

# Duffield Digest Newsletter

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March 1, 2025

# Happy March!



March always brings the feeling of being closer to spring. It is great when our students are able to be outside, enjoying the fresh air. March also brings a lot of writing in classrooms as we complete division screens for writing (and we get to celebrate all of the growth in student writing!!).

We have so many spirit days ahead and we look forward to seeing parents for Parent-Teacher Interviews March 17 and March 19.

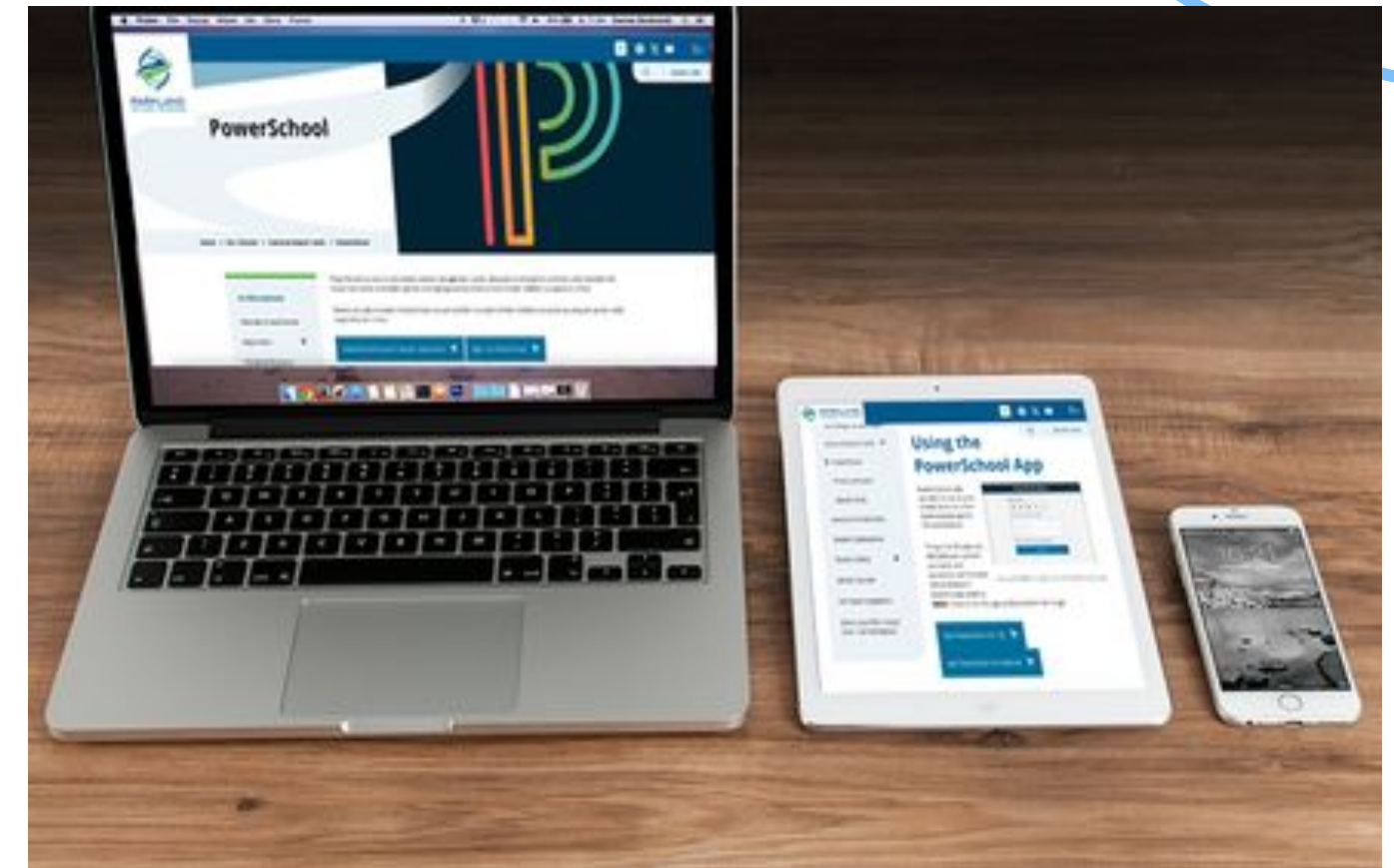
Enjoy a wonderful month and I look forward to connecting with you in the school!

Cherie Lowsund

# 2025-2026 Registration

Our Registration for 2025-2026 opened 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!

And FYI, the process has really been simplified and is much easier when your child is already registered!!



# New Attendance Procedures

In an effort to streamline our attendance processes, we have updated our website abilities to create a simplified process for families.

To report your child's absence please use our website <https://duffield.psd.ca/> and follow the dropdown menu "For Parents." Once you have clicked on the dropdown menu, you will see REPORT AN ABSENCE. This is a simple form for parents to complete which tells us more about the student's absence.

