



Duclos News

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



Have a Great Summer!!!



From everyone at Duclos, we will miss you! Thanks for a great year and we will see you in the Fall. School office opens on August 23rd.

Thank you to everyone involved in some very successful events and fundraisers!

Jump Rope for Heart – Thanks for helping us raise \$6425 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Duclos School gets 10% for participating in the Jump Rope for Heart event. We will use the funds to support the new Duclos playground.

Thanks for supporting the Duclos Art Auction. With your support we raised \$1652 for our new playground.

Thanks Bonnyville Ambulance for visiting our school during E.M.S. week.

Thanks Grandma Carol for reading with our students and sharing stories.

Thanks Stacy Bauer and Brandon Isert for coaching Noon Intramural’s and After School Sports.

Thanks Cyndie Kissel, Lindsay Pearce and Jennifer Lawton-Godziuk for our fantastic music programs and choir.

Thanks to the Duclos School Council for their donation of \$10,000 to support the new Duclos Accessible Playground. We appreciate School Council’s work at the Casino last fall and the fundraising throughout the year to support Duclos School and the new playground.

Thanks to the Bonnyville Oilmen's Society for the \$2000 donation for our new accessible playground. On behalf of the students, staff and the entire Duclos community, thanks very much for the generous donation to our playground.

Thank you to the volunteers who worked at the Bonnyville Oilmen's Dinner held on May 12. Thanks for giving your time to support this event and for making the Oilmen’s donation possible.

Upcoming Events

- June 1**
Sports Day
- June 2**
Grade 4 Field Trip to Fort Edmonton
- June 6 & 7**
Half Day Preschool Graduations
- June 8**
Science In Motion from Telus World of Science

Hot Lunch – Burger Baron
- June 9**
2HA Field Trip to Fort George

3W Field Trip to Bonnylodge
- June 12**
2T Field Trip to the Library
- June 15**
Hot Lunch – Express Pizza
- June 16**
2H & 2P Field Trip to Fort George
- June 19**
Canada’s 150th Birthday Celebration
at 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
- June 20**
Grade 4 Farewell
- June 21**
Patriotic Theme Day for Canada 150

Full Day Preschool Graduation at 9:30 am to 10:15 am

Sports Day Thanks!

Thanks to the parents, staff, Duclos and BCHS students for a wonderful Duclos Sports Day 2017.

- We appreciate the help of so many to make this big event a success.
- Thanks to School Council and parent volunteers for the great picnic lunch.
- Thanks to so many family members for help with student groups, games and activities
- Thanks to the B&R Eckel's team for the BBQ and help.
- Thanks to the BCHS students for help with games and activities.
- Thanks to Bonnyville Baptist Church for the Bounce Houses and to the Watters family for the set up.
- Thanks to the staff and students of Duclos for a great day!

Duclos School Council – Thanks!

The last School Council meeting for the year was held on May 16, 2017.

Thank you to all the parents who contribute their time and efforts to School Council. Thanks for helping to make Duclos a great school. We appreciate your time and talents. We look forward to another great year working with School Council in 2017-2018.

The next School Council meeting will be in September of 2017. The exact date will be announced.

You can see all school agendas from this school year on the Duclos website, click on Parents and School Council.

Parents wishing to serve on school council are encouraged to attend the meetings and to become involved. The School Council meets several times during the year and meetings are attended by interested parents, the principal, assistant principal, and staff representatives. The council serves as an advisory body to the administration of the school and we welcome the input of the parent community. Please plan to attend.

Thanks from the Duclos School Staff



Good Behavior Award Winners from May – Congratulations!

Thanks to all students who receive Good Behaviour Awards all year. 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. Four lucky students were chosen to go out to lunch with the principal! Congratulations to:

1ST – Carly Vaters
3LG – Adam Fox



2P – Kila Martin
4D – Anthony Houle

June 23

2T & 2N Field Trip to Fort George

Kindergarten Year End Celebrations

9:00 am to 10:00 am KTS

10:30 am to 11:30 am KJ

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm KDR

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm KR

June 26

3W, 3MA & 3LG Field Trip to Kiev's-K-Hi

June 27

3S & 3M Field Trip to Kiev's-K-Hi

Last Day of School for Kindergarten

Kindergarten Progress Reports sent home.

June 28

Last Day of School for Grade 1 to 4

Grade 1 to 4 Progress Reports sent home.

Fun Swim:

9:00 am to 10:00 am 3W & 3MA

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm 3M, 3LG & 3S

June 29

Last Day school office is open

*****Friday, June 23rd is the last day for Concession. Supplies will be limited.*****

August 23

School Office Opens – Welcome Back!

