

# Dorothy Dalglish School

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September/October 2021

## 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". (see page 3 for photos of the student's activities)



# October 2021

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24	25	26	27	28 HOT LUNCH (Tentative— more information to come)	29 HALLOWEEN CELEBRAIONS DRESS UP	30
31 	<b>WORD OF THE MONTH: RESPECT</b> Respect is caring enough to consider how words and actions impact others. Having respect is when you feel good about someone because of how they act. Showing respect is when you care how your actions impact others.					





Every child  
matters.



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION







Thank you to Uptown Convenience & Café  
for donating Slurpee coupons to the school.  
The students will enjoy this special treat!



Picture Day is coming!  
OCTOBER 14, 2021



Thank you to all the students, staff and families for  
your donations to the Terry Fox Campaign. Our  
school goal was to raise \$350.00  
and we raised \$475.75





Thank you to Belinda and Brian Bahler for their generous donation to our Nutrition Program.

**Thank You**

## Kindergarten News

Wow, I can't believe that it is already October. The boys and girls have settled into Kindergarten and are starting to remember our routines and rules. Great job!

**THEMES:** Our themes for October are fall, farm and pumpkins.

In **Math** we are working on sorting by one attribute (color, size or shape) and counting forwards and backwards. We are also starting to work on patterns.

In **Language Arts** we will be participating in literacy activities that revolve around the stories of The Little Hen and Old MacDonald. We will also be working on learning letters and their sounds.

In **Science** we will be learning about fall and answering the question, "How do we know that it is fall?" We will also be carving open a pumpkin and sequencing how a pumpkin grows.

In **Social** the boys and girls will be learning what it means when we say, "We are all unique."

In **Gym** our class will be practicing fire safety rules, acting out the story of The Little Red Hen and playing Farmer in the Dell.

### Thank You:

Thank you to Mrs. Guenter and Mrs. Thompson for all their help in our Kindergarten class. Thank you to all the parents for trusting me and sharing your children with us.

### Upcoming Events

Our Kindergarten Friday is October 1

Kindergarten will be having their **Halloween dress-up party, in the morning, on Thursday, October 28.**

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Enjoy a fall walk with your family,

Mrs. Grandmont



## Grade 1 News

Wow...where did September go?

Grade 1 has been exceptionally busy this past month. We have been learning the rules of the school and the classroom, and we are getting there, slowly, but surely. It is always a difficult adjustment for 5 and 6 year olds to come to school every day, ALL day! It can be tiring in the beginning.



We are working hard on reviewing and learning our letters and sounds, and then trying to put that into our reading. We have concentrated mostly on the short vowel sound of /a/ as in the word “cat”. We are now moving into the short /i/ sound as in the word “in”.

In Math, we are Pattern Superstars! We have already learned how to name patterns and how to continue them.



In Science, we are continuing to learn about the Seasons and the weather that goes along with the particular seasons.

In Social Studies, we are learning about Geography, and the tools that help us find places.

Physical Education sees us getting outside and playing SAFELY in spaces. We are taking advantage of the nice weather as much as we can, as well as being out in the fresh air.



I would like to thank you all for sharing your incredible kids with me. We also appreciate everyone keeping their children home when they are not feeling well. It is helping keep everyone safe.

If I could please ask you to make sure that you are reviewing your child’s Word Work Words with them each night, as well as their Sight Words. If you could find time to read for about 10 minutes with them as well, it will go a long way to increasing their successes throughout the year.

Thanks so much,  
Mrs. Nish





## Grade 2 News

Welcome back to all of the returning Grade 2 students. During September we have been busy establishing classroom routines and expectations and all of the children are doing a fantastic job remembering them. We also have a new student joining our class this year, her name is Zaria Roos. If you see her in the hall or on the playground please say hi and continue to make her feel welcome at DDS.



In Language Arts we have been working on reading comprehension, making words activities, and printing. We will continue to write our spelling words in our agenda and I really appreciate it if everyone can continue practicing them at home. It really does help! We have also been completing writing assignments that involve getting to know each of the grade 2 students better.

In Math, we have been working on Number Sense activities that use numbers from 1-20. We have also started completing a daily math minute drill that tests each student's ability to add digits quickly and accurately in a specific amount of time.

We will soon be finishing up our unit in Science on magnets and the students really have enjoyed the "hands on" activities.



Finally, in Social Studies we will begin learning unique and interesting things about the following three Canadian cities: Iqaluit, Saskatoon and Meteghan.

