

Dorothy Dalglish School

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Message from the Principal

Hello Dorothy Dalglish Families!

We're hoping everyone enjoyed the February Family Day and break. Teachers here were engaged in professional learning at Teacher's Convention and have brought back lots of great ideas to implement in their classrooms. February has been a month filled with a focus on friendship and kindness. After reading the book "Enemy Pie", students worked in multi-graded groups to create a friendship pie and fill it with ingredients (ways) to keep or to be a good friend - kindness, sharing, being patient, smiling, working together. I also had the privilege of hosting a Pink Shirt Day workshop for each class.



I would like to extend my gratitude to our wonderful parents and DDS staff members who generously volunteered their time at the Casino Fundraising Event last weekend. Your support for our students and school is unwavering and greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Anita Bowden to our teaching team. Mrs. Bowden is no stranger to our students, staff, and community. She will be providing small-group literacy and numeracy support to our learners. As well, we are excited to welcome Nicole Elaschuk as our Making Connection Worker. Nicole is a great addition to our DDS family.



Ms. Kennedy Vollans and Ms. Sarah McMillan, two practicum students, will be joining our team beginning March 6th. Ms. Vollans will be teaching alongside Ms. Mohrmann in Grade 5, while Ms. McMillan will be teaching with Ms. Milne in Grade 6.

Student Led Conferences

On Thursday, March 16, we will be hosting student-led conferences at DDS. Your child's teacher will send home a form that will confirm the exact time of your appointment. Our grade 5 and 6s will be hosting a Cake Silent Auction this same evening, so be sure to stop by the gymnasium and see their amazing cakes. We look forward to seeing you!

Alberta Education Assurance Survey

All parents of students who are currently enrolled in grades 4-6 at DDS should have received a survey link and an access code in the mail. We ask that all families who receive this survey to please take a moment and complete it. The feedback we receive assists in our planning and work towards continuous improvement. If you did not get the survey, or have misplaced the access code, you can contact the school to get another.

Early Learning and Kindergarten Registration

Online registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open. Please visit our [website](http://www.dorothydalglish.ca) for details.

We look forward to what March will bring to our community!

Yours in Learning,

Crystal McGregor, Principal





2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Grade 5 & 6 Cake Auction in the gym during the Student Led Conference on March 16, 2023			1	2 Hot Lunch Pancakes & Sausage	3	4
5	6	7 Gr. 5 & 6 Boys GameOn! Mini BBall	8	9 Hot Dog Lunch Mini BBall	10 “DDS Blue Day” Kindergarten Friday Report Cards go home	11
12	13	14 Gr. 5 & 6 Boys GameOn! Scholastic Book Fair Mini BBall	15	16 Hot Lunch- Chili Sponsored by 6A Cattle Co. Student Led Conference NO MINI BBALL	17 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS PD DAY	18 
19	20	21 Gr. 5 & 6 Boys GameOn! Mini BBall	22	23 Hot Dog Lunch Spring Photos Kindergrad Photos Mini BBall	24 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS PD DAY	25
26	27	28 Gr. 5 & 6 Boys GameOn! Mini BBall	29	30 Hot Lunch– Pasta & Meat Sauce Sponsored by Schooten & Sons Feedyard Mini BBall	31 Kindergarten Friday DDS Spirit Day “Western Day”	

BOOK FAIR!

March 14th, 15th, & 16th!

Schedule when classes will be visiting the Fair:

	Tuesday, March 14	Wednesday, March 15	Thursday, March 16
11:30-12:00	Kindergarten		
12:00-12:25	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS
12:25-12:40	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:40-1:10	Grade Two	Grade One	Grade Six
1:10-1:40	Grade Three		Grade Five
1:30-2:00		Grade Four	

The Book Fair will also be open the evening of Student-Led Conferences (March 16th)

You can order online (March 13-17th)

Shopify URL:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5202497>

All books purchased online will be shipped directly to the school and sent home with your child. If you would like the books sent home another way please contact Mrs. Pittman at the Library.

Kindergarten News

Wow, I can't believe that March is already here and we only have 4 months of school left. I wonder if March will come in like a lamb or a lion!



THEMES: Our Themes for March are Night Time and Transportation

The boys and girls will participate in center activities that revolve around our themes.

