



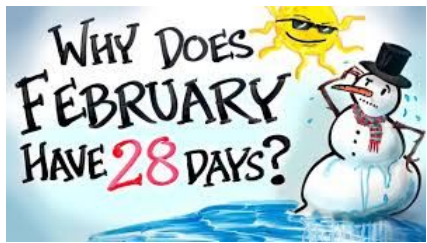
# Duffield School News



February 2019

School Website: [DuffieldSchool](http://DuffieldSchool)

Mr. Sydora's Message:



We are very excited to share news about the events and activities here at Duffield School! Here are some important information items for you:

**Transportation:** Bus drivers and contractors were given information that 24 hours were required for students to make arrangements to go on a different bus. As this practice does protect the students it doesn't always allow time for parents to make

suitable arrangements. In the west end we have the flexibility to work with our bus drivers to make special arrangements for those emergencies that come up. So please be aware that you can contact me to assist you to make other arrangements for busing. Just call me to let me know of the change and I will see if I can accommodate it and communicate the changes to the bus drivers.

**Artist in Residency:** Again another exciting opportunity for Duffield students in Grades 5-9! A One Day Artist Residency At Duffield School on **Friday, March 22, 2019**.

We will have four (4) 1 - 1.5 hour long **Raise Your V.O.I.C.E. (Vocalize Our Inner Creative Expressions) Workshops** (2 in the morning & 2 in the afternoon) for our students.

In this engaging workshop, students will explore vocal percussion and the art of live looping to co-create original music that utilizes the voice of each participant. Live looping is a new way to create music; it is the recording, layering and playback of music created in real time using loop station technology. Rup will teach the basics of beatboxing as well as Indian vocal percussion to give audiences an understanding of what he likes to call the "tongue drum". The group will create improvised, spontaneous compositions where listening to each other and utilizing each other's differences is the key.

Price: FREE!! – Horizon Stage's Canadian Heritage grant is covering the cost!

**Basketball -** We have four basketball teams at Duffield and we are so proud of their efforts. If you go to <https://www.eteamz.com/wcjhaa/standings/> you can keep up to date with the standings.

**Archery** - What a great success we have had with 20 students in our archery option. Mr. Mireault has taken a smaller group of students as an option program before we roll it out to more classes. Already we are purchasing another net to make it so we have more room. No doubt that Mr. Mireault will be introducing this to other classes. At this point, he is the only trained teacher so we will work slowly to have more qualified instructors at Duffield as the students really enjoy it!

**Running Room Games** - This year we have two elementary mixed teams and soon we will have our junior high teams announced. The first run is on February 20th in the morning for the Elementary students. We also have a teachers team! Last year the Teachers Team finished with a silver medal! Junior high students will run on March 12th. The Saturday race is on March 16th for teams that qualify.

**Helmets/Skates** - If you have extra skates or helmets to donate please let us know. We were lucky enough to get equipment from Jumpstart but we can always need more! . Each teacher should be giving you a heads up on their schedule.

**Robb Nash** - Our grades 6 - 9 will be attending a presentation by Robb Nash on February 6th. Students will be leaving at 9 am and returning at 1 pm.

**Grade Six Camp** – Students in Grade Six will be attending the Tim Hortons Camp on March 12 to March 15. A big thank you to Tim Hortons for their gracious donation of providing a free camp to our students.

**Grade Nine Jasper** - Plans are being completed for the year end bus trip. Again, a big thank you to DPAC for supporting this wonderful activity for our departing Grade Nine students.

**Family Day** – On February 18th there is no school

**Report Cards** - Term 2 report cards will be out on March 15th. Parent Teacher interviews will be on Wednesday March 20th and Thursday, March 21st from 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

**Parent volunteers** – Thank you for your continued assistance in the school! We really appreciate the extra help!

**Parent Council meeting** - Tuesday, Feb. 19th at 6pm. Childcare is provided.

**School Webpage** – We are continually monitoring and adding to our Duffield Webpage. Please review it as it has our newsletters, forms and classroom information for you. <http://duffield.psd70.ab.ca/>

**DPAC** – thank you to DPAC for their continued super support for our school. We are so privileged to have such a hard working group. And thank you to parents for your support of the fund raisers. We appreciate the fact that parents are able to support the school by choosing which fundraiser they want to take advantage of during the school year.

**Accountability Pillar**—We will be administering this survey to our students in Grade 4 and 7 this month. Also, parents from Grade 4 and 7 should have received a survey to complete. We appreciate the feedback from our community.

**Parent Teacher Interview bookings will be available online starting February 11th!**

You can book your March 20th & 21st parent teacher interviews online through our Duffield School Website. We will open the registrations on February 11th but you can create your account now. Please go to [Parent Teacher Interviews Booking Instructions](#) If you need assistance, please call the office at 780-892-2644.