Thank you to all the parents who have been signing their child's agenda and checking the front pocket for important information. It is greatly appreciated. Anyone who has not signed up for the "remind" app on your phone, please do so asap. A special thank you for packing healthy snacks and lunches. Also, a reminder that the doors to the school don't open until 8:25am and students are dismissed at 3:25pm. Except on Friday where they are dismissed at 12:15pm.

Thank you to everyone for their support/donation to the Terry Fox run. It was a huge success and all of the students showed great participation during the event.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school or on the Remind app.

Stay safe and healthy,  
Mrs. Gibson



## Grade 3 News

Welcome Fall! We have 22 students in grade 3 this year and I am looking forward to a lot of learning and fun with this group! Welcome to Jenine, Rylan and Arlo, who are new to DDS!

In Language Arts we are setting a goal of making this our best reading year yet! We are learning about how to choose books that are just right for us, adding strategies to our reader's toolboxes, and exploring a variety of books in our classroom library. Throughout the year we will be working in some guided reading groups to focus on building reading strategies and practicing them with support. Students will also have daily reading time where they can choose books that they are interested in so they can continue practicing those strategies!



We are starting our writing this year with personal narratives. Students are writing daily and I have been so impressed with how much more they are writing, even after only a month! I love how they are sharing stories that are important to them and also how they are genuinely trying different writing techniques that we are noticing in mentor texts. We are working on being storytellers instead of news reporters so our goal is to write step by step, "showing" what is happening instead of "telling". This helps our readers to make a mental movie of our writing!

In math during the first month of school we did some review of addition strategies. The unit we are currently on is patterns and in grade 3 students learn about increasing and decreasing patterns: how to make, compare and extend them.

Our current science unit is Rocks and Minerals so students are finding many interesting rocks that we are sharing. We are also using different rock properties to compare and sort them. The 3 types of rocks that we learn about in this unit are sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks.

We are starting social studies with a unit on our community, our province and our country, so we can compare and contrast our experiences with those in the other countries we study throughout the year.

-Just a reminder that our library class is every THURSDAY so please remind your child to bring back his / her library books for that day.

-If you haven't already signed up for the Remind app for the Grade 3 2021 / 2022 class, you can text the message @kde422c to the number (587) 409-2927 to be added to the contact list. **It is also important to send your child's agenda to school each day as that is one of our main ways of maintaining daily communication between home and school.**

Thank You:

- Thank you for signing agendas each day - it's a great way to communicate!
- Thank you for having your child do a half hour of homework each night, whether it's doing some free reading, going over their spelling words, practicing math adding and subtracting facts, or writing for fun!
- Thanks for your support this first month. I am loving this amazing group of students I get to work with each day and I can't wait to have a fantastic year of learning with them!

Mrs. Gurr





## HOME & SCHOOL

Home and school's next virtual meeting will be Monday October 4th at 3:45pm

We will be discussing the Home Alone course for our grade 5s, Halloween party options, the outdoor classroom and the return of hot lunches! To be added to the meeting email list, contact Michelle at [jmmarti@shaw.ca](mailto:jmmarti@shaw.ca) Please also reach out if you are unable to attend but would like to be involved.

Keep your eyes open over the coming days for information about the online 50/50 raffle for DDS!

If you are interested in helping out with hot lunch this year, please contact Roxane at [rsdrake20@gmail.com](mailto:rsdrake20@gmail.com) Since you will be working in the school kitchen, you must follow the school's covid policies while in the building.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

Watch for details coming for our book fair this month!

October 19, 20 & 21st

There will be an online sale as well :) |

Make School  
Purchases  
Online

SchoolCashOnline  
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Reminder: School fees are due.

Click here : [SchoolCash](#)  
to pay your child's school fees.

## **Mrs. Fraser (Grade 4) - September Newsletter**

I'm so excited to be back in the classroom with the students! We have had an exciting month and been very busy learning back to school routines and Covid protocols and procedures. We've had a successful month of learning and it's shaping up to be a great year!

### **Language Arts / Reading**



We have been reading two novels aloud

- Cam Jansen and the Barking Treasure Mystery
- Tales of A Fourth Grade Nothing.

Students have been participating in Reading Response and comprehension questions aligned with the novels.

### **Writing**

We have written some personal narrative about their back to school experience as well as completed some creative student choice assignments linked to their novels.

### **Word Work**

Spelling tests will occur during a 5 day week. Lists will go out on Monday and Quizzes will take place on Friday.

## Math



Spelling tests will occur during a 5 day week. Lists will go out on Monday and Quizzes will take place on Friday.

We are exploring patterns with 5 main goals.

