



Duclos News

October 2017



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

Happy Thanksgiving



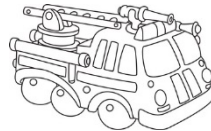
Be thankful for all the wonderful things in our lives!
Thanksgiving Day is Monday, October 9th.

Duclos Annual Cancer Run and Walk

Duclos held our Annual Cancer Run and Walk on Friday, September 28th. Thank you for your generous donations. As of October 2, 2017 Duclos raised \$2949.50 for the Bonnyville Community Cancer Centre.

Fire Prevention Week: Don't Wait – Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out

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



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

Fire Prevention Week 2017 is observed from October 5 to 12. The theme for this year is: Every Second Counts – Plan 2 Ways Out. 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 10th.

Family Literacy Night September 21st

Thanks to all those who attended the **Welcome Back to School Family Literacy Night**.

Thanks for coming! Thanks for supporting your children with your commitment to reading, to literacy, and to books!

“The more you read, the more you know!” – Dr. Seuss

Upcoming Events

October 2 to 5
4L at C-School

October 5
Picture Day

Hot Lunch – A&W

October 6
No School – Family Friday

October 9
No School – Thanksgiving

October 10
4M at C-School

Fire Department Visits Duclos

October 12
Hot Lunch – Express Pizza

October 19
Hot Lunch – Happy Valley

October 20
No School – System Day/ATA Institute



Duclos School Council

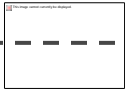
Welcome to our new School Council for Duclos School. Our first meeting of the year was held on September 26th. Thanks to all the parents who attended our first meeting.

Wendy McInnes is the Duclos School Council Chair for the 2017-2018 school year. Thank you Wendy.

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

Please email Wendy by October 17th with suggested agenda items to be considered for the next meeting.

The next school council meeting is on October 24th at 6:00 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: _____

Full-Day Preschool Adventures

September was a busy month in full-day preschool! We've been having fun getting to know each other, establishing a classroom routine, and learning to recognize our names in print. We ventured out to the Bonnyville Public Library for story time and to Pharmasave for an amazing germ busting handwashing presentation! Here's what's coming up....

- Smudging
- Cultural Thanksgiving shared lunch
- Pumpkin exploration
- Field trip to Sobeys
- Halloween costume parade

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 Wall of Shining Stars beside the library. Stop by to see all the good things our students do.

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

1S – Emily Cook



2H – Max Ference

3W – Echo Temple

4IS – Kolby Abraham

Duclos Student and Parent Handbook 2017 – 2018

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/>

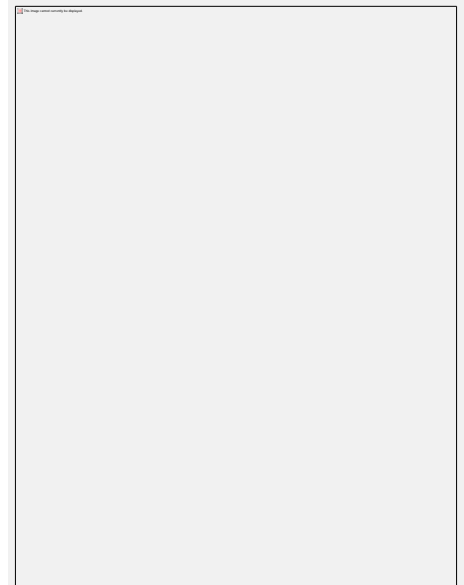
Or ask about it at the office.

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.



Welcome Letter – Music



Hello everyone!

My name is Cyndie Kissel. I teach the Music Program and help with the Duclos Choir. I look forward to another great year with your wonderful children!

All students at Duclos receive two thirty minute classes of music each week. We sing, dance, play a variety of instruments and most of all, enjoy music! This year we will be adding Ukuleles to our program!

My rules are simple:

M - Make good choices, always be responsible

U - Use good manners, be nice and be kind

S - Speak when acknowledged, always put your hand up

I - In the Music Room, always try your best

C - Care for the instruments and all of the equipment

Every student in the school has learned the "Music Rules Rap". Maybe your child can recite it to you!

This year I will be recognizing amazing behaviour with "BRAVO" certificates. If your child brings one of these home, please applaud them as they **really** have to earn them! Great effort and participation does not just happen!

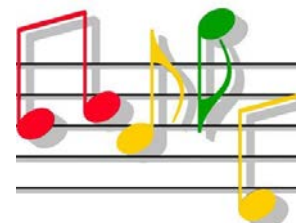
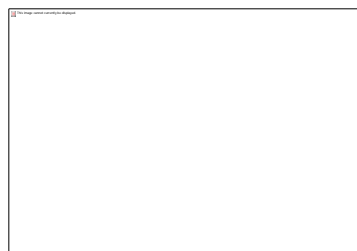
I also may need to send the occasional "Ooops" note when things don't go exactly as they should. If this happens, please take some time to discuss the problem with your child and sign their "Ooops" note. They will need to return the note to me at morning or recess break so that we can change the unwanted behaviour. Thank you for your help with this. It does not happen very often! We all make mistakes now and then.

The Choir will start up on October 4 and run each Wednesday at noon recess. If your child would like to join the Fall Choir, they can listen for announcements which take place at Monday morning "Assembly". Our first performance will be at our Remembrance Day Program. Choir information will be on the Duclos School website and in the school Newsletter. Please watch for it!

If you have any questions or comments please come to speak to me in person. I would really like to get to know you better! If you have any special musical talents that you may wish to share, I would really love to have you as a guest in the Music Room.

Have a wonderful year everyone! Let a little music brighten your day!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cyndie Kissel



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

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

12:35 – 1:00	Grade Four Classes	1:53 – 2:07	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.

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.*

Thank You

Thank you to St. John's United Church and Joan Jensen for your generous donations and help with our Lunch Program.

Operation Education Fundraiser

Operation Education is a co-operative fundraising initiative that partners Duclos School and Boston Pizza to earn cash back. Staff, students and families can dine at any Northern Alberta Boston Pizza and help Duclos earn 5% cash back on the pre-tax total of submitted receipts (Only original receipts are accepted).

It's as easy as eat, save and submit!

- ❖ Eat at Boston Pizza between September 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017
- ❖ Save your receipts!
- ❖ Submit your receipts to Duclos School by January 10, 2018

