

DICKINSFIELD FLYER

-November 2016 "Together We Fly Higher" "Ensemble Nous Volons Toujours Plus Haut"

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Lots Going on in November!

Remembrance Day Assembly



Math Fair for Gr. 6 at Keyano



Principal's Message

Everyone makes mistakes and needs to learn how to correct those mistakes. Although most people recognize this principle when it comes to correcting schoolwork, people don't always realize that it applies to behaviour as well.

A major goal for all of us (parents, teachers, and anyone who is concerned about developing the whole child) should be the following: To help children learn how to make the right choices. In the realm of relationships, this approach stresses restitution, making the right choices from within. Outside control is never as effective as inner control.

What are the positions that rely on external control? In her book, "Restitution," Diane Chelsom Gossen labels them as follows: 1. Punisher 2. Guilter 3. Buddy 4. Monitor.

The Punisher says, "Do it or else!" and punishes for non-compliance. The Guilter tries to control by making the other person feel guilty about not doing what the Guilter wants. The Buddy tries to make people do what they want in order to please the friend. This isn't harmful, per se, but does not help the other develop independence in doing the right thing. The monitor uses both positive and negative reinforcement- a penalty for non-compliance, a reward for compliance. Doing the right thing should be a matter of personal responsibility. The best way of judging someone's character is to observe what they do when they think no-one is watching.

So when a problem arises, we need to teach kids these skills for proactively dealing with the situation. The four skills for positively dealing with conflict are 1. Stop 2. Say 3. Listen 4. Think. 1. STOP . . .before you lose control of your temper and make the conflict worse. 2. SAY . . .what you feel is the problem. What is causing the disagreement? What do you want? 3. LISTEN . . .to the other person's ideas and feelings. 4. THINK . . .of solutions that will satisfy both of you. We also tell children, if you still can't agree, ask a teacher for help.

Finally, when kids do mess up, as we all do, they need to be held accountable for being part of the solution. They need to understand right from wrong choices, the need to compensate for what they have done that's wrong, requiring time and effort on their part. They need to be genuine in making restitution, and understand that they must make amends with the one they have offended.

To work towards good restitution is truly a challenge, but one that we constantly need to strive for as we nurture good character in our children.

Paul Smith, Principal

Important Information for Parents

Nov. 22, 24 : ECDP and K Student conference (Parent-Teacher interviews)

Nov. 25: No school

Dec. 1 : School Council 6:30

Dec. 5 : ECDP and K Christmas Concert 2:30- 3:30 Please bring donations for SPCA (\$ or pet items)

Dec. 6 : Gr. 1-3 Christmas Concert 7 PM Please bring donations for Food Bank (\$ or non-perishable food)

Dec. 7 : Gr. 4-6 Christmas Concert 7 PM Please bring donations for Project Cambodia (\$ donations)

Winter Break (No School): December 17-January 2 inclusive. Jan.3 – school resumes

Parent Association Update

We are still looking to fill the positions of Volunteer Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, and Raffle & Fundraising Chairperson. If anyone would like more information on these roles, please email dickinsfieldparents@gmail.com.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, at 9:15 am in the conference room. This meeting will be a "Wishlist" meeting, where we review and vote on teacher requests for classroom supplies.

Art Cards by Kids

Thanks to your orders, we were able to raise over \$4000!

Volunteer Christmas Couch Raffle

There are always opportunities to volunteer in the school, and as a token of our appreciation, any time you volunteer you can enter a ballot in our Volunteer Christmas Couch Raffle. For each concert night, we will draw a volunteer to receive VIP seating with their family! Ballots will be collected until December 2.



Boston Pizza Gives Back

Remember to save your receipts from Boston Pizza; BP will donate 5% of the total sales for all receipts we collect until January. Receipts can be deposited in the box outside the library. Thank you!

Ecole Dickinsfield Charity Holiday Crafts

Our annual Holiday Charity Bazaar will be postponed until next year. This decision was made to ensure the health and safety of the staff, students and families.

Each year the money raised is donated to the McMan Youth Family & Community Services Association. They in turn use it to provide holiday celebrations to those in need. As we would like to still be able to support them in this event, it has been decided to put on a craft charity bazaar for the students. The students will be able to select from an assortment of crafts to make as gifts. The limit will be two crafts per student, and they will be completed at school. This will occur in December.