In Language Arts the children are continuing to learn how to write their own stories and we are also rhyming up a storm!

In Math we will be continuing to work on measurement, comparing objects and number sense.

In Social we are learning about what it means to be a good citizen and how we can help others.

In Science we will be discovering objects that sink and objects that float. We will also continue to learn about animals at night.

Thank you to all of the families who helped their children with their Valentines. The children were very excited to share them with their classmates.

Upcoming Events

Our extra Fridays for Kindergarten are March 10 and March 31.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on March 16 for student-led conferences.

Take care,

Mrs. Grandmont



Grade 1 News

Here we are ready for March already!

February is always such a short month with our Family Day week holiday. It seems like we just started February. We saw several groundhogs from around Canada and the US. Luckily for us, most of the Canadian groundhogs did NOT see their shadows so we are hoping for an early Spring.



We celebrated 100 and 101 days of school, and had a lot of fun doing activities as a class. We also had a wonderful time celebrating our friendships on Valentine's Day!



My students showed so much kindness to their classmates. We rounded out the month with wearing our PINK shirts to support anti-bullying! It was an amazing month of showing kindness, caring and friendship.

Thank you to everyone who works so hard to make DDS the amazing school that it is!

Mrs. Nish

Student of the Week

February 10, 2023



Grade 6 Reeve

Grade 5 Chandre

Grade 4 Oleksii

Grade 3 Saul

Grade 3 Abby

Grade 2 Jani

Grade 1 Ellie

Kindergarten Fallon

Kindergarten Kellan



GOOD JOB!

Grade 2 News

February has been a short and sweet month for us in Grade 2! We enjoyed our Valentine's party (thank you to all the parents who brought in yummy sweets) and we celebrated a big milestone - our 100th day of school. We dressed up for Pink Shirt Day and enjoyed our reading break off.

In reading, we have started a new read aloud; *A Boy Called Bat*. So far in this heartwarming story, we have met Bat, a boy on the autism spectrum who feels misunderstood and lonely. His mom, a veterinarian, brings home a skunk kit for the family to take care of, and he falls in love with the sweet little animal. This book has brought out so much empathy in our class and I love hearing the great discussions. Students are also continuing with Daily five, where they get to read with an adult in a small group almost every day. We are focusing on comprehension this month - understanding and explaining what you read. We have been practicing visualizing the story like a movie in your mind. In writing, we started Opinion Writing! Students have learned how to structure their writing and we are getting into some great debates!



In science, we are finishing magnetism. We will be starting our next social unit on Work - we will review the three communities of Meteghan, Iqaluit, and Saskatoon, and then we will discuss the goods and services in each one.

In health, we are focusing on healthy eating. We are also learning all about Problem Solving skills. In art, we did a few lessons on Jim Dine; our Little Heart on a Landscape artwork turned out fantastic! We also made a portrait of a child catching snowflakes on their tongue.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email or on ClassDojo. I am so excited for March (and spring)!

Miss Giesbrecht



Grade 3 News

March is here and I truly can't believe it! It seems like the older I get, the faster each year flies by!

In Language Arts we will be working with our guided reading groups to practice reading skills. This gives students the chance to read different genres of books at their appropriate reading levels. Each group of students is working on different skills, based on the books that they are reading.

In writing the children are busy finishing up their information books, putting the finishing touches on typing, editing, adding pictures and making sure they are ready to publish. We will share the finished products with a class Gallery Walk to celebrate all of the hard work students have put into their books. Our next unit is persuasive writing.

In math we are working on our multiplication and division unit. During class time, students will be working on learning their multiplication facts to 10X10 by drawing pictures to represent various multiplication equations and also using arrays to visualize the concepts. We will also learn the correlating division facts. Any extra practice you can do at home to learn the multiplication facts will definitely be beneficial to your child.

Our new unit in science is Building and Testing. Students will first learn about various building materials and what makes a structure stronger, and then they will be able to construct a structure to test their knowledge!

We have traveled to Tunisia in Social Studies and our next stop will be in the Ukraine.

Congratulations to Saul who has had 100% on his spelling tests, five times in a row. As a result he has "bumped up" to a more challenging group! Great work on your spelling, Saul!