This form will immediately alert our office staff and is the most efficient way to report absences. Please do not email or phone the school to report an absence.



# School Supply Lists for 2025-2026

We have partnered again with Write-On Stationary for the 2025-2026 school year!! I have included a link and instructions for parents to follow if you are interested in purchasing school supplies for your child with this company. I will also post all of our school supply lists on our school website in the next month! If you have any questions about Write-On, please email [duffield@psd.ca](mailto:duffield@psd.ca).

Everything is available on the Write-On website now for ordering. The following is also a link to the website that will take you to the 'Parent Area' to place orders <https://www.write-on.ca/shop/>

## FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to [www.write-on.ca](http://www.write-on.ca)
- Click on "PARENTS – Order Here"
- School Name: Duffield School - ALBERTA
- Choose your grade and place your order.
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received
- We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac Online.

There will be a deadline on the website if you would like the supply boxes to be delivered to the school before our summer break.

# March Spirit Days

March 6th- Dress as your favourite Celebrity

March 17th- St. Patrick's Day: Wear Green and Gold

March 26th- Twin Day find a friend or group of friends and all dress the same



# Thank you to our Duffield Scientists and Ms. Nesbitt!

Alianna Evans, Maggie Polyak, Raya Trechka and Hannah Hobbs represented our school at the WISEST Science Conference held at the University of Alberta on February 20.

The WISEST (Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology) Conference promotes the importance of girls in science programs and careers. Thank you to Ms. Nesbitt for applying for a grant so our students could attend for free.





# Thank you to our Staff at Duffield for always making learning fun!



Grade 9 Science Vocabulary Fashion Show



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Our teachers celebrating 100 Day!





# Thinking about Attendance...



## WAYS TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



### GET READY

Help your child get organized for school the night before.



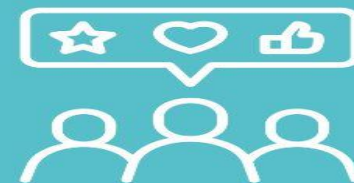
### SHOW INTEREST

Ask your child questions about school and celebrate accomplishments.



### TALK ABOUT IT

Discuss the importance of going to school every day and arriving on time.



### BE CONSISTENT

Maintain regular bedtime and morning routines.



### PLAN AHEAD

Schedule appointments and vacations for when school is not in session.



### REACH OUT

Contact teachers or school administrators about ways to help your child feel comfortable at school.



It's never too late to improve attendance.



PARKLAND  
SCHOOL DIVISION





# Archery Club





# Purdys Fundraiser to support our Grade 9 Farewell

Please click on the link below for further information about our Easter fundraiser!!

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1514528-126217>



# Stronger Together March Newsletter

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# WeCan Food Security Program



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REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN FOR  
2025/2026 SCHOOL  
YEAR!

