

# Dorothy Dalglish School

## Principal's Message



With a chill in the air, and leaves turning colors and falling off trees, it really is starting to look and feel like autumn!

It has been a great start to the year. We welcome our new families, and cherish those who continued from last year. Our theme this year is celebrations! We want to celebrate the little things, the big things; the academic things, and the things that show good character; we want to celebrate us – our amazing DDS family!

We kicked off our celebrations with the annual Terry Fox Run and a follow up “Welcome Back” party with fun stations that kids had a chance to spend time at. Included were Minute to Win It games, silly relay races, puzzles stations, and an epic 96 foot long obstacle course. This obstacle course was paid for partly through DDS’s School Council/PSBSPB, and partly through the hot dog money Mrs. Gibson and volunteers raised through Hot Dog Days last year. Thanks to both!

Thanks to those parents who came out to the School Council meeting in September – it was the best turnout ever! I’d love to see that continue – along with more! Please come to our next School Council meeting after school on Tues., Oct. 10 at 3:40 in the library. Thank you also to those parents who came out for the Hot Lunch meeting – I am excited to see how our Hot Lunch program develops. If you are still interested in helping out in any way, whether with hot lunch or in any capacity, please contact the school.

I’d also like to invite you into our school – anytime! We have an open door policy and we would welcome you to pop by, or book a time with your child’s teacher to help out. Every classroom always needs help, and School Council always needs assistance with Hot Lunch. Make a difference in your school and in your child’s school life and volunteer!

Have a wonderful October – I hope to see you at the  
PSBSPB’s Harvest Gala on  
October 20<sup>th</sup>! See the [webpage](#) for more details.

### Word of the Month:



With warmest regards,  
Ms. Shari Rogerson  
Principal

### .....special reminders:

You can donate your bottles and cans to DDS and the money goes right back into our school. You can drop your bagged bottles and cans off at the school anytime. Pick up is October 10th and October 24th at Dorothy Dalglish School.



### School Fees for 2018 2019

#### Kindergarten

Art/Science Fee \$10.00

Letters & Numbers For Me  
(consumable workbook) \$13.00

Total \$23.00

#### Grades 1 - 6

Classroom Agenda (Agenda) \$8.50

Art/Science Fee \$10.00

Technology Fee \$35.00

Total \$53.50

Payment due by September 30, 2018

**Please pay online** through our school website if possible.

Cheques are payable to Dorothy Dalgliesh School.

If these fees pose a hardship on any families please call the office at 403-732-5636 to make arrangements.

Thank you.

### **Dorothy Dalgliesh School**

Is a **"PEANUT SENSITIVE"**

SCHOOL

Please do not send any peanut products to school.



#### **Bell Schedule**

Opening Bell 8:30 a.m.

Morning Recess 10:30 a.m.

Recall Bell 10:35 a.m.

Recess Bell 12:00 a.m.

Lunch Bell 12:20 p.m.

Recall Bell 12:39 p.m.

Afternoon Recess 2:10 p.m.

Recall Bell 2:25 p.m.

Bus Dismissal 3:25 p.m.

Town Dismissal 3:30 p.m.

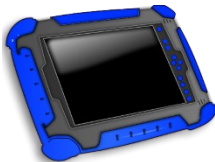
**FRIDAY EARLY DISMISSAL 12:20 p.m.**

### **Personal Electronic Devices & Valuables**

Students are not allowed personal devices at school.

No valuables should be brought to school,

Dorothy Dalgliesh School is not responsible for lost items.



#### **Arrival at School**

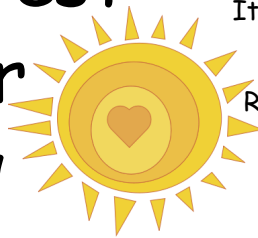
Please remember that supervision of students begins at 8:20 a.m. Please insure that your child(ren) do not arrive at school earlier than 8:20 a.m. However, if there are circumstances where you may have to drop your child off early, they may wait on the benches inside the entrance until there is a teacher on supervision. If you are aware of this in advance, please let your child's teacher know so arrangements can be made. The only exception to this is the School Safety Patrol students who need to be in place by 8:20 a.m.

#### **Absence from School**

If your child is going to be absent from school we would appreciate it if you would call the school after 8:00 a.m. to let us know. This is very important so that if a child goes astray between home and school we are aware of it and are able to take action as soon as possible.



Thank you Mrs. West  
for painting our  
"Buddy Bench"



### Try the Bench

If you cannot find someone to play with,  
have a seat

If somebody comes and invites you to  
play, join them

(If you use the bench, you must say "YES" to  
whoever invites you to play)

### Play Again

If you made a friend from the Buddy Bench,  
ask them to play again

The bench should not be used by the same  
people every day.

