



Good Afternoon

As the end of the first full week of school is upon us, I am pleased to share that class routines are beginning to set in and students are settling into their daily schedules.

This week, students in many grades began to do start up assessments. These are not used towards course evaluations, they are intended to help teachers know students strengths and areas of growth. These assessments are done for all grade levels at various times in September.

### **Sports News!**

In extra-curricular activities, X-Country runners competed in their first race at Forest Green. Congratulations to all Spartans and a special acknowledgement to Norah in Grade 1 for her 2nd place finish! Runners are back in action next Thursday, when they race at Brookwood.

In other Athletics news, I'm excited to share that Duffield has three volleyball teams competing this year! Our Junior Girls (Grades 6–7), Senior Girls (Grades 8–9), and Junior Boys all kicked off their seasons this week with seeding matches. Each team played hard and showed great promise. League play officially begins next week.

**Let's go Spartans!**

### **Terry Fox**

Your child(ren) should have brought home a letter this week regarding information about the annual Terry Fox Run. This year Duffield students will participate on October 3rd. The fundraising goal is to reach, or surpass \$800 in donations. All donations need to be made electronically. For information [click here](#). We appreciate any amount you might be able to contribute.

### **Hot Lunch**

Orders are being collected for the first Hot Lunch of the year. All orders must be submitted and paid for by September 19th. Please submit forms and payment at the office by 2:30 pm.

### **School Fees**

Fees are due by the end of September. To access school fees, please sign into your [Parent Portal](#) account to review and pay.

### **Friendly Reminder: Changes to End-of-Day Plans**

We understand plans can change. If you have a change to your child(ren)'s end of day routine, please contact the office or classroom teacher as early as possible. The office is a busy place throughout the day. **Calls to the office after 2pm may not be relayed to the classroom.** Thank you for helping us ensure a smooth and safe dismissal for all students!

Further below you will find a list of upcoming dates and other general information.

Enjoy the weekend ahead!

John Tyler  
Principal

### **Upcoming Dates**

Friday September 19th - Hot Lunch Orders Due (2:30 pm)  
Wednesday September 24th - School Council @ 6pm  
Friday September 26th - Orange Shirt Day  
Friday September 26th - Fire Drill  
Monday September 29th - PD Day (No School for Students)  
Tuesday September 30th - National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (School Closed)  
Tuesday September 30th - School Fees Due  
October 3rd - Terry Fox Run  
October 8th - School Picture Day

### **Annual Notification - Treatment of Head Lice**

Following [Parkland School Division's Administrative Procedure 777](#), *each year students, staff and parents are to be presented with head lice identification, prevention and treatment information.*

Please see [Alberta Health Services](#) for information and recommended protocols.