### Winter Walk - *Y j cv'ku'Y kvgt 'Y cmf{A'*

On the first Wednesday of February each year, thousands of Albertans take it outside to celebrate living in a beautiful winter province. Whether we're grabbing our coffees and going for a office break walk, or going for an evening stroll through the neighbourhood with family, we all have the opportunity to get out and love our province! More people walking is great for our health, the environment, and helps strengthen communities. Weather permitting our classes from Feb 6th to Feb. 12th will join over 160,000 Albertans for #Winter Walk Day! *Rvgug'j cxg'!qwt 'ej kvftgp 'ftgu'brtqrtk vgr'!hqt 'ij kv'c'evckv'0'*

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### Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration open on February 4, 2019. If your child is registering for Kindergarten in September 2019 they must be 5 years old by February 28, 2020. All registrations are available online [PSD 70 Kindergarten registration](#) . Our Kindergarten and Early Education Open house will be held on Wednesday, April 10 6:00 pm.

**Oil Kings Game** - The grade 5 class completed the Reading, Give it a Shot program and was gifted Oil Kings tickets on February 4th 7:00 pm at Rogers Place. There will be transportation available from the school.



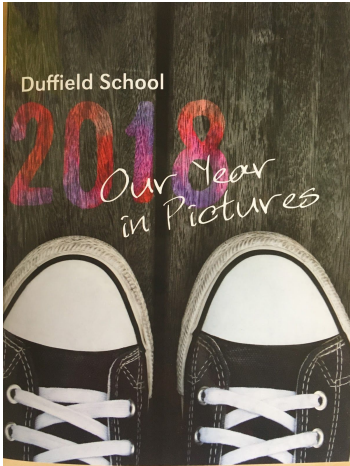
**Our Annual Talent show** is coming soon – the afternoon of Thursday, February 28th. 1:00 pm

**Pink Shirt Day** is February. 27th Anti-Bullying Day. Help us to stand against bullying.



**Throughout February is Jump Rope for Heart.** Look for information regarding activities at school and how you can support the Heart and Stroke Foundation during this important drive. We will be having an assembly on the 12<sup>th</sup>; more info. to come.

**The Duffield Elementary Choir** has begun practicing again. Everyone is welcome. We are preparing for Choral Celebration and other performances in March and at the school.



### Student Yearbooks

We only have 10 copies of last year's yearbook available. The cost is \$20 each so make sure to stop by or call the office and reserve one before they are all gone! If you want to order a yearbook for the 2018-2019 school year, you can choose this option in the [parent portal in Power School](#). If you need assistance, please call the school office.



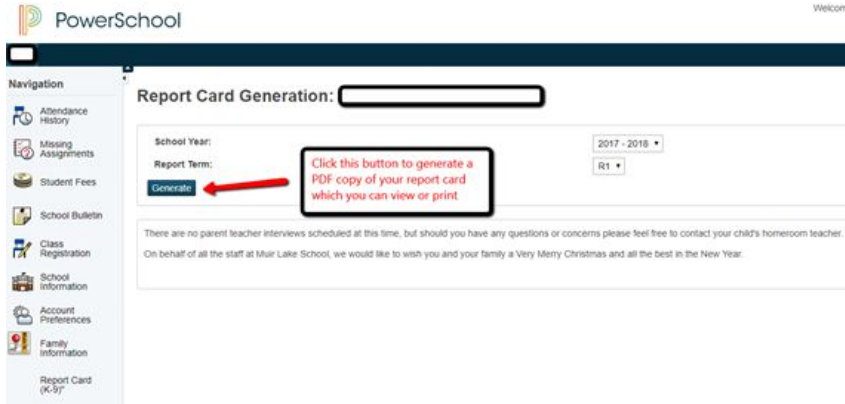
### Still not registered for the PowerSchool Parent Portal?

Please do this **soon** as the parent portal is your access point to view report cards, keep track of your child's attendance, make changes to your contact / demographic information, pay school fees and print off your receipts.

Once logged in to your [parent portal](#) you will see several options on the side. Some of the options available are; CASL, FOIP and Responsible Use agreement. You can also update phone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts etc. In using this option, you will help save hundreds of pieces of paper that are sent home every year.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Nelson at the office if you require any assistance logging into your parent portal.





***Online registration will be opening on Monday, February 4, 2019.***



### **Boston Pizza Receipt / McDonalds Receipt Fundraising Programs**

If our School collects receipts from **Stony Plain Boston Pizza** and the **McDonald's Restaurants in Spruce Grove & Stony Plain**, they will give us a portion of the total dollar value of the receipts collected up to \$500.00 yearly. Please bring in your receipts!



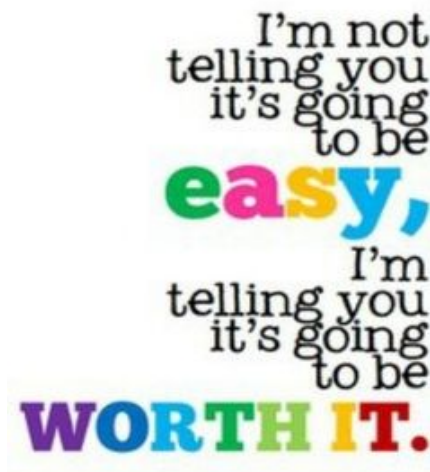
A big thank you to Stony Plain CSR Performance for sponsoring us a total \$350 a month towards our tutti-frutti and breakfast program. Thank you to April McDonald for working on this for our school. We will now be able to provide fruit each Tuesday and toast with jam everyday for the remainder of the school year. **THANK YOU!**

Another heartfelt thank you to Colleen Hardy, her husband and their company "The Crossing Company" for your generous donation of \$900. Colleen has also decided to help with the breakfast program each morning! This is a huge

help and we truly appreciate it. Thank you, Colleen!