August 30 – September 1

Teacher's Organization Days

September 5

First Day of School for Grade 1 to 4

Kindergarten Parent meeting at 6:30 p.m.

September 6

Kindergarten Parent Meeting & Meet and Greet

September 7 & 8

Kindergarten Staggered Entry

September 11

First Day for **all** Kindergarten students

A Thank You from School Council

We are also sometimes known as the Parent Council or the PAC or even the PTA! We are the Duclos School Council! A HUGE thank you to ALL the people who were involved with School Council this year!

There are an amazing group of parents who always volunteer, attend meetings, provide insightful information and always have every students best interests in mind.

The entire staff at Duclos is incredible and their support to School Council never goes unnoticed!

Fundraisers this year included a Casino, the silent auction during the Christmas concerts, a tea fundraiser, Make It Sow, For Love of Art, and the very successful Smencils!

The money raised paid for Health and Wellness snacks, bussing for skiing at Kinosoo, a staff appreciation lunch, the annual Sports Day lunch and treat, and \$10 000 towards the new playground.

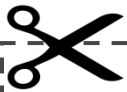
Duclos really is a school that "SHINES" and School Council is very proud to be a part of it all! Thanks for another successful year.

Wendy McInnes, Chair of Duclos School Council

Farm Safety

Farm Safety is a province wide school program for rural elementary students. Thank you Louise Phipps from the Farm Safety Centre for the "Safety Smarts" presentations on May 15th to May 18th.

- Each grade receives an age-appropriate message.
- Children are taught to recognize and react safely to a wide variety of potential hazards.
- Presentations are hands-on and interactive: using models, games, and puppets



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: _____

Lost and Found

Please remember to stop by the Duclos School Lost and Found located near the main office. Any Lost and Found items that are remaining will be donated to charity.

Bus Registrations

The Transportation Office will be accepting bussing registrations in late August. Please call 780-826-6038 for more information.

All NLPD school websites now have a transportation link on the left hand side of their home page. This will take parents to the transportation page which provides information on how to register for bussing, frequently asked questions, etc.

Important Note – Student Supplies

Student supplies include the necessary scribblers, pencils, crayons, pens, etc. You can pay online at: <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com/> starting Wednesday, August 15th.

Students will receive their school supplies from the classroom teacher once they are paid for.

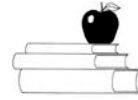
Nature's Garden and Flower Pots

Thank you Duclos students and staff for caring about Nature's Garden and the flower pots at the main school entrance.



Congratulations Kindergarten!

Congratulations to the Duclos Kindergarten Students for a wonderful year! Our Kindergarten Celebrations will be held on June 23rd. Thank you to our Kindergarten Teachers: *Christine Reynolds, Melanie Driedger, Leanne Jordison, Christina Scudder, Joanne Davidson, and Pam Caouette.*



Grade 4 Farewell

Our Grade 4 Farewell will take place on Tuesday, June 20th in the Duclos School Gym at 12:45 p.m. To all the Grade 4 students of Duclos School – thank you for your years of learning, service, and fun at Duclos. You will be missed! From everyone at Duclos – all the best in grade 5 and much success in the future. Thank you to our grade 4 Teachers: Ashley MacLean, Brandon Isert, Carmen Littlewood, Tania Normand, Lauren Ilko and Jane Drummond.

Care to Learn Preschool

Register Online Now for our Play-Based Learning for Children ages 3 & 4. We currently are offering 3 – Hour Programs (AM or PM) as well as Full-Day Preschool. For more information please go to: www.nlsd.ab.ca or like us on Facebook.

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



Note: Next year's Kindergarten students Register NOW! Thanks.

Roots of Empathy Program Celebration



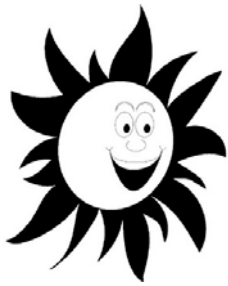
The Roots of Empathy program has successfully completed seven years in Grade 4 at Duclos. Roots of Empathy's mission is to build caring, peaceful citizens through the development of empathy in children and adults. The final Baby Celebration was held on May 30th. It was a great way to thank those involved and celebrate the successes of the program. Duclos thanks the Roots instructors and the families and babies who made the program work so well for our students. Duclos thanks Cenovus for sponsoring Roots of Empathy.

Thanks to the grade 4 students who were guest speakers at the year-end Roots of Empathy Celebration: Vanessa Boehk, Nicholas Almasi, & McKenna Bernier. Thanks for sharing your great stories and experiences.

