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## **Good Afternoon Duffield families,**

Our staff has worked hard to prepare classrooms and plan strong lessons that will challenge and engage students. All we need now is to have students walk through the doors and get started on a successful year. I appreciate the effort of our staff, and I look forward to connecting with students and families on the first day.

As I type this, maintenance is finishing up a great deal of work to freshen up the school. This work includes areas with updated flooring, fresh paint and some new lockers! Whenever large projects like this take place, there are inevitably last minute items being addressed. Please be patient if you notice a few pieces of this project that might still need attention as students return to school next week.

## **Tuesday, September 2nd**

On Tuesday morning, we ask ALL students to meet at the back of the school prior to the first bell. This is a great time for reconnecting with friends and ensuring students join the correct class and teacher.

Also on Tuesday, Junior High students will take time to choose their first CTF course. Please refer to the email sent yesterday regarding those choices and any fees associated with those courses.

## **"Get the Scoop" & Meet the Teacher**

I hope you will join us on Thursday evening, from 5-6:30 pm, for our annual "Get the Scoop" event. This is a great opportunity to meet the staff and see your child(ren)'s classrooms.

## **Upcoming Athletics' Opportunities**

Information on various Athletics' opportunities will be shared with students next week. The level and number of Volleyball teams will be determined by the number of students whom express interest for each level for both boys and girls. X-Country will also be offered again this fall.

Please see below for additional reminders and information about the Out of School Care program planning to start here at Duffield.

Enjoy the long weekend ahead!

John Tyler

Principal

**Out of School Care: There is still space available!**

The Before and After School Care Program at Duffield School has openings for this school year. The program is offered at several schools in Parkland School Division and some of the "perks" for your children are:

- Open to children Kindergarten to Grade 6
- Healthy snacks and hot lunch provided
- Homework and home reading completed with staff
- Daily use of gym and equipment room
- Open all PD days, during the Teachers' Convention and Spring Break
- Subsidy available
- Full time and Part time spaces available!

Please call Cindy Van Beers, Executive Director, at 780-918-7825 for more information and to secure your spot.

**Cell Phone and Mobile Technology Use in Schools**

A reminder that Cell Phones and Mobile Technology use in schools are still under the direction of the mandate from June 2024 when the Ministerial Order was issued.

To summarize the order: prohibits the use of mobile devices including cell phones, personal computers, tablets, and smartwatches (and other similar devices) during instructional (classroom) time and prohibits access of social media platforms using school networks and devices. The order allows for the use of these devices for medical reasons at the discretion of the Principal.

As such - cell phones and other mobile devices are not allowed at Duffield School. Please follow [the school Code of Conduct](#) for full instructions