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Duclos News

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**"Developing Mind and Character in a Safe, Caring
and Learning Environment"**



Happy Thanksgiving



Give thanks for all the wonderful things in our lives!
Thanksgiving Day is Monday, October 11th.

Earth Rangers – Bring Back the Wild



Thank you Imperial Oil for sponsoring the Earth Rangers visit. The presentation was held on September 26th in our gym.

Duclos Annual Cancer Run and Walk



Duclos held our Annual Cancer Run and Walk on Friday, September 30th. Thank you for your generous donations. Duclos raised \$3746.05 for the Bonnyville Cancer Clinic.

Fire Prevention Week: *Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years.*

Fire Prevention Canada (FIPRECAN) is the national voice of fire prevention education in Canada.



<http://www.fiprecan.ca/home/>

Fire Prevention Week 2016 is observed from October 9 to 15. The theme for this year is: Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Thanks to the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority for coming to Duclos for a special assembly on October 11th.

Upcoming Events

October 5
National Cerebral Palsy Day
– Green Day

October 6
Hot Lunch – Subway

October 7
No School – Family Friday

October 10
No School – Thanksgiving

October 11
Fire Prevention Assembly

October 13
Hot Lunch – Boston Pizza

October 20
Hot Lunch – Lakeland Grill

October 25
School Council Meeting at
6:30 p.m.

October 27
Hot Lunch – Buster's Pizza

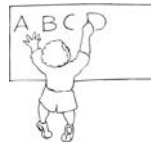
Duclos School Council

Welcome to our new School Council for Duclos School. Our first meeting of the year was held on September 27th. Thanks to all the parents who attended our first meeting.

Wendy McInnes is the Duclos School Council Chair for the 2016-2017 school year. Thank you Wendy.

You can email Wendy at w.m.b.m@hotmail.com

Please email Wendy by October 18th with suggested school council agenda items to be considered for the next meeting.



The next school council meeting is on October 25th at 6:30 p.m.



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: _____

We Need Your Help!

Duclos and HEB Support Group Foundation needs volunteers to work at a Casino! The Foundation can make up to \$20,000 or more to benefit our schools.

We need about 12 volunteers (9 for each day and 2 or 3 on standby) to work at the Camrose Casino on Friday, November 18th and Saturday, November 19th. You are trained when you arrive by Casino staff. The hotels are booked and paid for. You will get a food voucher/daily food allowance. Mileage is not covered. Please contact the school at (780)826-3992 or Erin Stefure at erinstefure@msn.com by November 1st.

October 28

Teacher's P.D. Day - No School For Students

October 31

Halloween Costume Parades and Programs
12:35 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Concession

Daily concession is available to students from 11:59am - 12:15pm

Menu

Ham Sub - \$2.00
Pizza Sub - \$2.00
White Milk - \$1.00
Chocolate Milk - \$1.00
Cheese String - \$0.50
Juice Box - \$0.50

Duclos Website

Please sign up for our Newsletter by visiting our website at:
duclosschool.ca

Twitter

Duclos has a Twitter account! Be sure to follow us for updates!
@DuclosSchool

Facebook

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

Drop Off and Pick Up Times at Duclos

The first bell rings at 8:40 am – this is the time for students and staff to go to the classrooms.

Classes begin at 8:43 with morning activities and attendance, please have students at school by 8:40.

The day ends at 3:20, this is when children are picked up, this is when the school day ends. Teachers do not let the children go early without prior arrangements.

We welcome all our children and will not leave them outside unattended. Please drop your children off between 8:15 and 8:40 a.m. Please note that the doors are not open earlier than 8:15. Students are expected to wait inside at the entrances until our staff has arrived and supervision begins. Children should not be inside the school unsupervised before 8:15. We have supervision inside the school after the doors open and up to 8:40 when children are with their teachers in the classrooms. Thank you for your cooperation.

Good Behavior Award Winners from September – 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.

Four lucky students were chosen for lunch at A&W with Mr. Cameron. Congratulations to our September winners:

1SC – Kael Scott



2HA – Callie Jacob

3S – Sadie Muylaert

4M – Zayden Ward

Duclos School Student and Parent Handbook 2016 – 2017

For a great overview of information, policies and procedures *****All About Duclos School***** please see our school Handbook. We sent out links on Facebook and Twitter for you to follow. Or please visit our website: duclosschool.ca Click on documents to see the Duclos Handbook.

Tidbits

School Fees

If you have not yet paid your school fees, please be sure to do so as soon as possible to ensure that your child receives their school supplies.