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**“Mathematics classrooms should be places where students:**  
Are given growth mindset messages at all times, through the ways they are grouped together, the tasks they work on, the messages they hear, and the assessment and grading.”

**Exemplary students will:**

- Demonstrate their knowledge independently.
- Make connections between the manipulatives, the pictures, and the symbols.
- Use benchmarks as referents.
- Persevere throughout a problem; does not give up.
- Engage in math conversations.

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**Duffield School Volunteers**

We welcome volunteers in many capacities here at Duffield School. Please contact your child’s teacher or the School Council for more information about volunteering. We ask all volunteers to remember the following:

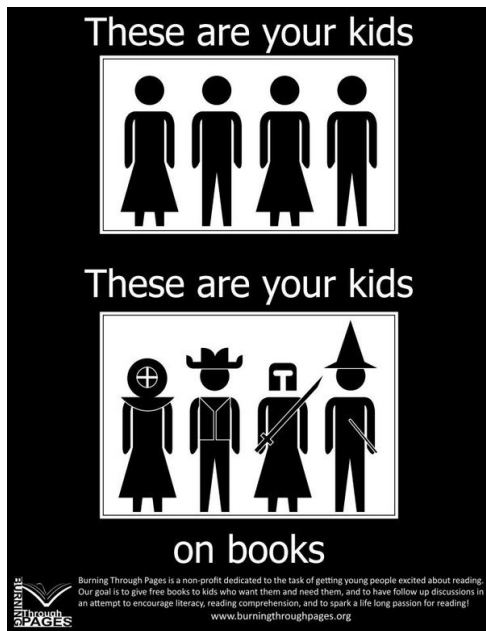
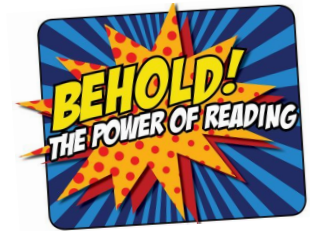
- Please complete a volunteer form - if you are planning to volunteer on a regular basis, we require an RCMP Criminal Record Check
- Please check in at the office and sign in and out in the volunteer book
- Respect classroom routines and schedules

Thank you for making a difference in our school community!

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## From the Literacy Corner:

Why Read? Why not? Scholastic Canada has done recent research in the area of school age children and reading and sadly, the results are not as we would like. We can blame many factors, the most common is the interest of children of all ages and their screen time usage. You can find this data on the following site:  
<http://www.scholastic.ca/readingreport/the-state-of-kids-and-reading.php>



Ever heard of Goodreads?

[www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com) is a fantastic website that allows you to review books before you read, keep track of what you want to read or have read and so, so much more. It's free to make an account and if you have found yourself needing a spark to get back on the reading train, this website will inspire you!

One of my favourite features of this website is that you can read reviews of a book you may want to read. You can also leave a review of a book that you have read. All types and levels of books are on the website ~ from Kindergarten to adult abilities. I urge you to check it out!

Ali White

Collaborative Teaching Partner (CTP) for Duffield School



### ***Ci gu!* (35' \*Registration required)**

What do you get when you mix science and technology, with a sprinkle of innovation and a dash of inspiration? That's the recipe for the Inventor's Club! Join us for hands-on exploration, where we play with everything from mini robots to baking soda and vinegar.

**To register:** Call the library at 780-892-2644

**Thursday, February 21st - 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

**Thursday, March 21st - 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**Thursday, April 18th - 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**



# Adult DIY Spa Night

Thursday, February 7

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us at the Duffield Library and treat yourself this Valentine's Day with some homemade spa treatments! Learn how to make your very own bath bombs, lotions and more, using your favourite essential oil scents. All supplies are provided and participants will take home their creations.

**Registration required** - call the library at 780-892-2644



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## Duffield Public Library

Located in Duffield School  
1 Main Street  
Duffield, Alberta T0E 0N0 | (780) 892-2644  
[www.pclibraries.ca](http://www.pclibraries.ca)





## Cool as a Cucumber

Thursday, March 7  
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Did you know that even in hot weather, the inside of a cucumber is approximately 20 degrees cooler than the outside air? A person who stays cool, calm and relaxed in difficult situations can be compared to a cucumber! Join a professional from Aspire Psychological Services at Duffield Library in a discussion of strategies to ease anxiety. Light refreshments will be served.

*A partnership with Spruce Grove FCSS and Stony Plain FCSS.*

To register: Call Spruce Grove FCSS at 780-962-7618 or visit [www.sprucegrove.org/onlinereg](http://www.sprucegrove.org/onlinereg)



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