colour House Afternoon - Dec. 20 Fun in K-9!

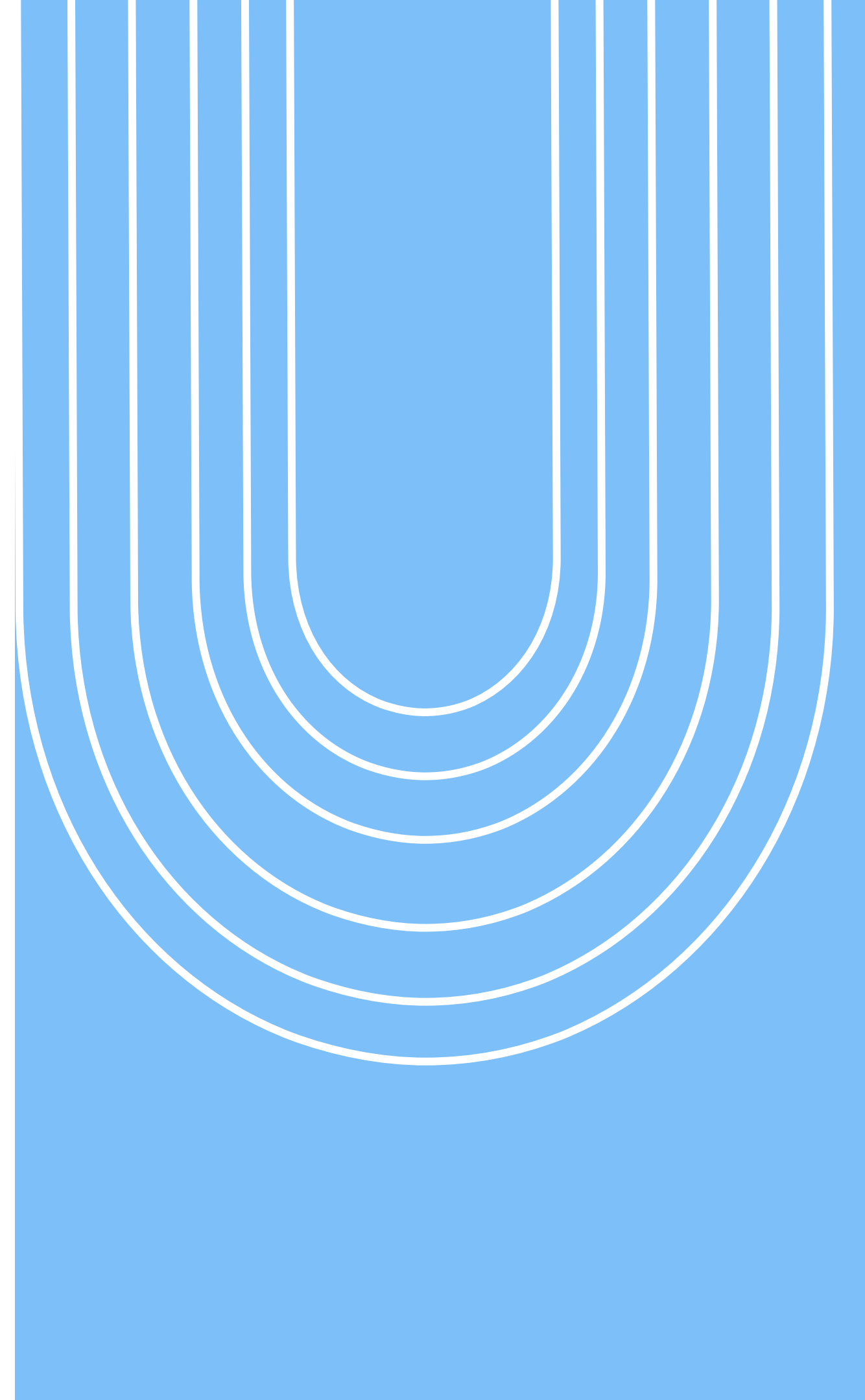
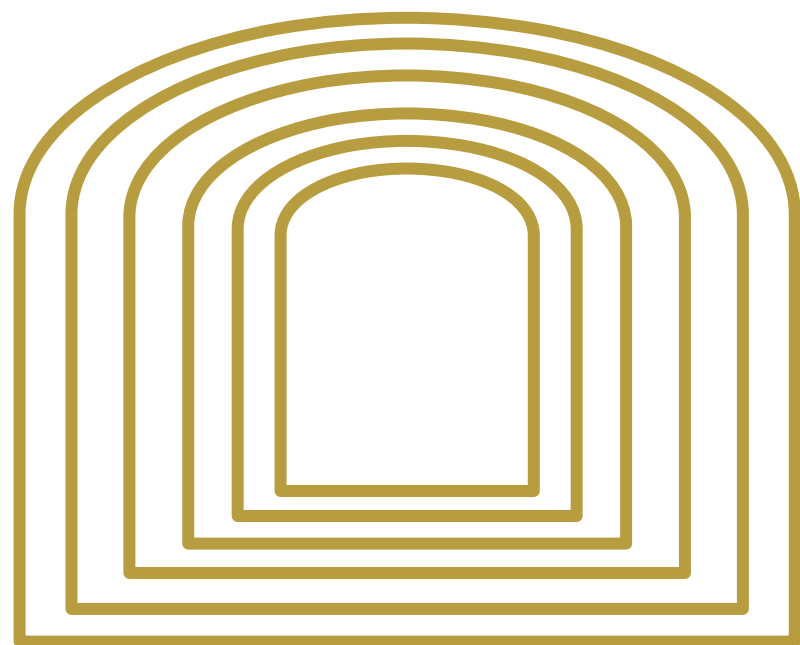


