



Duclos News



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

Christmas Greetings



From everyone at Duclos School – to our students and their families; We wish you Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Welcome to the Duclos Christmas Concert 2016

Duclos students perform four identical concerts over two days. Four performances reduces crowding and gives everyone a seat. Please do not leave your coats on chairs between performances. Everyone gets a chance for a good seat. We also have to clean and tidy between shows. Group one will be performing on Wednesday, December 14th. Group 2 will be performing on Thursday, December 15th. If a student cannot perform on one night, he/she can perform on the other night. The rehearsals, costumes, and presentations will be the same for each show. If brothers or sisters are not on the same night, we will be happy to move them to the other night so all family members perform in the same show. Please let your child’s teacher know if your child needs to be moved to the opposite evening.

Group One 1:00pm & 6:30pm	Group Two 1:00pm & 6:30pm
Wednesday, December 14th	Thursday, December 15th
KR, KC, 1S, 1ST, 1SC, 2T, 2HA, 3W, 3M, 3S, 4D & 4S	KDR, KD, 1G, 1P, 2A, 2H, 2N, 3MA, 3LG, 4M & 4I

School Council Silent Auction

During both evening concert performances on December 14th & 15th, School Council will be hosting a Silent Auction. Each night there will be different Silent Auction pieces available. All money raised will be donated to our new playground!



Bake Sale!

Our Kindergarten classes will be hosting a Bake Sale during our evening concert performances on December 14th and 15th. All money raised is for our Duclos Kindergarten program.

Upcoming Events

December 1
Lakeland Grill

December 7
School Spirit Day

Bears for Buddies Kindergarten Field Trip

Smencil Sale! \$2/per.

December 8
Hot Lunch: Buster’s Pizza

Smencil Sale! \$2/per.

December 14
Group 1 Christmas Concert at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

December 15
Group 2 Christmas Concert at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Hot Lunch: Perogies and Sausage

December 20
H.E.B. Christmas Concert at 7 p.m.

December 21
Christmas Colors or Ugly Sweaters

Duclos Christmas Concerts Will Be Broadcast Live!!

Duclos School is excited to announce that we will be broadcasting our 2016 Evening Christmas Concert Performances live on the internet!

To access Duclos School's live Ustream channel, go to:
www.ustream.tv/channel/duclosschool



You can also:
Download the Ustream Mobile App for your iPhone/iPad or Android phone



Tune in to our Ustream channel at:
6:30pm MST on Wednesday, December 14, 2015
or
6:30pm MST Thursday, December 15, 2015

Be sure to tell Granny, Grandpa, Aunties and Uncles and Friends of Duclos School who are unable to attend our Concert Performances to tune in and watch all of our Duclos Stars Shine!

Duclos Swag Sale!

On December 14th and 15th at 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm and 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, we will be hosting a Duclos Swag Sale. Items will be available for purchase by the Gym Entrance (before the Christmas Concert). Cash or cheque will be accepted. All money raised is for our NEW playground.

Duclos – H.E. Bourgoin Support Group Foundation News!

On November 18th and 19th, 8 volunteers spent 16 hours each working a casino in Camrose, AB to raise a significant amount of money for the Duclos H.E. Bourgoin schools.



A HUGE THANK YOU to:

- ❖ Erin Stefure – Casino Chair and parent from both Duclos and H.E. Bourgoin
- ❖ Tracy Casselman – an employee of Northern Lights School Division and parent from H.E. Bourgoin
- ❖ Brad Pinhorn, Colin & Andrea Woods, and Wendy McInnes – all parents from Duclos
- ❖ Terry Yaceyko – a parent from H.E. Bourgoin
- ❖ Tamara Carpenter for making arrangements for her mom Shirley Vallette and her friend Windy Williamson to travel from Edmonton to make this fundraiser possible – much appreciated.

It's help from volunteers like this that make our schools a great learning environment!

Upcoming Events

December 22 to January 8
Winter Break

Back to School on January 9

Newsletter

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

1. Visit: <http://duclosschool.ca/>
2. Scroll to bottom right of the front page of our website to find the **Newsletter** 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. Or **View Archives** from the Homepage for all copies.

Note:

If you gave us an email address on the registration form – we will automatically send you our Newsletter starting December 8th.

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

Thanks for your Kindness

Thank you Marge Mathews for donating hand knitted mittens to our school. We greatly appreciate your kindness.



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: _____

Knights of Columbus

The Bonnyville Knights of Columbus are taking part in the Christmas Food Hamper Campaign for 2016 and are requesting your generous financial support in sponsoring food hampers for the needy families in Bonnyville and Area.

Your generous donation can be mailed to the following address:



4303 – 41 A Street
Bonnyville, Alberta
T9N 1W4



In consideration of your kind and generous support, please make your cheque payable to: THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS HAMPERS.

Bears for Buddies

Each year in Kindergarten we encourage our classes to give back to the community as a service project. We collect Teddy Bears/toys to help



support our community's Santa's Elves Program. Santa's Elves is a non-profit organization run by the students at B.C.H.S. The toys are given at Christmas time to less fortunate families. Our "Bears for Buddies" program will run until December 7, 2016. We

encourage you to spread the word! Thank you to those who attended our annual Kindergarten Teddy Bears' Picnic.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to everyone who attended Parent Teacher Interviews.

Reminder

The Opening Bell rings at 8:40 a.m. Please be at school on time. We love to have everyone on time!

Operation Christmas Child

Duclos school thanks you for donating to Operation Christmas Child this year. We are happy to have filled 68 shoe boxes with toys, supplies, and treats for children in impoverished parts of the world at Christmas time. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

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**.

Fact! 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/>

Facebook

Please feel free to "Like" us on Facebook. You can find us at **Duclos School NLS #69**.

