

It's hard to believe that October is here already! We have settled into classes and routines, while at the same time, enjoyed some school-wide events like Meet The Staff night, practiced emergency drills, took part in Terry Fox Run Day, and acknowledged our second ever National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Teachers have been busy conducting literacy and numeracy 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.

You may have noticed that construction has begun on our Outdoor Classroom Project near our K-3 playground. We are incredibly grateful to Kevin and Jenna McLeod for donating their time and labor to build and install the structure. We are so excited to use this learning space!

A special thank you to our families for supporting our school's Terry Fox Run Fundraising campaign. We raised \$1083 for cancer research. Well done DDS!

Bus Families: Please notify the school and your child's bus driver if your child will not be on the bus. Dismissal is one of the busiest times of day, so calls to the office to change transportation should be made before 3pm.

Looking and Planning Ahead:

Mark your calendars! The Betterment Society of Picture Butte will be hosting a **Gala** fundraiser event on Saturday, October 22nd. Tickets are \$50.00/person or \$350 for 8. Proceeds from the auction items will go toward special events and materials that enhance student learning at DDS.



Our school will be hosting **The Scholastic Book Fair** on October 18-20th. DDS students will have a chance to visit the Book Fair with their teacher at least once during the week. The Book Fair offers readers a wonderful selection of fun and engaging books. Time spent reading with young learners has amazing effects on students' educational success and creates a special bond.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children every day. Remember, you can get involved with school events by joining our **Home and School Council** for their monthly meetings, or by reaching out to your child's teacher about volunteer opportunities in the classroom. Our next Home and School meeting will be on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 3:45pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

On behalf of the DDS team, I would like to wish all our families a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. McGregor

October 2022







Public School Betterment Society of Picture Butte P.O. Box 70 Carmangay, AB TOL ONO

To Whom It May Concern,

The Public School Betterment Society of Picture Butte (PSBSPB) is busy planning the fifth bi-annual *Harvest Celebration Dinner and Fundraising Gala* which directly benefits each student at Dorothy Dalgliesh School in Picture Butte, Alberta and we could use your support. Over the past ten years, Gala proceeds have been used to build a new playground, purchase iPads and Chromebooks, bring in hands-on activities for all classes like Smudge Art, Director's Cut and Scientists in Schools, host motivational speakers like Chris Koch and has enabled all students to go on exciting year end field trips. We are also honoured to contribute funds towards the planned build of an outdoor classroom in memory of our trustee, Don Boras.

Covid set back our fundraising efforts by two years, but we are ready to resume the tradition and we hope to make this Gala the best yet! Our plans for the 2022 Fundraising Gala include a catered dinner, live and silent auctions, 50/50 draws and a live band. The 2022 Gala will take place on <u>Saturday, October 22, 2022.</u>

We would greatly appreciate if you would consider a donation of any type (product, service or monetary) to support our event. All donors will be acknowledged in advance of the event on social media and throughout the evening with announcements, signage, a looping PowerPoint presentation and with an announcement in the local newspaper after the event.

The continued support of our community is the driving force behind the ongoing success of our bi-annual fundraising event. We hope you will consider a donation to this year's *Harvest Celebration Dinner and Fundraising Gala*. Please contact Kelly McLeod at (403) 635-0032 or <u>kelly@mcleodnaturals.ca</u> if you have any questions.

Kelly McLeod

Chair Public School Betterment Society of Picture Butte

** The Public School Betterment Society of Picture Butte is a non-profit society dedicated to raising maney to augment, enhance and support the two public schools located in Picture Butte, Alberta. Since 1993, the students at Darathy Dalgliesh School and Picture Butte High School have received donations from the PSBSPB including such things as playground equipment, sound systems, A/V equipment, band instruments, IPads, electronics, library books, team uniforms, guest speakers, educational events and many other items that directly benefit students at each school.**

Thank you for your support of the Betterment Society and the students at DDS

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- Eduardo
- Sam
- Lucas
- Savanna
- Jenine-Monique
- Dylan
- Decker
- Jaxson
- Molly



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Student of the Week **Kenley** Allison **Eizher** Danielle Tiffany Kylie Isaiah Ava





Dorothy Dalgliesh School raised **\$1083.00** for cancer research.

