

# DICKINSFIELD FLYER

May 2017 "Together We Fly Higher"

"Ensemble Nous Volons Toujours Plus Haut"

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Wood Buffalo Science Fair



Alberta Council for Environmental Education in Edmonton

## Principal's Message

In this newsletter I would like to celebrate some of our students' recent accomplishments.

For one thing, there's the Wood Buffalo Regional Science Fair. Congratulations to all our awesome students who participated in our school science fair, and to those who went on to the Regionals! Special kudos to Asiris and Ciara for their excellent project: Composting and Germination. They won Bronze and a special award of \$150 each!

And then there are the Dickinsfield students who represented our school and our district in Edmonton recently. Savanna and Chaitri, along with Mrs. Cochrane from École Dickinsfield, and together with teachers and students from École McTavish and Westwood, were part of a select group of schools who showcased "150 ways schools show climate leadership initiatives" at an event hosted by the Alberta Council for Environmental Education. The Hon. David Eggen, Minister of Education, government staff, other MLAs, and various groups that support schools were all able to see the fabulous work our district does in environmental education. What a great way to celebrate Earth Day and Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>!



Multicultural Day

The diversity of our student population is another area to celebrate! At our Multicultural Fashion Show, the spotlight was on the many cultures represented in our school.



The Talent Show also shone the spotlight on our students' talents.

École Dickinsfield events in recent months have included our Multicultural Day with special Fashion Show, and our Talent Show. We are also looking forward to Aboriginal Awareness Week and Robotics. Literacy and numeracy are strong at École Dickinsfield! Since meeting our million minute goal for reading we have now set a new goal of 500,000 more reading minutes before June. Our students are responding to the challenge and gaining in their reading skills every day. And in regard to our Mathletics goal of another 250,000 before June, we are right on track to “blow that goal right out of the water!” Students have already reached 228,000 Mathletics minutes!

To sum it all up, we have a terrific group of kids here at École Dickinsfield. They are a credit to each of you, the parents, and to the wonderful staff of our school!

Paul Smith, Principal

### **Important Information for Parents May/June**

- May 5: PLF No School
- May 8: Networks Meeting @ District Office
- May 9: PAC Meeting @ 9:15pm
- May 10: Girl Power Gr. 5; FLA PAT Gr. 6
- May 11: PAT ELA Gr. 6
- May 14: Mother's Day
- May 17: DiscoverE Presentation Day 1 (U of A)
- May 18: DiscoverE Presentation Day 2 (U of A)
- May 18: School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- May 19: PLF No School
- May 22: Victoria Day No School
- May 23-26: Aboriginal Awareness Week
- May 24: Mega Boyz Gr.5
- May 30: PAC Yearly Budget Meeting @ 9:15pm
- June 2: PLF No School (Staff Appreciation Lunch supplied by PAC)
- June 7: School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- June 7: Green Scene Field Trip
- June 15: Leaders Meeting
- June 16: FLA PAT Part B Gr. 6
- June 19: PAT ELA Gr. 6
- June 20: PAT Math Gr. 6
- June 22: PAT Social Studies Gr. 6
- June 23: PAT Science Gr. 6
- June 29: Last Day for Students
- June 30: Last Day for Staff

## 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@fmprsd.ab.ca](mailto:dfabsences@fmprsd.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.



## Tzu Chi Foundation Visit

The Tzu Chi contacted FMPSD after the wildfire and wanted to help our students and community. They were given many suggestions and the way they decided to help was through sponsoring FMPSD schools on their Leader in Me journey.

They donated \$373,000 to FMPSD Leader in Me schools. This donation by the Tzu Chi Foundation is the largest donation FMPSD has received to move forward after the fire and evacuation. We are very appreciative of the Foundation's support and generosity.

On Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, we are excited to welcome Mr. Ho from the Tzu Chi Foundation as he will be visiting Ecole Dickinsfield and Christina Gordon School to see how Leader in Me is implemented in the school that pioneered LIM in our district and to see the newest school to join the initiative.