Please check in or check out children at the office:

As part of our concern for the safety and care of all students, all students must be checked in and checked out at the office when arriving late or leaving early. Always check in at the school office if you pick up your child or drop off your child during the day.

Parents, Volunteers, and Guests:

Duclos School welcomes and encourages parents to help in classrooms and at school events. We know we couldn't do it without you. Please arrange your volunteer time with the teacher. We need to know who is in the school at all times and volunteers and guests must check in and check out at the office. Thanks.

Student Attendance:

All students are to be at school each day by 8:40 a.m. and to remain at school until dismissal time at 3:20 p.m. Please arrive at school on time, this is good for your child and helps to avoid disruption to other students when there are late arrivals.

A student may not leave the school prior to before dismissal time at 3:20 p.m. without parent / guardian permission. Parents picking up a child early for medical or dental appointments must notify the teacher. Parents are to stop at the school office prior to picking up the child at the classroom.

Please notify the office at [780-826-3992](tel:780-826-3992) when your child will be absent. Voicemail is available from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. to leave messages. This is important to ensure the safety of students and to let the school know where your child is. We work with you to ensure the safety of students. Thanks for always letting us know when your child will be absent or late.

Regular attendance at school is essential to maximize student growth and achievement. We want all students at school and on time every school day. We are happy to have them here and want them be successful.



Duclos Absentee / Late Check:

If the school is not aware of a student's whereabouts, we have a regular safety check. If the school does not know where a late or absent child is, we will call to confirm the whereabouts of the child. This is for the care and safety of all students.

The first bell rings at 8:40 a.m. This is when students and staff go to the classrooms. At 8:43, teachers begin morning routines, including checking student attendance. At 8:48 the first class begins. A student is considered late if they arrive after the teacher has completed morning attendance. After the attendance check is completed, the office looks at the attendance for each classroom and begins calling parents. Parents are contacted if they have not notified the teacher or the school office of an absence. We are checking to be sure we know where each child is, each school day. We call the number you give us as your first and main contact number. If you are not reached, we will call a second number. If we cannot reach you we will leave a message, if possible.

Friendship Fridays

Grade 3 classes will continue to collect food items for the Bonnyville Friendship Centre until Winter Break. We are also collecting gently used clothing. Thank you for your support.



How Reading Helps Language Development



Newborns and toddlers

Speech and language lessons start in the uterus, where your unborn baby hears and responds to familiar voices. After birth, your newborn learns language by listening to the basic and distinct sounds (phonemes), such as the "tr" and "cl" sounds in the English language.

Reading to your newborn gives him or her comforting contact. You are also establishing an early reading routine, and this helps make future reading comfortable and fun.

As your newborn becomes a toddler and older, reading opens him or her to new ideas. It helps your child become more familiar with the sounds and rhythms of the language.

Older children and teens

Continue to read to your child, even as he or she gets older and seems to lose interest. Reading and other activities, such as writing, drawing or playing a musical instrument, can help children learn to think and express themselves in new ways. Your older child or teen may discover a new or stronger interest, which may help his or her self-esteem.

Reasons to read



Reading books with children helps develop their language skills by:

- Increasing their exposure to language. Stories that rhyme are very helpful for teaching speech and language skills and can help children discover a love of language.
- Engaging children's imaginations, stimulating imaginative play (a primary way children learn about the world), and introducing children to things and places they may not have a chance to learn about otherwise, such as oceans or dinosaurs.
- Helping children work out their feelings about the world. Many children's books are on topics that can open up valuable discussions between a parent and child, such as books about sibling rivalry, nightmares, or dealing with difficult emotions.



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: Denise Chapelsky, Taryna Mackay, Kyla Popyk, Janine Hebert, Katelyn Hornseth and Alyssa Lapointe.

Congratulations to Michie Lester in 2H for winning our Family Event Door Prize. We also gave out many prizes of books and posters. We sold over \$8300 worth of books putting many new books in our library!!

Good Behavior Award Winners from September - Congratulations!

These are our four lucky students who had their names picked to go to lunch at A&W:



1S – Keatyn Sabatier
2A – Jesslyn Gadwa

3M – Chase Croft
4D – Shelby Campbell



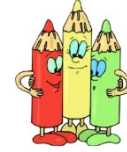
School Council Fundraiser

What: Smencils! Scented Pencils made with 100% recycled newspaper!



When: December 7th and 8th at Noon!

Cost: Only \$2 per Smencil!



10 ALL-NEW SCENTS TO COLLECT

Duclos School Council

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 January 10, 2017 with suggested school council agenda items to be considered for the next meeting.

The next school council meeting is on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Healthy Habits for Kids

Habits are hard to break. That's why the sooner in life we build good, healthy habits, the easier it is to keep them and stay as healthy as possible. And when good habits are in place, it's easier to resist bad ones.

Your child's habits start with you: The most important thing to remember is that you are your child's role model. Your habits affect your children's habits.

If your habits are unhealthy—smoking, drinking too much alcohol, or always expecting the worst, for example—your child is more likely to get those habits.

If your habits are healthy—eating a balanced diet, getting regular exercise, looking forward to tomorrow, for example—your children are more likely to build those habits in their own lives.

Build good, lifelong habits in these four areas:

1. Healthy eating.
2. Regular physical activity.
3. Staying safe and healthy.
4. Healthy thinking.

From - myhealth.alberta.ca

For your information: Sacramental Preparation

St. Louis Catholic Parish would like to invite all parents of baptized children who wish to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion to an information meeting. This sacramental preparation is for children in or above third grade.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate (important!) \$60 for your child's books, materials and retreat. If you have questions, please call or text Monique at [780-812-5879](tel:780-812-5879).