Way to go DDS! An extra shout out to our school winners!



Kindergarten News

It has been wonderful this past month being at school with all the children. I love seeing their smiling faces and can't believe how they have settled into Kindergarten and are remembering our rules and routines. Great job!

THEMES: Our themes for October are fall and Farm.

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 making binoculars, learning about fall and answering the question, "How do we know that it is fall?"

In Social we are learning about how we are all unique.

IMPORTANT DATES

Kindergarten-Grade 3 all day field trip is on Thursday, October 6.

Kindergarten Fridays are on October 7 and October 28.

Our School Assembly is on October 7. It will start at 8:35.

Kindergarten will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 28.

Thank You:

Thank you to the parents who came and helped on our first field trip of the year!

Thank you to the hot lunch moms for making our delicious lunches!

Thank you to all the Dorothy Dalgliesh staff for making our school great!

Enjoy a fall walk with your family,

Mrs. Grandmont



Grade 1 News

Wow...September is DONE! So much happened this month! Grade 1 is a busy place with all of the students working really hard learning how to read and write. We are busy learning about the Secret Stories that help us with our reading and writing skills. It's so much fun letting the students in on the secrets that tell us why letter combinations say what they do. We have also been learning how to play amazing Numeracy games that help us with our Number Sense.

We had an amazing time at the Lethbridge Corn Maze, and a-maze-ingly, we didn't lose anybody! We are looking forward to our next field trip on Oct. 6th, when Kindergarten through Grade 3 go to the Helen Schuler Coulee Centre, and the Galt Museum. A HUGE thank you goes out to our Home and School Council for providing us with that opportunity!

We had an incredible response to our annual DDS Terry Fox fundraiser, with the goal of raising \$500 was surpassed and we raised 1, 018.15! Looks like the TEACHERS are getting PIED! Thank you to all who supported us.



Please remember that DDS is the Adopt-A-School for Indigo, Chapters! All donations made will now be doubled by Chapters, which is another incredible thing for DDS! Thank you to Mrs. Pittman for getting this going for us.



Our Grade 1 class would like to thank Mrs. Pittman and Mrs. West for assisting in our classroom. It is very much appreciated!

Thank you to our Home and School Council for our Hot Lunches as well. They are so delicious!

Thank you to everyone for all that you do to make DDS GREAT!

Mrs. Nish

Grade 2 News

It has been lots of fun getting to know the school and our wonderful Grade 2 class. Thank you to all of the students for returning to school this year with smiles and eagerness to learn. This month we welcomed back a familiar face and had to say goodbye to a student leaving us. We are continuing to jog our memories of school routines as we get back into the swing of things.



In math this month we have worked on repeating and growing patterns. We learned how to label patterns and extend a pattern, and started to practice skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s, and 25s. Students also practice a daily math talk or game, along with a number of the day routine for them to show numbers in many ways and use flexible thinking.

In reading, we have enjoyed learning how to pick books that are a good fit. We have enjoyed our library time with Mrs. Pittman, along with reading classroom books. One day each week, we also select a book on the computer that is read to us over our headphones. Students also get to cozy up to listen to read alouds on the floor, and even do some flashlight reading in the dark! We have really appreciated our Grade 4 reading buddies - thanks Miss Mastel and your Grade 4s for reading with us each week!

In writing, we are practicing writing true stories about our life. We are making sure that we use capitalization and punctuation, and stretching our stories to include as much detail as we can. For spelling, we get new words every two weeks! We do many different activities to practice our spelling words and the list of sample words comes home in agendas. We also get to try a daily word ladder, with tricky clues and missing letters that helps us to spell new words.

For science, we have been exploring liquids with many cool experiments! Students made raining food colouring, dancing popcorn, practiced creating a hypothesis in order to test how many drops of water they could fit on a coin, and have been able to mix various liquids together.