# BLUEBERRY PLAY SCHOOL

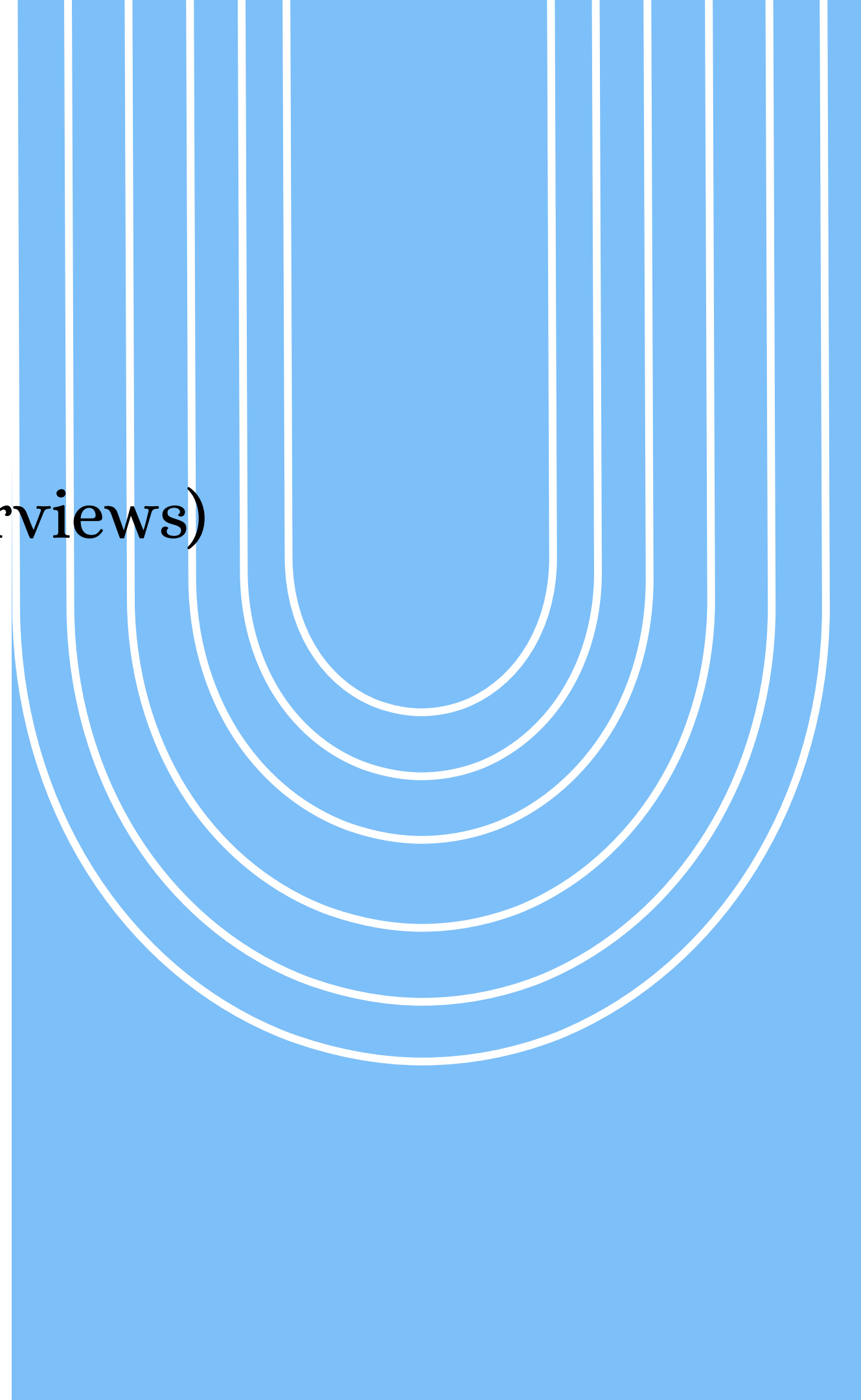
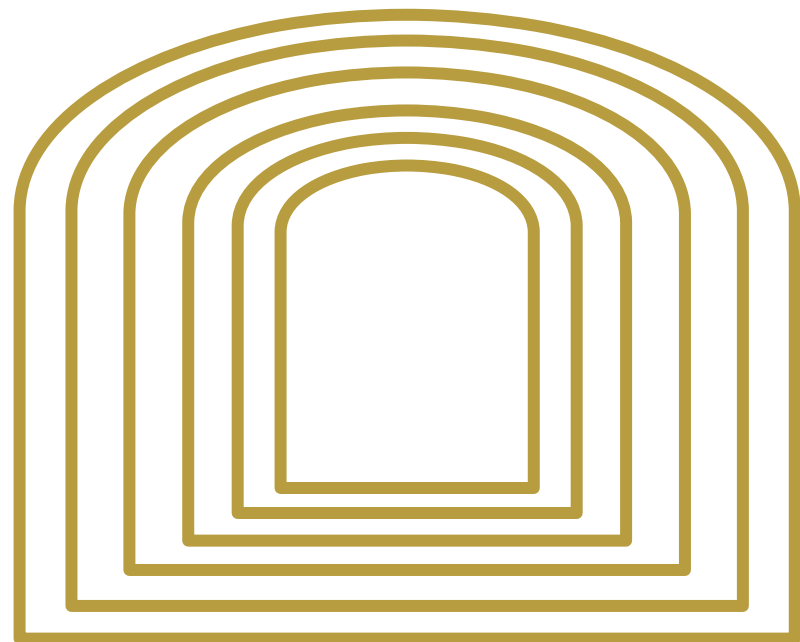
- ★ 3-4 YEAR OLDS
- ★ 2 TEACHER  
PROGRAM
- ★ MINIMAL  
FUNDRAISING
- ★ LOW COST

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!  
FEEL FREE TO MESSAGE US WITH  
ANY QUESTIONS

[www. Blueberryplayschoolassociation.com](http://www.Blueberryplayschoolassociation.com)

# School Council Meeting

- March 19, 2025 (During Parents Teacher Interviews)
- 6:00-7:00
- Duffield School or Online
- We would love to see new faces  
at our meetings!



# DPAC Fundraising

- Look for exciting information about a 50/50 \$\$\$ online fundraiser happening soon!!



# Follow us on Social Media!



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# Hot Dog Day

Please note that the next Hot Dog  
Day is March 26.



# 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**



# March 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6 Dress as your Favourite Celebrity Spirit Day	7
10	11	12	13	14
17 Green and Gold Spirit Day -St Patrick's Day  PT Interviews	18	19 PT Interviews School Council 6-7	20	21
24	25	26 Assembly 1:45 Hot Dog Day Twin Day	27	28 PD Day

Spring Break - March 29 - April 6, 2025

# March is a month of resilience here at Duffield!

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