It is a tool to help make and keep friends.

### Be Caring

Remember to check the bench to see if  
somebody needs a buddy!

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

On October 16th, 17th & 18th we will be having our Fall Book Fair. All classes will have a scheduled time to pop in and check out all the new books on display. Please feel free to stop by anytime and take a look.

All proceeds from the Book Fair benefit our library.

Looking forward to seeing everyone

Happy Reading,  
Mrs. Pittman





## Kindergarten

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.

In **Language Arts** we will be participating in literacy activities that revolve around the stories of The Little Hen and Old MacDonald.

In **Science** we will be learning about fall and answering the question, "How do we know that it is fall?"

In **Social** the boys and girls will be working in their ALL About Me booklets and 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.

We have also started having **Book/Computer Buddies** with Grade Six. The boys and girls are very excited to be with their buddies.

## Thank You:

A great big thank you to all of the parents who came out to Meet the Teacher night, it was great meeting and talking with you.

Thank you to Teacher Tara, Ms. Wiebe, Mrs. McCallum and Mrs. Rogerson for all of your help!

## Upcoming Events

Our Kindergarten Fridays are on October 5 and October 19.

Kindergarten will be having their Halloween dress-up party on Tuesday, October 30.

Enjoy a fall walk with your family,

Mrs. Grandmont

## Grade 1

September has been a very busy month in Grade 1! I cannot believe that we have almost been in school a month already. What an amazing group of students I have in my classroom! They are working very hard in all of their subjects and are adjusting to coming to school all day, everyday! Transitioning from Kindergarten to Grade 1 can be a little tough for some, including the teacher...sometimes we all need a nap!

In Literacy, we are busy learning to read sight words, and word families every day! We are also learning how to write a fantastic sentence. We have been learning and reinforcing the sounds that the letters 'a', 'b' and 'c' can make. We have been working with the word families of "-an", "-am" and "-at", and learning what makes words rhyme. We have learned 18 sight words so far, and are continuing to build upon our sight word base.

In Math, we are continuing on from Kindergarten in learning how to count, as well as learning about shapes. Science is all about the "Seasons" and "Colours" right now. We are learning about "Geography and Maps" in Social Studies so that we can understand where we are in Southern Alberta and in the world.

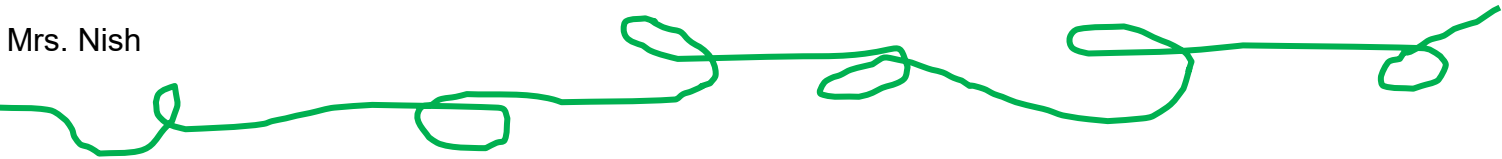
Please keep reading with your children each and every night possible, as well as practicing their sight words and word work! It makes a huge difference in helping your child become a successful reader and writer!

Thank you to our Home and School Council for all the wonderful things that they do for us! A very special thank you as well goes out to Ms. Rogerson and Mrs. Stauth for keeping us all on track and looking out for us always!



Here is to a fantastic October!

Mrs. Nish



## Grade 2

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.

In Language Arts we have been working on reading comprehension and making words activities. We will be adding weekly spelling tests to this subject area in October. Each day we complete the following activities: read to self, read to partners and listen to taped books. 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 patterns and skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's.

We have just finished up our unit in Science on magnets and the students really enjoyed the "hands on" activities. We have also begun our "Recipe of the Week" activity and have made toast, apple crisp, pudding parfaits and grilled cheese sandwiches so far. Yum!!



## Grade 2 con't

In Social Studies 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 back pocket for important information. It is greatly appreciated. Also, anyone who has not signed up for the "remind" app on your phone, please do so asap. We will also be starting our home reading program shortly so watch for some paper books to be coming home in the back of their agendas. Also, a special thank you for packing healthy snacks and lunches.

Thank you to the School Council for providing snacks for us at our Terry Fox run and for Ms. Rogerson for planning our Party in the Park celebration. It was fantastic!!! Finally, stay tuned for a note to go home about making a basket for the "Harvest Gala" on October 20.