Volunteer Instructors Needed

The Bonnyville Roots of Empathy program is currently seeking Volunteer Instructors. Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based program that has shown dramatic effect in reducing levels of aggression among school children while raising social and emotional competence and increasing empathy. The Roots of Empathy program revolves around a baby, the baby's family, a class of school children, their teacher, school and community, and a Roots of Empathy Instructor.

If you are interested or would like more information on the role of a Volunteer Instructor please contact Leanne Doonanco at 780-826-2120 or Leanne.fcss@town.bonnyville.ab.ca



Summer



Progress Reports

Progress Reports for Kindergarten students will be sent home on their last day – Tuesday, June 27th.

Progress Reports for Grades 1-4 students will be sent home on their last day of classes – Wednesday, June 28th.

Please note that Progress Reports not picked up by June 29th can be picked up once school is open again on August 23rd.

Library News

Our Half Price book fair was another very busy event! Special thanks go out to Janine Hebert, Taryna Mackay, Kyla Popyk and Katelyn Hornseth. Book Fairs would not be possible without these wonderful volunteers! Profits from the Half Price Book Fair go to the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation.

The school year is quickly coming to an end! Our students will be taking part in the "**Great Book Return Race**". Mrs. Hornseth will be keeping track of books that still need to be returned! Each class that has all books returned will receive a class prize! All books are due back to the Library by June 9th. If books are lost, students will be bringing home a note showing the replacement cost for their books. We need to work together to get each class book total down to zero!

We have some exciting things planned for this fall in the Library! One of our projects is to create a Makerspace. Makerspaces are a place where students can gather to create, invent and learn. We are looking for some items to fill our Makerspace cart! If you have duct tape, yarn, rainbow loom supplies and other craft items collecting dust, we would love to make use of it!

Summer Reading Challenge! We all know how important it is for our children to keep reading over the summer months. Studies show that children who read at least six books during the summer maintained or improved their reading skills, while kids who didn't read any saw their skills slip by as much as an entire grade level. We challenge every Kindergarten and Grade One student to read 20 picture books over the summer! We also challenge every Grade Two and Grade Three student to read 6 chapter books over the summer. These can be read alouds with siblings or parents. Forms will be available in the Library in the middle of June for those who wish to participate. Please return completed forms in September. All returned forms will be entered into a draw for a Chapters gift card.

Have a wonderful, restful summer and **KEEP READING!!**



Class Lists: Classroom Placements for the Next School Year

In the new school year your child will be assigned to a classroom. Our teachers consider all students when determining placements. Our teachers work together in grade-level teams to consider many variables when assigning your child to his/her classroom. They include demographics such as age, gender, maturity, abilities, talents, and the relationships among students. Information about each child is gathered throughout the year, both from parents and the child. Please be assured that our decisions are based on the best interests of each child and his/her unique academic, social, and behavioural needs. If you need further information you may contact the school.

Class lists are not finalized until the end of August, there are new students arriving up to the first day of classes. Teachers receive lists on the last day before classes begin. Class lists are posted for parents to see at the main front doors of the school at noon on the day before classes begin for students (excluding Kindergarten). This will be on Friday, September 1, 2017. School begins on Tuesday, September 5th for students in grades 1 to 4.

Kindergarten Classes for 2017-2018

Please be sure to register your child now for Kindergarten at Duclos in the fall. Some important dates for Kindergarten in September.

- Tuesday, September 5 – Kindergarten Parent Information Night – meet your child’s teacher, see the classroom, hear about the program and your child’s starting date
- Wednesday, September 6 – Individual Teacher Meetings - Parents Meet and Greet
- Thursday and Friday, September 7 and 8 – staggered enter for Kindergarten students
- Monday, September 11 – first day for all the new Kindergarten students

Student Supplies for 2017-2018

Kindergarten to Grade 4 supply cost is approximately \$50 to \$60.

Student supplies include the things a child uses during the school year, such as scissors, glue, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, scribblers, etc. The school purchases the student supplies and distributes it to each child as you pay for it in the fall.



The cost for student supplies will be confirmed in August.

1. Each child should come to school with 2 pairs of shoes: 1 pair to be worn inside (clean, non-marking soles for the gym) and 1 pair of shoes for outdoors.
2. Bring a school bag or back pack large enough to carry 9"x12" papers.
3. Please send a change of clothing for your child that will remain in your child’s locker.

Please label your child’s belongings’ shoes, coats, boots, lunch box, back pack etc. This makes it much easier for us to help your child track his/her belongings.

We look forward to an exciting and successful year!