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

Or ask about it at the office.

Newsletter

If you would like an Email copy of the Newsletter. Please **Subscribe** to **School Updates** at: <http://duclosschool.ca/>

Just Read!

Help your child develop a life long reading habit! Read together every day.



Duclos Halloween Parades – in the School Gym on Monday, October 31st

Parents are invited to join us in the gymnasium to view the Costume Parades and enjoy a performance prepared by the students in their Music classes with Mrs. Kissel.

12:35 – 1:00	Grade Four Classes	1:53 – 2:05	Recess Break
1:00 – 1:25	Kindergarten and Preschool	2:10 – 2:35	Grade Two Classes
1:30 – 1:53	Grade One Classes	2:35 – 3:00	Grade Three Classes

The students will participate in other Halloween activities or special lunches in their classrooms. Watch for messages from your child's teacher. Have a fun, safe and happy Halloween!

Fire Drills and Emergencies: Please see the Student and Parent Handbook for more.

Fire Drills:

Fire drills are an essential part of school safety programs. The principal has the responsibility for establishing appropriate programs and procedures for the safe and orderly evacuation of students during a fire drill or actual fire emergency.

The school shall ensure that diagrams showing exits for each area are posted in each classroom and teachers familiarize their students with fire drill exits and procedures.

Emergency Evacuations:

The welfare and safety of students is the direct responsibility of the principal. The principal shall take whatever immediate, appropriate action is necessary to maintain the operation of the school under unusual conditions. When necessary, the Principal's actions may be guided by the advice of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Fire Department, or Disaster Services.

In the event of an evacuation of Duclos School the students will be moved to Bonnyville Centralized High School, located at 4908-49 Avenue, Bonnyville.

School Lock Downs:

Duclos School, like all schools, practices a School Lock Down. A lock down is part of school emergency procedures. A lock down happens when a threat to the safety and well-being of the students occurs either inside or outside the school. A lock down is securing the students and staff in safe, locked locations inside the building. Our procedure is done to minimize panic and ensure quick action.

The safety and well-being of the students is the responsibility of the principal and the staff of the school. In the event of a school lock down, it is done to protect the safety of students and staff because of a potentially dangerous situation or intruder.

We ask all parents, visitors, and guests to check in at the office before proceeding anywhere in the building in or at the closest secure area.

Safety and Security at Duclos School (Locking the Doors)

In keeping with common security practices in the Northern Lights School Division, Duclos School locks all doors except for the main entrance on 52nd avenue during the day and prevents general access to any area of the building.

The exterior doors of the school are locked during the school day. Only the main front doors on 52nd Avenue are open during the school day.

Other entrances are open for students during drop off and pick up times – from 8:15 to 9:00 a.m. and again from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. only the main doors will be unlocked. Recess entrances are opened and closed for students.

All parents, visitors, and guests use the main entrance and check in at the office to get a guest / visitor tag to use while at the school. This practice is done for the safety and protection of the children, and those who work or volunteer at our school.

During the school day parents use the main doors and park at the west end of the building in the parent parking area or in the drive through lane. *Thanks for your understanding.*

New on our Duclos Playground: Accessible Play Spaces for ALL Students

Exciting news for our students and for our school. Duclos School is installing new playground equipment during the week of October 3 to 7. We have been planning this for about 10 months.

The purpose for designing and building accessible, special needs / sensory equipment is to create a play area for all students and for those with sensory needs and mobility issues. An accessible and inclusive playground means it is as easy as possible for everyone to play, regardless of their abilities or disabilities. Now, more than ever, playgrounds are being built with consideration for accessibility and usability, giving all students opportunities to discover unique pieces of inclusive playground equipment. Other schools across Alberta and in Northern Lights School Division include this type of equipment on playgrounds.

This project is funded by a loan from the Northern Lights Board of Trustees. We will be fundraising and requesting donations to pay back the loan. The project costs \$105,000. This amount covers the cost of the playground project: play structures, equipment, excavation, border area, fill material, installation.

Cheques should be payable to Northern Lights School Division (please drop them off at Duclos). Northern Lights will issue registered charity receipts for donations of \$20 or more.
We will be proud to list all donors on a recognition board.

Thank you for your consideration and for your generous support of this project. We look forward completing this project and to meeting the needs of all students in a welcoming and inclusive play environment.

Please feel free to contact principal, Richard Cameron, with any questions you may have or to inquire about making a personal or business donation.