1. To identify and describe patterns found in tables and charts including in a multiplication chart.
2. Reproduce a pattern shown in a table or chart using concrete materials.
3. Represent and describe patterns and relationships using charts and tables to solve problems.
4. Express a given problem as an equation in which a symbol is used to represent an unknown number
5. Solve one Step equations involving a symbol to represent an unknown number.

## Physical Education



We have been enjoying the beautiful weather outside and have learned and played the game of Kickball as well as various other cooperative games



## Science

We have been studying Waste and Our World. Some of the topics and activities we cover include the following:



1. Identify plant and animal wastes, and describe how they are recycled in nature
2. Look at Methods of Waste Disposal:
3. Identify if waste is biodegradable or Not: Sorting Waste
4. Compare different kinds of packaging
5. Create New Waste Management Labels
6. Develop a flow chart for a consumer products
7. Identify actions that individuals and groups can take to minimize the production of wastes, to recycle or reuse wastes and to ensure the safe handling and disposal of wastes



# ClassDojo

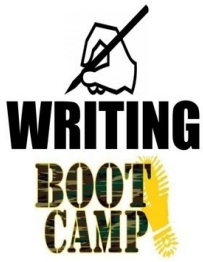
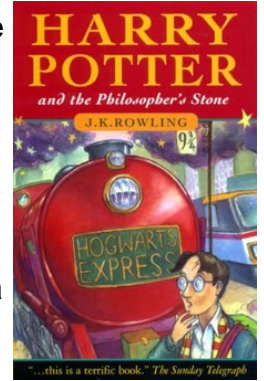
## ClassDojo

I will be using Class Dojo as a main form of communication. Please sign up if you have not already. Also please feel free to call me at any time if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. I'm always happy to answer questions. I am looking forward to a great year!

**Your partner in Education,  
Tiffany Fraser**

## Grade Five News

In reading the class has continued with our shared reading of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. As we read, students focus on checking their comprehension through discussions, reading response journal entries, and focusing on different parts of a story such as characters, plot, and setting. At the end of the month we will watch the movie and complete several comparing and contrasting activities. To wrap-up our work with this story, students will complete a character analysis project by choosing a character from the book to examine more closely.



In writing the kids have been working hard through our Grade Five Writing Bootcamp to brush up their understanding of grammar, parts of speech, and solid sentence structure. The class has focused on identifying mistakes in sample sentences and passages, correcting those mistakes, then transferring what they have learned to their own writing. I've loved reading what the class has written so far - it gives such insight into their personalities!

So far in math the class has worked to learn our routines and have been reviewing number concepts. These review lessons include place value, representing numbers in a variety of ways such as expanded form, written form, and with base ten blocks, and understanding the value of digits depending on their positions. The class also had an opportunity to practice their rounding skills, then worked in small groups to complete a virtual math Escape Room - it was a blast seeing the kids persevere and cooperate to meet their goal.



### Notes:

- Library classes are every Tuesday - A BIG thank you to Mrs. Pittman for all her work in the library and beyond!
- Also a BIG thank you to Miss Hemstreet and Effie for making sure the kids have something to eat each morning



Ms. Mohrmann

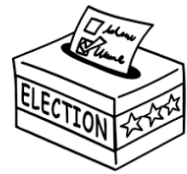
## Grade 6 News

Welcome to another year at Dorothy Dalglish. My name is Adam Gibson and I am presently teaching in the Grade 6 class while Ms. Milne-Yanke is away on leave. I've enjoyed meeting all the grade six students and look forward to getting to know them better over the next few weeks.



The class is off to an excellent start to the year. Here is what we have been up to:  
Language Arts - We have been reading "Knife", a short story by Sarah Ellis and we have been focusing on writing short stories, concentrating on detail and description in our writing.

Social - We are doing our first unit on democracy and we were able to discuss the federal election in "real time."



Math - We started our unit on Number Sense and have been working with numbers up to and including a million. We have focused on addition and subtraction of these numbers and will be starting on multiplication and division shortly.

Science - Our first unit is on Trees and Forests and we have been discussing food webs.



Just a few other things:

Please have your child read at least 15-20 minutes a night. In order to become better readers, they must be practicing regularly. It doesn't really matter what they read, as long as it is appropriate for their ability.

A shout out to all of the students who were able to participate in our Terry Fox run this year and congratulations to all the winners. Well done!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or contact me at the school.

Mr. Gibson





# FOR SALE

Our library furniture is for sale 😞

If you know of anyone interested please contact  
Mrs. Pittman at the school.



This is a beautiful three-piece set, it is basically brand new, purchased new for \$2700.00 We need to sell it because it isn't a wipeable surface. A new set will be purchased with the money that is made from the sale of this set. If interested please contact Mrs. Pittman prior to October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you