We have been playing many team and cooperative games in the gym, and trying to get outside often while we have nice weather on our side. We have also been focusing on skills for learning in health, like focusing attention, the green zone of regulation, and dealing with distractions.

In September we really enjoyed our field trip to the Lethbridge Corn Maze. Our Grade 4 buddies partnered up with us and we had so much fun going through the big maze, jumping on the zipline, and racing down the giant slide. We worked really hard to raise money and race around our school field on Terry Fox Day. We would like to thank Mrs. Neufeld for teaching us about the music room this month, and our breakfast program which has made so many delicious and filling meals so that all students can start their school day with a snack. Thank you Mrs. Pittman for working hard so that DDS could be Indigo Chapters Adopt a School for the past few weeks. Thank you to all parents for sending a Toonie for Terry, completing forms, and sending in donations towards our Class Basket for the Harvest Gala.

If you have any questions, please send me a message on Class Dojo, email me, or phone the school. I am excited for another great month!

Miss Giesbrecht

Grade 3 News

Welcome Fall! We have 23 students in grade 3 this year and I am looking forward to a lot of learning and fun with this group! Welcome to Abby, Saul and Xander who are new (or returning) 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 for figuring out difficult words 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 as well as diving into a variety of books to study character and plot development. 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 so I am excited to see them writing more and getting their ideas down on paper! I love how they are sharing stories that are important to them and also how they are genuinely trying different writing techniques that we focus on during our lessons. 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 started with the place value unit. This year with our new curriculum, grade 3 students are expected to learn numbers to the hundred thousands place value. We have been learning how to read numbers, identify the place value of each digit, compare numbers and count money. Our next unit will be addition and subtraction.

Our current science unit is Rocks and Minerals so students are finding many interesting rocks that we are sharing. We will be learning about the rock cycle and also be using different rock properties to compare and sort some sample rocks. 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. We also start to learn some of the basic terms we will be using such as rights, responsibilities, needs vs. wants, quality of life, services, traditions, leaders and resources.

REMINDERS:

- Our library class is every TUESDAY so please remind your child to bring back his / her library books for that day.
- We will be going on a field trip on October 6 to the Helen Schuler Nature Centre and for some exploring in Indian Battle Park.
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If you haven't already signed up for the Remind app for the Grade 3 2022 / 2023 class, you can text the message @khdcgk to the number (289) 814-2293 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



Grade 3 boys working together to lift a cup balance on strings.

Great Teamwork!!



Grade 3 girls working on the challenge. Good work!



Congratulations to Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Wobick on their "Years of Service Award" from Palliser School Division. DDS is glad to have you on our team!

Grade 4 News

We have had an exciting start to Grade Four and so much learning has already begun, as well as a ton of fun!

Here's a quick glance at what we have been learning:

• We have enjoyed reading the trials and tribulations of Peter in <u>Tales of a Fourth Grade</u> <u>Nothing</u> by Judy Blume



• Students have been sharpening up their writing skills by writing about our Grade 4 Val-

ues. They have been reflecting on how they can be respectful, responsible, honest, caring, and inclusive this year in Grade 4.

- In Math, we have been reviewing some addition and subtraction strategies.
- Our class has taken on the responsibility of taking care of paper recycling for the school, as part of our "Waste and Our World" Science unit. We have also discussed ways to reduce, reuse, and/or recycle our waste.



Special Notes & Reminders:

• I have been welcomed so warmly by the DDS community and for that I am so grateful!

• Thank you to the Parent Council for providing our whole school with the fun experience at the Corn Maze. Our class enjoyed being leaders to the Grade 2's, and helping them navigate the maze.

• Thank you to Mrs. McGreggor and Miss Marni for having a yummy and nutritious breakfast ready for us every morning.

• Library is on Wednesdays. Please bring books back to be renewed or returned.

• Thank you for the parents who have been able to create a Seesaw account. If you have not done this yet, please let me know and I can resend your invitation.

