

# **Dorothy Dalgliesh School**

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# Message from the Principal

It's hard to believe that October is here already! We've had a wonderful start to the year with students and have been amazed at how smoothly everything has been running. Teachers have been busy conducting reading assessments and collecting other data to best plan for each student. I'm hoping you are hearing a lot about the learning and activities taking place in the school from your child.

On behalf of the DDS team, I would like to wish each of our families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Crystal McGregor

#### Welcome to our new staff

We would like to welcome Mrs. Jenna McLeod and Cara Van Zeggelaar to our team. Jenna and Cara will be working alongside Teacher Joan in our Early Learning Program.



### Professional Learning Day

October 8th

Staff learning on this day will be focused around The Seven Sacred Teachings. The Seven Sacred Teachings, also known as the Seven Grandfather Teachings, is a set of Indigenous teachings on human conduct towards others. They are what was traditionally, and still is to this day, needed in order for communities to thrive.

Each teaching honours one of the basic virtues to help us to live a full and healthy life: Love, Respect, Courage, Honesty, Wisdom, Humility, and Truth. Each of these Sacred Teachings is represented by a different animal and provides practical and positive traits for use in our everyday lives.

## Orange Shirt Day

Last week, students and staff recognized the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by wearing orange shirts on September 29th. Previous to this

day, students were engaged in awareness activities related to nature, empathy, relationships, and learning the story behind "the orange shirt".