Mrs. Gibson

## Grade 6

Hi parents! Welcome to another school year. We have been really busy getting into the swing of things, and have already finished a few units. It has been a great year so far, and I'm looking forward to seeing the growth that the students will show. Here is what we have been up to in each subject area:

LA - in reading, we read Deborah Ellis' book, "The Breadwinner" to practice our reading skills. It was an excellent book - and we plan on watching the movie one day soon. In writing, our focus has been on personal narratives. Students are learning how to come up with writing ideas, and how to add detail and description to their writing.

Math - we just finished our Statistics and Probability unit. Next, we will look at Shape and Space, which will start with translating, rotating, and reflecting shapes on a grid.

Social - we are almost done our first unit on understanding democracy. Next, we will be studying Ancient Athens, the birthplace of democracy.

Science - in Science, we are almost done our first unit, Trees and Forests. Our second unit, Evidence and Investigation, will start in a few weeks.

Just a few friendly reminders for parents:

- Please make sure that your child is reading 20 minutes a night. This is vital practice to help improve their reading ability.
- Also, please make sure that your child is practicing their multiplication each night. This can be done through flash cards, websites, apps, dice games, or any other options.
- If you haven't signed up for Remind yet, please do so. I haven't sent out many notifications yet because I don't have all parents on board - but I'm going to start using it more extensively in October.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, or even if you just need some clarification on something, please don't hesitate to ask. My door is always open. Also, if you are interested in volunteering, please contact me. We love having volunteers in our classroom!

Hope you have a good October!

Mr. Van Dyk



## Grade 3

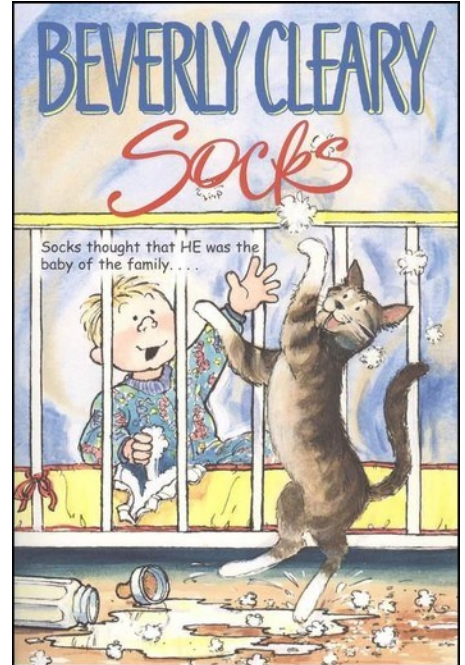
Welcome Fall! We have 20 students in grade 3 this year and I am looking forward to a lot of learning and fun with this group! We would like to welcome 4 new students: Brendan, Diego, Justice and Lorena. We hope you enjoy DDS!

In Language Arts we are finishing up with the novel *Socks* by Beverly Cleary. We are reading it as a class and are working through various activities to get back into thinking about our reading, after our summer break. We will be starting guided reading groups soon, 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 and 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 different mentor texts. The grade 3 students are excited to share their writing and show how much they are growing as writers!

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 and we are starting our 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 communities we study throughout the year.



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

-Students need to bring their recorders each Thursday for music class.

-We will be celebrating Halloween on Wednesday, October 31. If you would like to send a treat / snack for our party, please send me a message on Remind or jot a note for me in the agenda.

Thank you!

**-If you haven't already signed up for the Remind app for the Grade 3 2018-19 class, you can text (587) 409-2927 and text the message @jodigur to be added to the contact list.**

### Thank You:

-Thanks to all families who came out to the Meet The Staff night

-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! Your support is appreciated very much!

Mrs. Gurr



## Grade 5M

Welcome back to DDS! I'm having such a great time getting to know this new batch of kids and I feel as though our classroom is really feeling like a team. In language arts our focus has been on self-monitoring in our reading to ensure we can become the best readers we can be. Students have had the chance to listen to "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" as a modelled text and will participate in shared reading of a biography about a Canadian war hero as soon as we've finished up our novel read aloud. Students also take part in our independent reading time as much as possible. To demonstrate their comprehension we have been writing in our Reading Response Journals. **Thank you to all those who are helping by encouraging at least 20 minutes of reading at home every night!**

Our writing has centred around Small Moment stories and realistic fiction as a genre using the writer's workshop model. With this model there is a real emphasis on the process of writing and we've been striving to build our writing stamina and stay focused. Students have worked to master several strategies for collecting ideas from their own lives and from things they wish to see in the world. From there they have chosen one of their favourite Small Moments to focus more intently on, writing a draft and revising to improve the leads and the hearts of their stories.

