

DICKINSFIELD FLYER

March 2017 "Together We Fly Higher"

"Ensemble Nous Volons Toujours Plus Haut"

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Some Fun Events from last month... MOB Project Keep Straight



Gunch Rehearsal



Principal's Message

We encourage and greatly appreciate parent involvement at Dickinsfield! Parents who help out with photo days, book fairs, robotics club, school musical, ski days, etc. are indispensable to the smooth functioning of our special events. Parents on our school council provide the "parent voice" critical to the development of our policies. The hot lunch program would not function without dedicated parents ensuring its success. The parent fund-raising organization (PAC) is essential to organizing and chaperoning special fundraising events such as the Casino. The Casino is coming up March 24 and 25, and we need help.... Here's the scoop:

CASINO

Casinos happen every second year, and in a single weekend we usually earn well over the \$50,000 mark! No other fund-raiser comes close to generating this level of money. This money is used for all kinds of educational purchases to benefit the school and the classrooms, items which enhance learning at our school.

We need parents as volunteers at the casino. The jobs are not difficult, and we have a consultant who walks us through each job as it is needed. Volunteers are able to grab some food at the cafe, and visit with some other Dickinsfield volunteers.

We realize that everyone has busy schedules, but we hope that you'll make some time to help with this two-day event. The rules surrounding the casino are pretty strict. They set the expectation of how many volunteers must be present and the time frames for them. If volunteers do not show up on time, the PAC is fined \$1500 and may lose their next casino date,

so if you are volunteering, please also be prepared to find a replacement for yourself if you can't make a shift.

On behalf of our students and staff, we appreciate your support in making the casino a success! Volunteers are indispensable to our school! Thank you parents!

FLU BUG

I would also like to add a few words about attendance. While of course we want every child to attend school punctually and regularly, there is one obvious exception: don't come to school if you are sick! Most parents also keep their children at home when they are ill, but occasionally some students turn up at school coughing and sneezing and blowing their nose, and this is a danger to everyone.

Children who have flu-like symptoms should not be sent to school. Asthmatic children are especially at risk, and in some cases influenza can escalate to pneumonia. Most parents do their due diligence, of course, but if in doubt, an extra day out until the doctor gives an OK for attendance is best practice for all. Thanks for your help in ensuring your child is healthy and fully recovered before returning to school!

Mr. Paul Smith, Principal

Important Information for Parents

- Mar 12: Daylight Saving Change
- Mar 14: PEAK Gr 6 Shadow Day; Assembly at 1:15pm
- Mar 15: School Musical – Keyano College
- Mar 16: School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Mar 17: No School (PLF Day); Girls Basketball @ Dr. Clark
- Mar 18: Girls Basketball @ Dr. Clark
- Mar 23: Open House for Kindergarten @5:00pm – 7:00pm
- Mar 24: Open House for Kindergarten @9:00am – 12:00pm (no classes for ECDP/Kindergarten)
- Mar 24: Science Fair; Reports Go Home
- Mar 24/25: PAC Casino Fundraiser
- Mar 27: Parents Teacher Interview @4:30pm – 7:30pm; Book Fair
- Mar 28: Book Fair
- Mar 29: Parents Teacher Interview @4:30pm – 7:30pm; Book Fair
- Mar 29: Tubing for Gr. 3
- Mar 30: Immunization for Gr.5
- Mar 31: No School

Coming Up: Spring Break April 10th to April 17th

Coming Up: Spring Photos April 24th!

March School Council Meeting

March 16, 6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room

Agenda includes: Determination of our School Council's vote on each of the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) resolutions

Did you know... that our School Council can influence education at the provincial level? By voting on the resolutions presented at the ASCA Annual General Meeting, we influence the recommendations forwarded by ASCA to the Minister of Education.

LATE OR ABSENT PROCEDURE

École Dickinsfield School can be proud of the fact that almost every child is on time each day! Most parents recognize the importance of developing the habit of punctuality when children are young, as preparation for the world of work. Punctuality is important for students as well. If they come late in the morning, students miss key instruction and can fall behind academically. The rest of the class is also impacted when a classmate arrives during the lesson and the teacher has to stop what she has been doing and give instructions to the tardy student.

If your child is going to be late for school, will not be able to attend or if you know of a vacation coming up, it is very important that you contact the School Office.

There are a couple of options:

Call: [780-791-6990](tel:780-791-6990) and press 1 to leave a message for the Attendance Secretary
Email: dfabsences@fmpsd.ab.ca

The information required when calling or emailing is as follows:

- **Child's first and last name**
- **Child's grade and/or teacher's name**
- **Reason for the late or absence**

When leaving a voice message it is very important that you please speak slowly and clearly.

Your child's safety is of great importance to the school so letting us know when there will be a late or absent is appreciated.



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 Monday, April 3, at 9:15 am in the multi-purpose classroom. This meeting will be a "Wishlist" meeting, where we review and vote on teacher requests for classroom supplies.

Casino

PAC is given a casino opportunity approximately every 18 months; these casinos are extremely important to our school, with each session earning over \$50,000 in revenue.

This year our casino dates are March 24 & 25. If you are able to give your time, please see our sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4faaaa2fa57-casino>

Fundraising Success!

