

# Dorothy Dalglish School

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June 26 2019

Thank you for another wonderful and productive school year. I can't thank all the parents, guardians, and other family members who love and support our kids all year long so they can come to school ready to learn. Special thanks to our Home and School Council who, as usual, went above and beyond the call of duty to provide whatever was necessary to add to our students' already rich school experience.

That experience could not occur without the endless energy, skills and devotion of the Dorothy Dalglish School staff. Thanks and *well done* to an incredible group of people.

A final word to DDS students: Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I am so honored to be your principal; you make me proud to be principal of DDS. You keep me laughing and young at heart. I am grateful for your joy, astute insights and amazing talents. Best wishes to our graduating sixth graders, whom I will miss greatly—please come back and visit. Everyone have a safe and happy summer break.

Until next school year, here's wishing you love, laughter and learning.  
Much love,  
Ms. Rogerson



The School Office will re-open on August 26, 2019

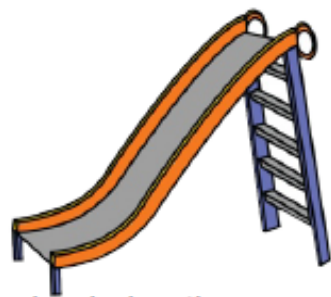
School resumes on September 3, 2019 for students

Please visit our website for the 2019/2020 Class Supply Lists

*Watch for an email to update your child's registration for 2019/2020*

Have a wonderful summer—see you soon!

# Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide



Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2 1/2 years behind! All children, whether from low, middle or upper income families, may fall victim to the “summer slide” if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the summer slide-or even accelerate reading growth? Here are a few ideas:

**1** Visit your local library! Help your child find “right fit” books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. You can use the five finger test to determine if the book is too difficult for your child. Open the book to a page with many words. Have your child begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, the text may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Feel free to still check out the book! It just may be a book you want to read with your child.

**2** Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That's huge! If reading isn't one of your child's top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program.

**3** Set a good example. When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book or a newspaper article, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.

**4** Read to your child. When you read to your child, he/she hears the rhythm of language. Be sure to read with expression! Changing your voice for different characters and increasing your volume during exciting parts are only a few ways to keep children engaged.

**5** Read with your child –explore different types of reading such as poetry. For our little ones, poetry is a great way to improve phonemic awareness skills as poetry often incorporates rhyme. For our older children, poetry is a means of improving fluency.

**6** Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.

**7** Play games with words. Commercial games such as Apples to Apples improves vocabulary. You can easily turn a game of hopscotch or 4 square into a game that incorporates learning letters or sight words. Be sure to check out the “8 Super Summer Sight Word Activities” on the Make, Take & Teach blog.

**8** If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.

Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate reading growth.



For more teaching ideas and activities be sure to visit our blog! [www.blog.maketaketeach.com](http://www.blog.maketaketeach.com)

# to: Thank You!

- The parents who take part in our Home and School Council. Because of all of your hard work, our students get to have so many amazing experiences and opportunities!
- The hot lunch Moms who organized and made the lunches for us this year. It's a lot of work and we really appreciate your dedication!
- The family members who have volunteered in the school as well as on our numerous field trips throughout the school year.
- Olga and Ram from the Picture Butte Hotel, for making some amazing Ukrainian and Indian dishes for the grade 3 students to sample! It was a great way to finish our year and your support is greatly appreciated!
- Our wonderful bus drivers.
- Mrs. Hillier for keeping our school looking great, and for being such a kind person.
- Ms. Rogerson for her tireless work running this school.
- Mrs. Stauth for being the glue that holds the school together.



## Reminder:

Leadership Day on Tuesday August 27, 2019 8:30 AM—3:30 PM

for all 2019/2020 Grade 6 Students.

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Please bring: Sunscreen, a hat and a water bottle





# Scientists in the School



## Student of the Week



June 14, 2019

- Grade 2 Dylan
- Grade 2 Reuben
- Grade 2 Faith
- Grade 2 Kayla
- Grade 3 Liam
- Grade 5 Zach
- Grade 5 Tanner
- Grade 5 Logan
- Grade 5 Grady
- Grade 6 Paddie
- Grade 6 Jessica





# Year End Swimming Party



Swimming fun at  
Henderson Pool,  
and play time at  
the park!



If you have extra swim suits that you would like to donate to DDS, we would love to have some on hand to loan to our students for our swimming events. Thank You



# PDS Talent







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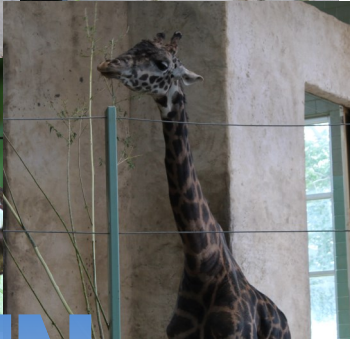
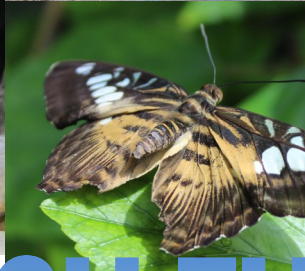
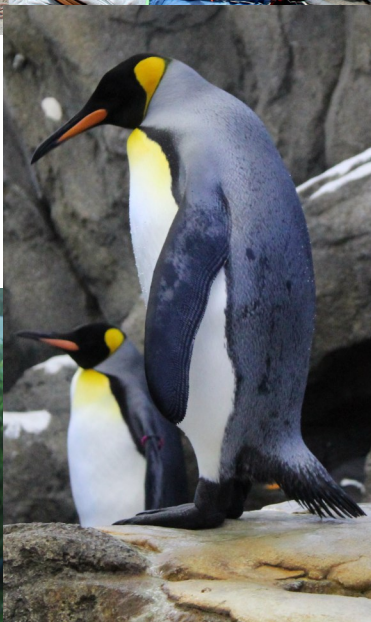


Running  
Club  
Pizza





# Grade 1 & 2 Calgary Zoo Trip



SO-MUCH-FUN





## Grade 3 & 4 field trip to Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump



# Dorothy Dalglish School Rocks!



MP Rachael Harder visited the Staff and Students of DDS and spoke on what it's like to be the MP of Lethbridge. Thank you Rachael Harder!

**SCHOOL**  
is a place where  
**ALL STUDENTS**  
feel safe and treat  
each other with  
**RESPECT.**







# Congratulations to our Award Winners!





# Thank You Parent Council!



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