

“Developing Mind and Character in a Safe, Caring and Learning Environment”



Happy Easter

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter. Easter Sunday is April 16th.

Volunteer Week is April 23 – 29, 2017

Duclos students, teachers and staff would like to send a HUGE thank you to all the Volunteers who help in the school and on our field trips! Thank you for your time, your talents, and your treasures!

“It is not how much we give but how much we put into giving”

-Mother Teresa



Upcoming Events

April 4 & 5

Smencil Sale!

April 5

School Spirit Day – wear Duclos colours & clothing

April 6

HEB Spring Play – Grade 4’s attending

Hot Lunch - Pita Pit

April 7 to 17

No School – Spring Break

April 18

Classes Resume

Spring Pictures

April 19

Alberta Touring Opera
Presentation of: Hansel & Gretel

April 20

Hot Lunch – Boston Pizza

April 26

Theme Day – Crazy Hair Day

April 27

Hot Lunch – Pita Pit

NEW Kindergarten Parent
Information Night at 6:30 p.m.

Annual Duclos Art Showcase

Thursday, May 4th

Student Art will be on display from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy this beautiful gallery of fine student art from all Duclos students! Celebrating Canada’s 150th Birthday!

Bidding open for one week! Selected pieces of student art will be auctioned starting at 11:30 a.m. on May 4th. Silent Art Auction bidding closes at 3:30 p.m. on May 11th.

*All proceeds from the Silent Auction go towards our
New Duclos Playground*

Music performance at our Volunteer Luncheon

*Thank you to Duclos students and staff for their generous
donations of Art and Art Supplies for the Silent Auction*

Notice to Duclos Kindergarten Parents - No School for Kindergarten on Friday, April 28th

Now is the time of year when we start introducing next year's Kindergarteners and their parents to our school and help them prepare for school.

As part of our introduction to Kindergarten, we will be holding an OPEN HOUSE on Friday, April 28th.

Because of the Open House there will be NO SCHOOL for our **current Kindergarten students only** on Friday, April 28th. Classes will proceed as scheduled for all other students in our school.

We welcome you to register at Duclos School for 2017 - 2018:

- Care to Learn Preschool Programs
- All New Kindergarten students (Born Before March 1, 2013)
- All New Students to Duclos School in Grades 1 to 4
- Current K to 3 Duclos students **do not have to register** for 2017 - 2018

Duclos Kindergarten – 2017 – 2018

New Kindergarten Registrations are welcome. We are happy to welcome you to the Duclos Kindergarten for 2017-2018. Please call or stop by for information and to register. You can register online at duclosschool.ca, Click the registration link on our home page. We appreciate having students register early. Please note that to attend kindergarten in 2017-2018, children must be born before March 1, 2013.

Thursday, April 27th – Parent Information Night at 6:30 pm.

Friday, April 28th – Open House for New Kindergarten students from 10:00 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

NOTE: Friday, April 28th – our current Kindergarten students do not have class as we welcome our new children to Kindergarten at Duclos.

Care to Learn Preschool

Care to Learn Preschool will accept New Registrations beginning on **April 18, 2017**. For more information please call our office and ask to be connected to Preschool.

Thank you!



Thank you Lakeland Credit Union for your donation of \$500.00 for our new accessible playground!

April 28

Word Power Tour – author visit

Kindergarten Open House

No School for **current Kindergarten students only**.

**May 3 - WEDNESDAY
Hot Lunch – Happy Valley**

School Spirit Day

May 4

Duclos ART's Day

Volunteer Luncheon

Newsletter

If you would like an Emailed copy of the Newsletter, please follow these steps:

1. Visit: <http://duclosschool.ca/>
2. Scroll to bottom of the front page of our website to find the **Email Updates** title.
3. Choose **School Updates** from the drop down menu.
4. Type in your email.
5. Hit the button that says **Subscribe**.
6. If you did not receive the Newsletter, please check your **Junk Mail or Spam** file.
7. This does not have to be repeated every year. You will continue to receive them until you **Unsubscribe**.

Reminders:

The Duclos Newsletter is available on our website too!

See **Quicklinks** on the Homepage. Or in **Documents** under Newsletter Folder for all copies.

If you don't get a Newsletter and want one, please call us at (780)826-3992

Love of Art!

Thanks to School Council for organizing the successful Love of Art Fundraiser with Shutter Bee. Thanks to all the families and students for supporting this great art fundraiser. Duclos School ordered a variety of products with student art totaling \$10,556.00 . This will raise approximately \$3694.60 for Duclos School Council. Thanks very much!



Alberta Education Week – May 1 to 5

Alberta Education invites you to celebrate Education Week 2017 in schools and communities across the province. Education Week provides all Albertans with an opportunity to highlight the important role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Duclos is celebrating with special events:



- ❖ Scholastic Book Fair – March 20 to 23
- ❖ Jump Rope For Heart Presentation with a guest from the Heart and Stroke Foundation and a Bonnyville Skipperos Performance – March 31
- ❖ Alberta Touring Opera Presentation of: Hansel & Gretel – April 19
- ❖ Word Power Tour – Alberta Authors presentations – April 28
- ❖ Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – May 4
- ❖ Duclos ARTS Day & Silent Art Auction – May 4
- ❖ Cheerleading Demo – May 8
- ❖ Kindergarten Mother's Day Spa – May 12
- ❖ Beaver River Watershed Alliance (grade 4 presentations) – May 15 & May 16
- ❖ Farm Safety Programs – May 15 to May 18
- ❖ Jump Rope for Heart skipping event and fundraiser for Heart & Stroke Foundation – May 26



Parents Waiting to Pick Up Children

We want all parents to be comfortable when arriving to pick up children at school. Please wait for your child in the school common areas and leave open space by the classrooms. School ends at 3:20. Students leave the classrooms at 3:20. **PLEASE NOTE – use quiet voices while waiting for your child. The students and teachers are working in classes until home time.** We want to avoid the noise, traffic, and distraction when family members gather and wait by the classroom doors. There are benches in the main hall to give parents a place to sit until school ends. Thank you.