In math, the class is just finishing up our first unit focusing on 2D and 3D shapes as well as performing transformations to those shapes. Our first science unit, Electricity and Magnetism, is about half-way through and will lead us directly into our study of Mechanisms Using Electricity. In social we have been focusing on our mapping skills as an introduction to our Physical Regions of Canada unit. Having a basic understanding of maps and geography will be a huge help as we enter this content heavy unit.



### Important Notes:

- **October 20th is the Harvest Gala** - think about donating or buying a ticket to attend and support our public schools!
- 5M will be creating a "Family Games Night" basket to donate to the silent auction. Please consider sending in something for our basket with your child.
- Thank you so much to families for supporting your students' learning at home by encouraging at least 20 minutes of reading every night
- Thank you to those parents who have signed up for Remind

Ms. Mohrmann

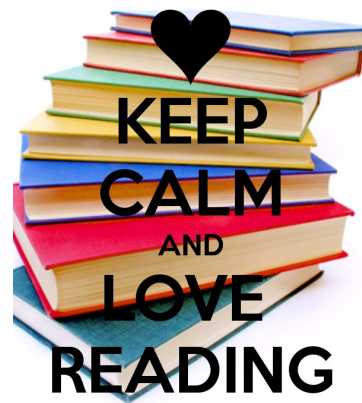


## Grade 5D

In Literacy, we are currently reading an exciting novel “Hatched” by Gary Paulsen. This is a story of a thirteen-year old, Brian, who survived a plane crash in the Canadian Wilderness alone with nothing but his clothing, a tattered windbreaker, and the hatchet his mother had given him as a present. So far we have learned about Brian’s survival skills -how to make a shelter, a fire, and hunt for food. We cannot wait to read more about Brian’s trail and tribulations in the Canadian wilderness.

Our reading strategy for this month is self-monitoring. Readers are encouraged to ask themselves if they understand what they are reading. If not, readers are given strategies to help themselves comprehend what they just read. A few strategies from our Fix-up Chart include:

- Slow down
- reread and or read on
- Retell in your own words
- Visualize (make a picture in your head)
- Write the unknown word on a sticky note
- Ask for help



In Math, we are currently working on our 2D and 3D shape unit. Students understand various types of lines, Characteristics of 2D shapes such as Quadrilaterals and Polygons. Students can also identify prisms and pyramids.

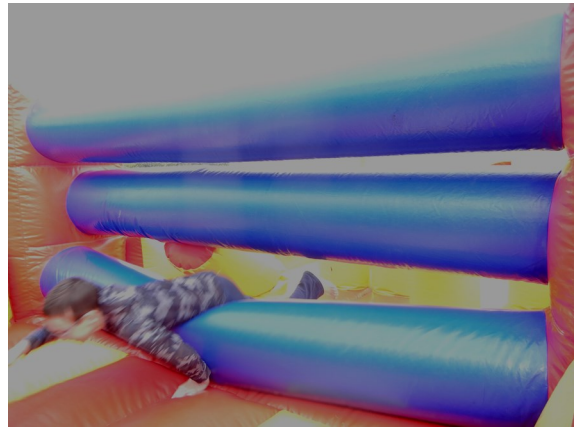
Reminders: There is no school for students on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> due to Teacher Professional Development. If you are able to donate a item to our coffee lovers gift basket, please donate by October 17<sup>th</sup>, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you kindly to parents who have already contributed to our gift basket.

Please feel free to contact me at 403-732-5636 if you have questions or concerns or email me at: [Samantha.Dennahower@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:Samantha.Dennahower@pallisersd.ab.ca)

Ms. Dennahower



# TERRY FOX FUN DAY



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# Healthy Children

October 2018 Parent Newsletter



## Articles

5 Easy Tips to Get Rid of Lice

Food in the Media

## 5 Easy Tips to Get Rid of Lice

Lice! The word can send many parents into a panic. No one wants to get a call that their child has lice. Lice can happen to anyone, anytime. Rich or poor, clean or dirty, lice do not discriminate. The head louse is one of several types of lice, but it only infests the scalp. The head louse is not known to spread disease. Up to 10% of elementary school children may have lice. If a child has lice it can spread to other family members or close contacts. Head lice do not hop or fly. The lice spread by contact with the hair of a person who has lice.

So what do you do if your child has lice?

1. Try not to panic.
2. Treat only those with lice. Talk to a pharmacist for the most

current and effective treatment.