- Raffle sales earned \$2195
- Christmas Concert couch auctions earned \$665
- The Charity Craft Bazaar earned \$1601; we combined these donations with the proceeds from the couch auctions and made a donation of \$2266 to McMan Youth Family and Community Services.

Boston Pizza Operation Education

Thank you to everyone who sent in Boston Pizza recipes; BP donated 5% of total sales, earning \$288!

We will continue collecting receipts until the end of the school year; receipts can be deposited in the box outside the library.

HOW TO SCHEDULE YOUR ONLINE STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES/PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

March 27th and 29th:

Signup will be open starting Wednesday, March 15th.

Please schedule an interview time that works for you on this scheduling website:

<http://eds.schoolappointments.com>

Here are some step-by-step directions to help you get started: If you have already completed these steps and registered before, you can use your original username and password. If you have forgotten your username or password, please follow the steps below.

1. Select "Click here to register" on the homepage. (right hand side at the bottom of the login box)

Fill in your information and choose a User ID and password for later access to the site. When completed select "Register Now"

2. The next screen will ask you to "Add your child" or children.
3. Once you have added your children, select the blue notepad on the right hand side of the screen on the far right of the chart to book appointments for your child.
4. This will bring you to the schedules. You will see available time slots, simply choose the teacher(s) and time(s) you want and select "Book Appointments" - you then have the option to print the appointment. You are done!
5. Log out when done.

Book Fair

Dates for Upcoming Book Fair are March 27, 2017, to March 29, 2017:

March 27: 9am to 12:00 - 12:30pm to 7:30 pm
March 28: 9am to 12:00 - 12:30pm to 4pm
March 29: 9am to 12:00 - 12:30pm to 7:30 pm

Do you have spare time? I am looking for volunteers to help set up for the book fair on March 24, 2017. Please contact Joanne in the library



Clothing Donations Wanted

Sometimes children have accidents and end up with wet clothes, or throw up and need a change of clothes. In those cases our office ladies provide pants or tops, etc., if they have the correct sizes on hand. However, we are missing pants and T-shirts in the larger sizes. If your child has outgrown his/her clothes, please keep us in mind. Donations of clean children's clothing in good condition will be gratefully accepted.

DFGreen

Great green things are happening at our school! Follow it all on [@DFGreenSchool](#)
To see the other green things happening in our district check out [@GreenSceneFMPSD](#)

Waste Free Lunches

At Ecole Dickinsfield School we encourage Waste Free Lunches, every day! Reusable water bottles and reusable containers are a great habit. [Learn more here.](#)



The GRUNCH

A New Children's
Musical



Presented by École Dickinsfield

March 15th, 2017

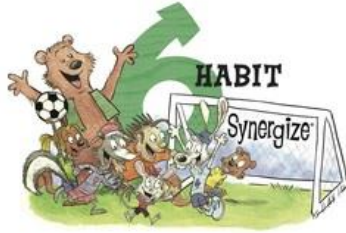
Keyano College Theatre 7:00 pm

Tickets on sale at Keyano Box Office

Adults \$15

Children under 12 \$10





HABIT 6: SYNERGIZE

Synergize is when two or more people work together to create a better solution that either would have thought of alone. It's not your way or my way, but a better way.

Together Is Better

I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others, we can create better solutions than anyone of us can alone. I am humble.

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

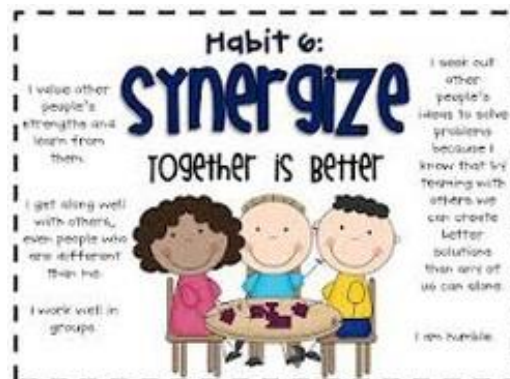
Suggested titles for young children that reinforce Habit 6:

- Franklin Says Sorry by Paulette Bourgeois
- Clifford's Spring Clean-Up by Norman Bridwell

Suggested titles for older children that reinforce Habit 6:

- The Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Bell Mathis
- The Chalk Box Kid by Clyde Robert Bulla

Ways to apply at home: Institute a "15 minute program" where everyone drops what they are doing and pitches in to work as a team to clean the kitchen, pull weeds in the yard, clean out the garage, etc. Family members can share with each other what they feel their strong attributes are. For example: sports, academics, music, art, etc. Then when the family plans events where these talents are needed they can "synergize" and learn to "work smarter together and not harder."





Multicultural Association
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Cross Cultural Parenting Program



- Helps immigrant, refugee, and Canadian parents with practical knowledge and skills for parenting in Canada
- Explore parent-child relationships and the benefits as well as the challenges of living and parenting in a multicultural society
- FREE Childcare is provided!
- FREE Program!!!

Days: **Mondays & Thursdays (March 13-30, 2017)**

Time: **6:00-9:00pm**

Where: **Hub Family Resource Centre - 10020 Franklin Ave.**

Sign Up Now! www.multiculturefm.org/programs
Contact us: (780) 791-5186 or programs@multiculturefm.org

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