Thank you to all families who sent valentines or treats for the Valentine's Day party. We really enjoyed all of the yummy goodies and the students were so excited to open their valentines from classmates. It warms my heart to see the Grade 3 students treating each other with such kindness and respect!



As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by text or call me at the school.

Mrs. Gurr



2023/2024 School Registration is now open.

Please click [here](#) to register your child for the upcoming school year.

NOTE: The registration forms are year-specific forms. Ensure you are choosing the correct form for the school year you wish to register. If you complete the form for the incorrect school year, you will need to complete the registration again using the correct year.

If you have a child returning to Dorothy Dalglish School, you do not need to fill in this registration.

Grade 4 News

Happy New Year!

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



- It has been a long stretch since our Winter Break and we have been learning a lot!
- In Writing, students completed their essays. I hope you all enjoyed hearing their work as you watched their videos on Seesaw.
- In Math, we continued working on our multiplication and division strategies. Also, we compared and contrasted rectangular and triangular prisms.
- We have begun learning about the history, stories, and peoples of Alberta. It has been so great to discuss the first peoples in our own region.
- Students have been practicing their hand-eye coordination, as we have begun a badminton unit in PE.
- February was a great month to discuss all things about friendship, kindness, and Valentine's Day! It was so great to see and 'feel the love' this month as we created heart Art and wrote kindness cards for others!

Special Notes & Reminders:

- Thank you to Mrs. Mohrmann for getting Mini Basketball organized! I'm looking forward to our practices starting after the reading week break!
- Thank you to our Farm Safety presenter for delivering an excellent and informative lesson on safety around electricity.
- Thank you to Mrs. Stauth for doing so much work 'behind the scenes'. Your hard work does not go unnoticed by the Grade 4's!

Thanks so much,
Miss Mastel



SPLASH AWARD

Brysen—Grade 4



CONGRATULATIONS!



Grade 5 News

well hello,
march

For the month of March the class will wrap-up our study of making connections as a reading comprehension strategy.

Using this strategy encourages students to look for similarities and differences between what they are reading and their own lives, other texts, and the world around them. Students have learned how to activate their prior learning as they find links to their personal experiences and background knowledge. Our next comprehension strategy will focus on actively reading to predict using the available clues and evidence provided by the author. We will be finishing reading the novel, "Number the Stars" through our literature circles.

Just before the Reading Week break the class completed our personal and persuasive essay writing unit, with students selecting their best example to submit for grading. Some students spent several weeks working on one essay while others wrote several different essays using persuasive prompts or focus subjects to create their thesis statements. As we move into March the class will continue to stretch their essay writing skills, but we will shift our focus to literary essays where students will analyze different texts, draw conclusions, and construct thesis statements that comment on their chosen literature.

This past week in math our class has transitioned into our Number Operations unit with a focus on multiplication and division. This is an exceptionally challenging topic, and the more fluent students are with their multiplication and division facts, the easier these challenges will be to tackle. The expectation leaving grade four is that students are able to quickly recall their facts all the way to 7×7 . The expectations for grade five are that students will be able to multiply 2-digit by 2-digit numbers, and divide 3-digit dividends by 1-digit divisors. While honing the skills to work with numbers in these ways will require a lot of hard work, ensuring students have a foundational understanding of what multiplication and division mean conceptually will also be a focus.

BIG Thanks to...

- the families who encourage reading at home as well as practice with multiplication/division facts - it really helps your child be successful!
- our librarian extraordinaire - Mrs. Pittman!
- Parent Council for all your support for DDS staff and students
- all the hot lunch volunteers
- Mrs. McGregor and Marnie for our morning nutrition program

Ms. Mohrmann



Grade 6 News

Next week, our Grade 4-6 Mini Basketball will be starting! Also, we are very excited to be welcoming Ms. Sarah McMillan from the University of Lethbridge. She will be completing her PSII practicum at DDS in the Grade 6 classroom.



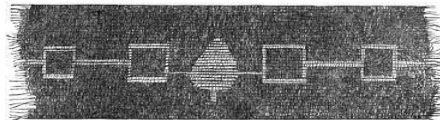
In **Language Arts**, students will begin a unit on Media & Advertising where we take an indepth look at media, search engines and algorithms designed to reinforce our belief systems. We will learn to analyze advertisements by identifying marketing strategies such as hidden fears, appeals to patriotism, humour, and celebrity endorsements. The goal is to develop analytical writing skills using well-chosen and descriptive language.