Thanks so much, Miss Mastel







Grade 5 News

In reading the class has continued with our shared reading of Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. 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 fr



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 with a growth mindset. 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. Alongside these lessons we have been building new thinking routines that help us to approach math in a different way by focusing on problem solving, deep learning, and communication of our thinking through Number Talks, open-ended rich math tasks, and group activities such as choral counting.

Notes:

•Library classes are every Thursday - A BIG thank you to Mrs. Pittman for all her work in the library and beyond!

•Thank you to the Parent Council for supporting our school-wide trip to the Corn Maze - It was a BLAST!

•Also a BIG thank you to our hot lunch parent volunteers

Ms. Mohrmann



Grade 6 News

Our Grade 6 class is off to an enthusiastic start to the year! We enjoyed a proud moment as a class last Friday, when we counted up our donations and found that we raised \$378 as a class for cancer research, and \$1087 as a school! Students had a lot of fun devising a way to pie more people for their fundraising efforts.

The Grade 6 group struck up a side-deal where they asked educational assistants, parent council members, Ms. Chantelle, Ms. Katie, Mrs. Stauth and Mrs. McGregor if they would consent to be pied in the face if the Grade 6 class raised over \$300. And here we are, with a total of 14 extra DDS adults that they will be able to pie in the face! And more importantly, a strong understanding of how important it is to support great causes such as cancer research.

We had a fantastic time at the Corn Maze! A HUGE thank you to our parent council for sponsoring this event. We have been investigating the legacy of the Residential School System in Canada as we approach Truth and Reconciliation Day September 30th. Grade 6 students will be MCing and presenting at our

Prewriting Writing Revising Editing Publishing September 29th assembly.

In <u>Language Arts</u>, students are engaging in word sorts to strengthen their recognition of word families and spelling patterns. Our Narrative Writing unit focuses on writing about small moments with an emphasis on retelling stories bit-by-bit, using descriptive language, sensory detail, dialogue and effective word choices. Students are taking one of their writing pieces through the entire writing process, and publishing one in the hopes of sharing their published pieces with the Grade 2 class.

In <u>Mathematics</u>, we have integrated Number Talks into our daily routine. Number talks focus on helping students to become more flexible with numbers, so that they can draw from a greater number of strategies and thrive at mental math. We are also jumping into rich math tasks. These are

collaborative math challenges that are highly engaging and reflect real life situations. Our starting point was learning the Order of Operations in order to solve equations. Our first rich task, "The Four 4s Challenge" and it was a great way for students to put their learning into practice.



In <u>Science</u>, we are studying Trees and Forests, forest biomes, and the cycle of forest organisms: producers, consumers and decomposers. Students are finishing their research posters, and excited to get outside to collect specimens.

Students are settling into a steady diet of current events in <u>Social Studies</u>, with the passing of the former Queen Elizabeth, and the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona. Students are refamiliarizing themselves with Canadian geography and an introduction to democracy.

* Encourage your child to read at home for 30 minutes everyday and initiate conversations about the books they are reading.

* If you haven't already joined Remind, jump on this app for updates. Use the following link: rmd.at/68kg2a

Let the sunny fall weather continue into December!

Ms. Milne













Music Class News

Hello DDS Families! I am so excited to be able to share my love of music with the students at Dorothy Dalgliesh. We have had a wonderful start to the school year in the music room.

In Kindergarten, we have focused on finding our different voices such as our speaking, singing, calling, whispering and thinking voice. We have also explored keeping the beat while singing. I also have the privilege of teaching Kindergarten Phys. Ed and we have been exploring moving in our own space and imitating many different animals. In October, we will learn about fire safety rules and take a trip into "Outer Space".

The Grade 1 class has been finding their singing voice with call and response songs and have also had the opportunity to explore different instruments from the woods, scrapes/shakes, and drum families.

In Grade 2, we have done a lot of singing and keeping the beat and have enjoyed the circle game/song Bow, Wow, Wow. We will continue to use body percussion that will be transferred to the xylophones in October with our exploration of the story "Run, Turkey Run".

