

Duffield Digest

Principal Message

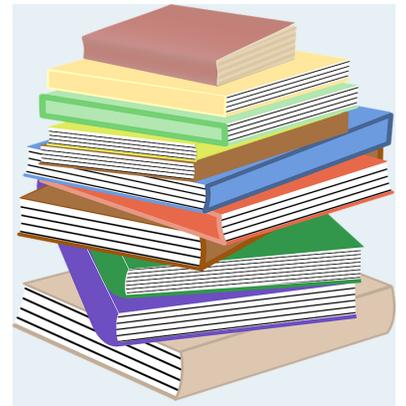
Dear Duffield Families,

As we have now officially passed the half-way point of the school year, we would like to acknowledge the great job you have done supporting your children in a school-year like no other. Students and families have handled changing protocols, learning from home, and a mix of situations extremely well. Please know that it makes a positive difference here at Duffield School. We hope that 2021 will see things return to normal and allow us to re-implement all the great things that happen here.

February is now upon us! It is a great time of year as the days start to lengthen with spring on the horizon. As the extremely mild winter we experienced so far seems to have returned to typical Alberta winter weather, please remind your child(ren) to dress adequately for outdoor recess. Students typically spend at least 45 minutes outside a day. Students are quite active during this time and it is important that they stay warm. Although a short month, February is very busy. Although there are back to back 4 day weekends for students, school staff will be quite busy with mid-year benchmarking, as well as other professional learning such as teachers convention and a PD day.

We are hoping that our students participate in many activities this month, including Valentines Day. As we quickly approach Valentines day, it is important to remember that we need to follow certain protocols due to COVID-19. Valentines need to be handed into classroom teachers no later than February 8th, so they can have 3 days in isolation before being handed out by their teacher.

Pink shirt day is on February 24th, it reminds us to be even more mindful this year of maintaining connections with people in our lives. Take a moment to reach out and check in on our friends and family.



Important Dates

Feb 4th & 5th

Teachers Convention
No School

Feb 8th

Duffield registration
opens for 2021-22

Feb 12th

PD Day—No School

Feb 15th

Family Day—No School

Feb 16th

Transition Date from
Online Learning

Feb 16th

School Council Virtual
Meeting @ 6PM

Feb 17th

[Virtual Kindergarten
Open house](#)

Feb 24th Pink Shirt
Day

Morning Student Drop Off

Please be aware that supervision does not begin in the morning until 7:40am. We are noticing that students are getting dropped off earlier in the morning before supervision starts. Unfortunately this is making it difficult to implement our COVID procedures to maintain grade cohorts.

Student Council News

Hello Duffield Families.

We would like to wish you an amazing February. Our student council team continues to work hard to help promote school spirit. We have planned some fun activities for students to take part in.

On February 11th we will be holding a Crush for your Crush event. Students can purchase a Crush pop to be delivered to another student they want to send a message to. The flavours stand for the following:

Orange- Friendship

Cream Soda- I Like you

Grape- Cool Beans

Rootbeer- Get to know you

Due to Covid restrictions and us working hard to help keep everyone safe instead of selling the pop in person we will be sending home order forms on February 1st. The completed form with payment will be due back at the school February 8th. We are excited to see how many of our students get these fun messages.

On February 26th we will be hosting a Winter Carnival for our K - 6 students. The carnival will take place during periods 7 and 8. The classes will be going out with their cohorts and participating in non-touch activities.

We have lots of fun events planned for the next few months so please watch for our announcements in the newsletter.

Online Registration/Verification for 2021-2022

Just a reminder that all students from Early Education (3-4 Year Program) to Grade 12 will be able to either **register (new students)** or verify their **existing data (returning students)** online, beginning **February 8, 2021**.

To ensure that your child receives a bus pass prior to the start of the next school year, parents/guardians are required to complete registration by **4:30pm on March 25, 2021**. This deadline will facilitate the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating.

For further information visit the website at [here](#) or contact the office @ 780-892-2644.

Thank you