Good Behavior Award Winners from February and March – Congratulations!

Thanks to all students who receive Good Behaviour Awards every week. There are hundreds of positive behaviours on display on the Good Behaviour Tree on the wall beside the library. Stop by to see all the good things our students do every day.

Four lucky students were chosen as the February Lunch Winners! Congratulations to:

1G – Juds Tawil
3M – Tatum Nepoose



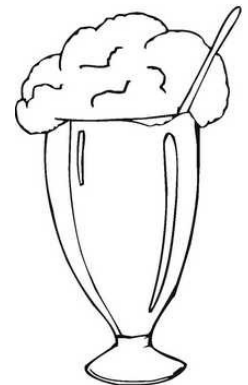
2N – Danica Mathews
4IS – Dakota Preston

Four lucky students were chosen as the March Lunch Winners! Congratulations to:

1P – Makenzie Healey
3W – Molly Brousseau



2T – Jaeden Zahara
4M Javier Voyevoda



Music

We are looking for large metal Coffee or Ketchup cans (Anything similar is also acceptable) for the Music Room. Thank you for your help. Please drop them off in the Music Room! I still need 18 more!

Scholastic Book Fair News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. A percentage of Book Fair sales stay in Duclos School to be used to support our library. A very special THANK YOU to Janine Hebert, Taryna Mackay, Denise Chapelsky and Katelyn Hornseth for their assistance at our very successful spring book fair.

We sold approximately \$7300.00 worth of books! Enjoy your new books! We will be adding lots of new books to our library collection.

Kelsey George was the winner of the family door prize. Kelsey won \$25 worth of books and her class, 1SC, won \$25 worth of books as well! Way to go!!

Duclos School Council Meeting and Duclos – HEB Support Group Foundation (Duclos Sub Committee)

Wendy McInnes is the Duclos School Council Chair for the 2016-2017 school year. You can email Wendy at w.m.b.m@hotmail.com

Please email Wendy by May 9, 2017 with suggested school council agenda items to be considered for the next meeting.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

AGM for Duclos – HEB Support Group Foundation will be held at Duclos on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Important Reminder to Parents:

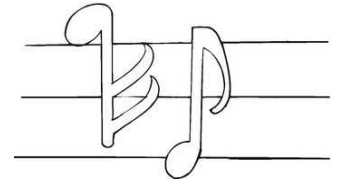
- ❖ All children arriving late to school (after 8:40 a.m.) must check in at the office.
- ❖ All children leaving school early (before 3:20 p.m.) must check out at the office.
- ❖ All guests and visitors to the school are expected to check in and check out at the office.

This is about safety. The school is accountable. We are responsible for the well-being of all students every day. Thanks for your cooperation.

March Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents who attended the March Parent Teacher Interviews. We appreciate working together to help every student learn and excel.

**THANK
YOU**



Tidbits

Ice, Snow, and Water!

Please be careful. With the Spring thaw, and with daily freezing and thawing, it is getting wet or icy in many locations. Please be careful wherever you go around town, around your home, and around the school and parking areas. We want everyone and all the students to be safe and dry. There can be icy spots or big puddles on the playground. Please take care.

Do you have questions about Duclos School?

Please be sure to find our Duclos Student and Parent Handbook posted on our website.

You can find the 2016-2017 Handbook by clicking on Documents and find the Handbook link. You can also find a link on the front page of our website under **Quicklinks**.

Please Use School Cash Online

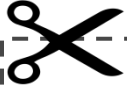
Did you know that parents at Duclos School pay school fees, hot lunch, milk program, and other purchases online using School Cash? Register now!

For your convenience please sign up for School Cash Online: <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com/>

Thank You Alberta Lacrosse Association

Thanks to Andrew McBride from the Alberta Lacrosse Association for coming from Calgary and teaching the fun lacrosse presentations to our grades 1 to 4 physical education classes on March 8. We appreciate that you took the time to come and teach our students about the game of lacrosse.

Also thanks to Rod Pettigrew for organizing this fantastic opportunity.



My Parent Read the Newsletter Contest

Students - Ask your parents to read the newsletter, and fill out this entry. Please return this entry to Duclos School. Entries go into a draw and lucky winners choose a prize from the Treasure Box at the assembly. Good Luck! If you have an emailed newsletter, you can print and send in the entry, or send a note paper with:

Student's Name: _____

Classroom: _____

Parent's Signature: _____



Red Cross Swim at School

Swimming lessons are beginning in April! Duclos students will be taking part in the Red Cross Swimming lessons. Online payments can be made at <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com/>. Watch for more information coming home soon.

Kinosoo Ridge



Kinosoo Ridge Ski Days are done for this school year! Thanks to the staff at Kinosoo and the Duclos staff for providing this fun outdoor physical education experience. Thanks to all the parents who came along to help with the ski days. A HUGE thanks to the Duclos School Council for helping provide funding to cover the cost of bussing. We appreciate it!

Jack Links Fundraiser

Please watch for our Jack Links Fundraiser forms coming home the week of April 18th. Order forms will be due on April 27th. Delivery Date estimate is May 15th.

All proceeds from our Jack Links Fundraiser will go towards our new accessible playground!