In Grade 3, we have been singing, clapping rhythm patterns, playing music games and putting together a singing/instrumental narrative to the story "Froggy Goes to School" with this expressive group!

The Grade 4 class has had a lot of fun learning a partner/circle song that gets our bodies and voices "awake" for music. We have also been reviewing rhythm patterns and have enjoyed the Freeze Game.

The Grade 5 & 6 students have shown musicality with their ability to sing a round in 4 parts. We have also enjoyed getting to know each other with the circle song Jing-Ga-Ring and have discovered who the "super sleuths" of the class are with the game Musical Detective.

I look forward to continuing with themes and songs for fall, thankfulness and Halloween in the month of October. I would also like to encourage you to check out the Lethbridge Symphony's upcoming performance on **Monday, October 17th** that will feature a celebration of the visual arts and music with Eric Dyck, a local artist that will be creating while the orchestra plays music from *The Prince of Egypt, Frozen, The Barber* of Seville and My Neighbour Totoro.

A big thank you to all of the staff and students at DDS for making me feel welcome!

Happy Fall,

Mrs. Neufeld

Parent Council News

Thank you to everyone who came out to our first meeting of the school year on September 21, it was great to meet new parents. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 25 at 3:45 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Our main focus this past month has been the fundraising Gala which will be held on Saturday, October 22, There is still time to get your tickets which are \$50.00 a person or a table of 8 people for \$350.00 Unfortunately, kids are not allowed due to it being a licensed event. Please contact anyone on Parent Council if you are interested in purchasing tickets. Thank you for your support of our Gala, either by donating to your classroom basket, attending the event, or spreading the word! Funds raised from the Gala help lower your costs for field trips, bringing in guest speakers (ie. Chris Koch) and activities (ie. Smudge art) and many other activities Gala funds have also been used to upgrade sporting equipment, purchase Chromebooks, etc.

The support from our parents and community is what makes this event the success it is.

If you have any questions about Parent Council or the Gala, please contact Michelle at jmmarti@shaw.ca

We are happy "Hot Lunch" is back and thankful for our 2 sponsors this year; 6A Cattle Company and Schooton & Sons Feedyard. Their sponsorship allows us to continue providing some free lunches. Those free lunches do require a bit more hands on help as they are cooked at the school, so if you are able to help on any Thursday mornings, for any length or time, please contact Roxane at rsdrake@gmail.com



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that your family has had a smooth transition into the 2022/2023 school year and that your family is excited for the year to come. I wanted to follow up on the introduction of new staff at "Meet the Teacher Night," to let you know a little bit more about who I am, and what support I will provide to families at DDS.

My name is Jade Oldfield, and I am excited to join DDS this year as the part-time Learning Support Teacher. My role is to support the staff and students of DDS in a way that allows everyone to maximize their learning. This can happen in a variety of ways; sometimes, it will be behind the scenes as I work with this school's amazing teachers to help them support your students. Other times, I will have the opportunity to work directly with your kids to provide small-group, or individual support. I really get the best of both worlds when it comes to supporting your students!

While teachers are still in charge of overseeing your child's individual support plans (ISP), or their individual program plans (IPP), I am here to help with support and programming as teachers need. I am also responsible to either conduct certain testing for students, or refer them for testing, should the school and family feel that an assessment will help us better support the student. I will also help organize specialists when needed, among other resources in and out of the classroom. If your student has an ISP or IPP, or if they have any condition that affects how they learn in the classroom, we will likely connect throughout the school year. However, anyone is welcome to connect with me at anytime. If you have any questions, or are looking for resources, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Currently my schedule includes Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. As I will not be at the school everyday, I encourage you to reach out to me via email, and I will connect with you as soon as I am able. While I may be working with some families more closely than others, I welcome you or your students to reach out at any time. Whether you want to ask for some ideas on different learning strategies, or simply to introduce yourself, my door is open.

All the best,

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