3. Wash bedding and clothing, especially head gear and scarves in hot water. Drying on a hot cycle will help but is not necessary.
4. Soak combs and brushes in hot water approximately 55 degrees Celsius.
5. Do not use sprays to treat the house. They can be toxic.

Finding lice does not mean that your child gets time off school. Your child can go home at the end of the day and still return the next day after treatment.

➤ For more information about head lice and treatment, visit <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/school/if-sch-sh-head-lice-and-how-to-treat-them.pdf>

## World Mental Health Day

October 10<sup>th</sup> is World Mental Health Day. You can use this day as an opportunity to check in with your child and see how they are doing. Asking every day questions can help such as: "How was your day?" or "What was the most challenging thing you did today?"

To learn more about mental health, visit <http://www.sickkidscmh.ca/ABC/Parent-Resource/Welcome>



To find an electronic copy of this newsletter visit [www.ahs.ca/csh](http://www.ahs.ca/csh)

## Food in the Media

Has your child ever asked for food because they saw it advertised? If so, you're not alone. Ads can influence children's food requests and eating habits. Making food and drinks appeal to kids is a multi-billion dollar industry. The problem is, 90% of foods advertised to kids are high in sugar, salt and fat.

Food and drink ads are in television commercials, magazines, videos on social media, games on websites and cell phone apps. For example, kids see over 2.5 million food and drink ads per year on their favourite websites alone!

What can parents do?

**Teach media literacy:** Talk with your child about the ways that companies advertise foods to them. Around 10 years old, children can understand the intent of ads.

**Limit screen time:** Decrease the time that your child sees ads by limiting screen time. Ideas for other activities include crafts, dress-up, playing outside or reading.



**Parents and children can eat the same foods:** Products marketed as “kid food” are often high in fat, sugar or salt. For example, fruit flavoured gummies are usually high in sugar and contain little-to-no fruit.

**Support schools and recreation centres that are trying to avoid food ads:** Tell them you support their efforts to make healthy changes. Work with others to keep your community free from this advertising.

➤ **For more information, visit the Raising Healthy Kids media literacy channel:**  
<https://vimeo.com/channels/rohkfodliteracy>



THE PUBLIC SCHOOL BETTERMENT SOCIETY  
INVITES YOU TO

# ***The Bi-Annual Harvest Gala Fundraising Dinner***

benefitting the students of Dorothy Dalglish School  
dinner \* dancing \* auction \* games \* cash bar

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018**

**COCKTAILS 5:30PM**

**DINNER 6:30PM**

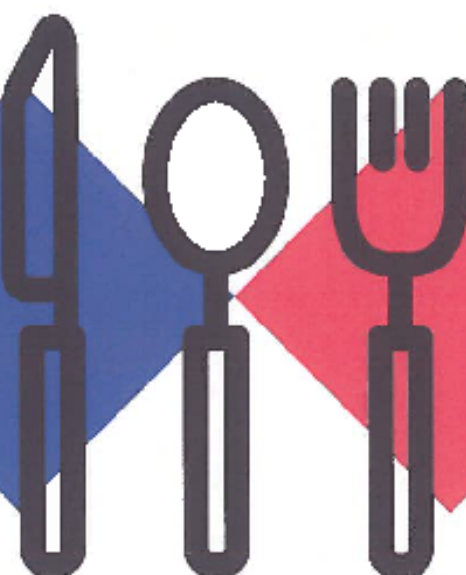
**AT DOROTHY DALGLIESH SCHOOL**



TICKETS \$40/EACH OR \$300/TABLE OF 8  
CONTACT KELLY 403-635-0032  
OR MELANIE 403-634-8011



*Catering by  
Kathy Jakober*



*Live music by  
The Cody Hall Band*

# October 2018

# RESPECT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Orange Shirt Day	2	3	4	5 Kindergarten Day Assembly 8:45am Wear DDS Blue	6
7 Happy Thanksgiving	8 Holiday	9 PD Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	10 Home & School Meeting 3:45 In the Library	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Kindergarten Day Assembly 8:45am "Colors Day"	20 Harvest Gala 5:30PM
21	22	23	24	25 School Picture Re-Take Day  ELP Pictures  Kindergarten Pictures	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween			



## Notes:

Wednesday October 10th and Wednesday October 24th—Bottle/Can Pick-up Day (if you would like to donate your bottles/cans to DDS, please drop them off prior to pick-up days)

PSBSPB Harvest Gala—Saturday October 20th

5:30 PM Cocktails

Tickets \$40/EACH or \$300/TABLE of 8

6:30 PM Dinner

Contact : Kelly 403-635-0032 or

Melanie 403-634-8011