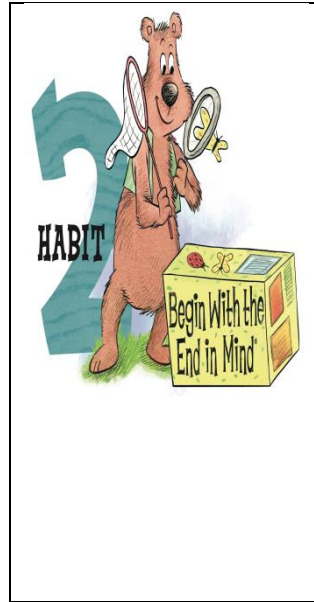
This event will not allow us to donate quite as much as past years. In order to aid in the cost offset of the crafts to keep the participation prices down and allow for maximum donations to McMann, we are asking for any of the following items to be donated if possible.

- 250 ml/1 cup or 500ml/2 cup - canning jars with lids
- Glitter - any colour
- Fake snow
- Duct Tape - any colour/pattern
- Medium Zip Freezer Bags
- Small gift bags
- Tissue Paper
- Gift Wrap
- Scotch/wrapping tape

These donations can be brought to the school and dropped in the box in front of the office, between Nov. 7 - 16th, 2016

Thank you for your continued support of our school fundraisers and events!!!
Ecole Dickinsfield Parent Association

Deanna Moseng
780-792-8194
Chair - Charity Bazaar



Leader in Me

"We grow leaders here!"

Habit # 2 Begin with the End In Mind

Begin with the End in Mind means to think about how you would like something to turn out before you get started. Reading a recipe before cooking or looking at a map before leaving on a trip is beginning with the end in mind.

For young children, a good example is that of a jigsaw puzzle. Before doing a puzzle, they look at the cover of the box. They start with the end in mind. Imagine you didn't have the picture on the box as your guide. Then it would take longer to finish the puzzle and you would be less effective in the use of your time. Goal setting with the end in mind is an important skill to be effective and successful in life.

Habit 2 means to have a plan. ' I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school's mission and vision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.'

Habit 2 on YouTube:

Bruno Mars: Don't Give Up https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWp6kkz-pnQ&list=PL0x55G-V9D4XMk6rFTZo1vp_Q4-CpUeAZ

The Berenstain Bears Go to School

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLEP-VbO0mc&list=PLucB-H5XcH4pCWwTxTUxaHuPqGXSup245>

Check out the "Parent's Place" at www.TheLeaderInMe.org for fun ways to bring the habits home.

Suggested titles for young children that reinforce Habit 2:

- The Very Busy Spider *By Eric Carle*
- Click, Clack, Moo- *By Doreen Cronin*

Suggested titles for older children that reinforce Habit 2:

- Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade *by Barthe DeClements*
- Shiloh *by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor*

Point out examples to your child of goals that they have mastered. Such as: learning to ride a bike, learning to read and write, tying shoes, or another skill.



Here are some helpful resources for you:

Is it Choose Most Often? Find out here using food labels: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/nutrition/HealthyEating/m/he/foodchecker.htm>

Home Recipe? Or no label? Try this label maker: https://www.caloriecount.com/cc/recipe_analysis.php

This will help us avoid Choose Least Often items coming to school for our many celebrations including birthdays and holidays.



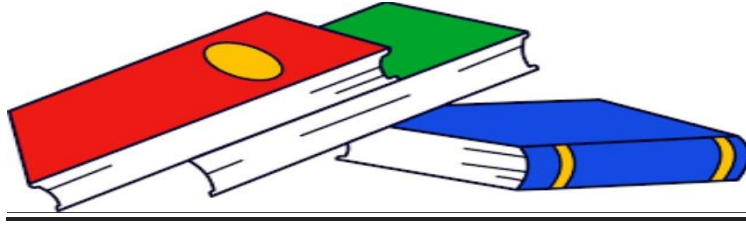
A huge shout out to our DF parents and students! United way crazy days raised \$4701.15 for the United Way! Thank you for synergizing!

Flyers Athletics



The Girls 5/6 Volleyball Team will be participating the W&G Hill Girls Invitational tournament on November 18th/19th. That same weekend the boys will be hosting the Dickinsfield 5/6 Boys Volleyball Invitational tournament. Go Flyers!

Book Fair



I want to thank all the parents who helped with the book fair, those who bought books for their child's classroom, all those parents, teacher and support staff who bought books, the fund raising was a success!

Thank you again.
Johanne Duff



Junior ATB Program at DF again this year.

It is a branch essentially run by the students at the school. Every Thursday at 12:30pm. students can make deposit into their accounts.
For more information or to set up an account please contact Mme Line, Mme Jenni or Mrs. Waldner.