In **Mathematics**, our new unit is Patterns and Equations - hooray for algebra! Students will gain an understanding of working with unknowns, and to mathematically manipulate equations to solve word problems and unknown variables. We continue to spiral through long division, order of operations, fractions and integers to keep our skills fresh.



In **Science**, we are now in the thick of our Flight unit as students are learning about the parts of an airplane such as the fuselage, ailerons, flaps, elevators, engines and rudder, to name a few. Next, we will be learning how these parts enable airplanes to maneuver, and control the pitch, roll and yaw. We will be building paper and cardboard airplanes until sanity prevails, and we bring a stop to projectiles in the classroom.

In **Social Studies**, we are moving into another study of democracy. The political structure of the Haudenosaunee, also known as the Six Nations Confederacy: Mohawk, Cayuga, Oneida, Seneca, Onondaga and Tuscarora will show yet another way that people work together democratically for mutual benefit.



A few Reminders...

- Encourage your child to read at home for 30 minutes everyday, and by initiating conversations about the books they are reading.
- Please ensure that your child wears warm clothing to school: coat, mitts, toque and scarf.

Spring...is that you?

Ms. Milne



Music Class News

Although February has been a short month, we have had many wonderful learning moments in the music room!

In February, Kindergarten continued focusing on matching pitches while singing and also started learning percussion instrument names such as the guiro, tambourine, triangle, bells, and finger cymbals. We have had a lot of fun guessing the names of instruments from their sounds. Our gym time included throwing a bean bag underhand, and rolling a ball underhand. These are all very important concepts to develop listening and fine motor skills.



The Grade 1 class celebrated our "Peter and the Wolf" unit with a listening party (pictured below). We then moved into some singing and listening games to celebrate our friendship theme for February.



Grade 2 enjoyed a very successful performance of the story "Mortimer" by Robert Munsch for the Grade 1 class. We are also having fun learning a circle stick song that we will perform later in the year!



The Grade 2 class is pictured below during our "Wellness Friday" time. I thought it was so cool how they gathered in a friendship circle to share the markers and complete the colouring sheet.



In Grade 3 & 4, we have continued learning numerous songs on the recorder. Thank you to parents that have been signing the "practice bugs" and supporting your children in this part of their musical journey. Learning to play the recorder is such a great way to develop fine motor skills and practice reading music!

The Grade 5 class has learned about spirituals and blues music to celebrate Black History Month. We are also learning about different time signatures.

The Grade 6 class has been busy experimenting with instrument sounds to create a soundscape for the picture book "Stranger in the Woods". It has been fun to see how each group has created their own unique interpretation of the words.

Also, a big thank you to my dedicated choir members! You truly are the highlight of my week!

Keep Singing!
Mrs. Neufeld



School Council News

Thank you to all of the parents and staff who worked a shift at the casino for PSBSPB, we truly appreciate it!

At our February meeting, we learned that Palliser has made a few changes to the inclement weather policy with one being buses will be suspended when an ambient temperature of -35C has been reached. We also discussed this year's upcoming field trips. We will meet again towards the end of March, with the date to be decided. Everyone is welcome to join us at our meetings which happen right after school in the old computer lab – kids are welcome too! If you're unable to attend but still want to be included, please contact Michelle at jmmarti@shaw.ca



March is a busy month for hot lunch with pancakes and sausages on the 2nd, chili on the 16th and pasta with meat sauce on the 30th. If you're able to help out or even be on an "on-call" list, please reach out to Laurell at laurell.greene@gmail.com

My Name is Nicole Elashuk and I am DDS' new Making Connections Worker! I am looking forward to this new experience and journey, and I look forward to working with the students, staff and families! I am excited to meet everyone and build relationships within the school community and see all the smiling faces!

All the best,

Miss Nicole, *Making Connections Worker*

A portrait of Nicole Elashuk, a woman with long, wavy blonde hair, smiling. She is wearing a white and beige patterned cardigan over a white top. The background is a plain wall with a pink heart sticker on the left and a bulletin board on the right.