DUNDURN SCHOOL

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Dundurn Elementary School

Dates to Remember:

Feb 15-19 – No School Feb 24 – Pink Shirt Day

Bell Times: 8:50 - First Bell 8:55 - Classes Begin 10:30 - 10:45 - Recess (K/2/4/6) 10:45 - 11:00 - Recess (1/3/5) 11:45-12:30 - K/2/4/6 - Lunch 12:15 -1:00 - Lunch (1/3/5) 3:07 - Dismissal

THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Dundurn Families,

We have officially crossed the halfway point of the 2020-2021 school year. I am proud of the work that our staff has done this year. They have been diligent in keeping our students safe, attending to students' needs, and leading learning in their classrooms. I am also proud of our students. They come to school each and every day with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. Sure, we haven't been able to do some of the fun activities that we normally would've done up to this point in the year, but if you were to walk into any classroom in Dundurn School, I don't think you would be able to tell. In general, students seem to be enjoying their time in school and they are enjoying learning and socializing with one another. I know I have said it before, but I want to thank parents again for all of the support you have given our staff and your children. Whether it is dealing with illness protocols or moving to "Level 4" for the day, you have been adaptive and understanding. We look forward to working with your children in the months ahead and communicating the progress that they will make.



-Brent Guenther

Demographic updates:

It is extremely important your child's(ren) demographic information be updated and current within our school system, not only during this current situation with COVID and needing to have current emails and texting available, but also because all the consents are invalid unless they are agreed to by a parent **every year**. If you are having issues receiving any school emails, please check your spam and junk mail folders. We would appreciate these updates be done as soon as possible. If you have more than one student within the Prairie Spirit School Division, please ensure you update the information for all your children. Should you have any questions regarding how to update your demographic information, please email dundurnschool@spiritsd.ca

Health forms

For students with a serious life-threatening health condition (i.e. allergies, heart conditions, diabetes, medications, or other medical concerns) health forms must be updated each year. If you are a new family needing these forms, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Bus Information

A few friendly reminders regarding bussing:



- Please contact your bus driver directly if your child will not be riding to or from school on a particular day.
- 2. Please do not drop off or pick up your child in the bus lane before or after school. Bus drivers need the space so that students are safe.
- 3. Please do not walk between the busses when they are parked. Please walk in front of the first bus or behind the last bus. We are trying to remind students to do this, so it would be helpful if parents were modelling that behaviour as well.



<u>Lunch</u>

Students will eat in their classroom and encouraged to go home for lunch if possible.

- Students will sanitize their hands and eating area prior to and post lunch and snacks.
- Students will be encouraged to bring each day their necessary food/water.
- No food or drink sharing between students.
- Everyone will be required to pack in and pack out all unused or leftover food each day.
- Parents/guardians will be asked to have student food provided in clean containers with their own utensils.
- Students must not share utensils, dishes, or water bottles and drink containers.
- There cannot be lunch monitors at this time, only food that can be opened by the child should be sent for lunch.

Cold Weather Policy

Starting this school year, a bus route that is cancelled in the morning due to extreme cold **will run in the afternoon, if conditions have improved**. In the past, if a bus route was cancelled in the morning due to cold weather, it was automatically cancelled for the entire day. Bus routes cancelled at 6 a.m. due to cold weather will operate on their regular routes at the end of the school day, if temperatures reported at **12 noon** are warmer than -40 degrees Celsius (combined temperature/windchill).

Attendance Information

When schools move to Level 3 or Level 4, student attendance is still taken by teachers. Any contact (phone call, digital connect) with the student or family will be considered P – Present.



COVID-19 Protocols

Parents and caregivers should monitor and assess their children daily for any signs or symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. Anyone exhibiting any symptoms must remain home and call 811 for direction. For those who are unsure if they present symptoms or need to be tested for COVID-19, they should call 811 for direction or refer to the Saskatchewan COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool.