# Stronger Together January Newsletter

January Stronger Families Newsletter

# School Council Meeting

- January 21, 2025
- 6:00-7:00
- Duffield School or Online
- We would love to see new faces  
at our meetings!



# DPAC Fundraising

## January

- Hot lunch forms for February will be sent home on Monday.
- Make it Sow Fundraiser is coming in February!!! Get all your seeds for spring planting with this great fundraiser.

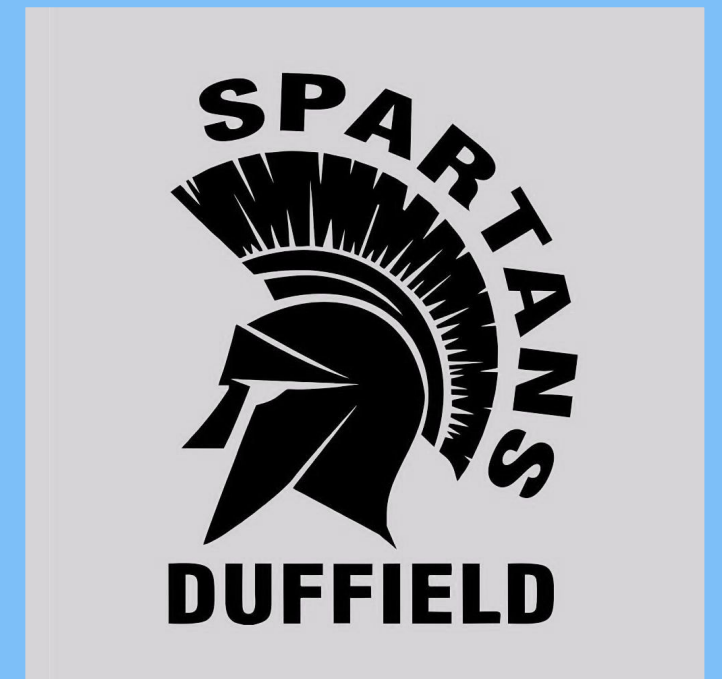
# Follow us on Social Media!



Duffield School



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# Hot Dog Day

Please note that the next Hot Dog Day is January 29.



# Counsellor's Corner





# Cyber-Bullying Session

Parkland County is hosting a virtual presentation: **Internet Safety/Cyberbullying Education Session** on January 23rd at 7PM.

Please see the link below for more information:

[Internet Safety/Cyberbullying Education Session - Parkland County](#)



**A  
Community  
Event for  
our Youth!**

# YOUTH SPEAK

a community summit for youth and young adults

**Calling all youth age 16 - 24 for a powerful conversation and connection.**

**THEME:** Belonging and Resilience in our Community

**FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST:**

**TYLER SMITH**

- Winner of Amazing Race Canada Season 9
- Survivor of the Humboldt Bus Tragedy

Tyler shares his empowering story about the power of connection in the face of life's greatest challenges.

**MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY:**

**MANDY MCMILLAN**

- Local talent who has opened for Blake Shelton, Kelly Clarkson, and performed with Kenny Chesney at the CMA Awards!

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Free Dinner and Refreshments
- Prizes and Giveaways
- Breakout Sessions on Leadership and Community Engagement

**Don't miss out on this inspiring event!**

Come share your voice and help shape the future of our community!

**REGISTER NOW AT:**

780-963-8583

[www.stonyplain.com/calendar](http://www.stonyplain.com/calendar)  
[connect@stonyplain.com](mailto:connect@stonyplain.com)



3 PM - 8:30 PM

**31**  
JANUARY

**HERITAGE  
PARK**  
5100 41 Avenue  
Stony Plain

# 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.**

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

**Duffield School**



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Dates to Remember

**Jan 17 – Retro Day**

**Jan 22 – Silly Sock Day**

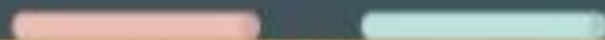
**Jan 29 – Hotdog Day**

\*Please send snacks with your child

**Jan 30 – Anything But a Water Bottle Day**

\*Must fit in their backpack

**Jan 31 – PD Day (No School)**



# January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Welcome Back!	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17 Retro Day
20	21 School Council Meeting 6-7	22 Silly Socks Day	23	24
27	28	29 Monthly Assembly Hot Dog Day	30 Report Cards issued online Anything but a Cup Day	31 PD Day No School for students

# January is a month of new goals here at Duffield!

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