## Robotic Tournament:

DF Robotics teams have been busy building and are starting to program their robots for the May 27th Robotics tournament at Walter and Gladys Hill School. While the Robotics club is for grades 4-6, all families are welcome to come and check out exciting robot competitions between 9 am and 3 pm on May 27th.

### Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests

Our Grade 6 students continue to prepare for the Provincial Achievement tests happening this spring.

This year the provincial achievement test schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, May 9 - 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. - Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts Partie A

Thursday, May 11 - 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. - Grade 6 English Language Arts Part A

Friday, June 16 - 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. - Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts Partie B

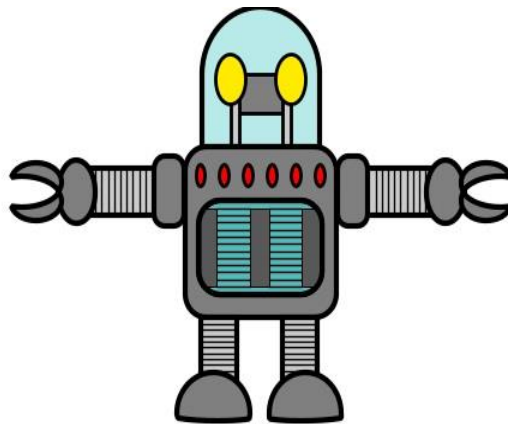
Monday, June 19 - 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. - Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B

Tuesday, June 20 - 9:00 – 10:15 A.M. - Grade 6 Mathematics Part(ie) A and B\*\*

Thursday, June 22 - 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. - Grade 6 Social Studies

Friday, June 23 - 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. - Grade 6 Science

Thank you to all students for being mindful in the hallways so that our grade 6 students are able to focus on these assessments.





## Registration Learning Bridge Spring Sessions

Learning Bridge - Spring Sessions- Back by Popular Demand

Fort McMurray Public School District (FMPSD) Learning Bridge is a learning support/tutoring program offered to the students of Fort McMurray Public School District. This program is in response to feedback from community meetings and parent concerns that children may need additional support to increase student success, achievement and bridge learning gaps.

During our Fall and Winter sessions close to 400 students received learning support. We are pleased to be able to offer this program to students of Fort McMurray Public School District.

Here is the Learning Bridge link for parents to learn more:

<http://tinyurl.com/TheLearningBridge>

If parents have any other questions about the registration process, please contact Nancy Ball at District Office.

## HUB Support Sessions

HUB Parenting sessions:

The HUB in Timberlea will be hosting some awesome Discussion Group nights from 6-8pm on the following dates:

**May 9th** - Hassle-free shopping

**May 16th** - Bedtime routines

**May 23rd** - Dealing with disobedience

**May 30th** - Fighting and aggression

Parents can call either the HUB downtown at [780 791 7110](tel:7807917110) or the hub in Timberlea at [780 743 9225](tel:7807439225) to register - **do it soon, these fill up fast!**

## Staff Appreciation Luncheon from The Parent Association

The Parent Association will be hosting the annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon on **Friday, June 2, 2017**. If you would like to help by volunteering or by bringing a food item please follow the sign up genius links below.

One link is for volunteering and the other is for food requests. This year we are doing a Mexican themed luncheon and requesting specific items. If you would like to contribute one of the listed items please sign up on the page. If you would like to donate an item for the door prize draw please drop it off to the office prior to June 2, attention Kristy Sturge.

Thank you in advance for your help with this event, if you have any questions please email [kristy@sturgefamilynet](mailto:kristy@sturgefamilynet)

[www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4faaaa2fa57-staff3](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4faaaa2fa57-staff3) for volunteer sign up

[www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4faaaa2fa57-staff4](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4faaaa2fa57-staff4) for food sign up



### May School Council Meeting

**May 18, 6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room**

Agenda includes: ASCA conference report  
Computer filters  
Class sizes

*Did you know...* that this May meeting will be our last business meeting of the school year?

It is not too late to come to a meeting, see what we do, and meet other parents who want to be involved in their child's school experience.

*Plan ahead...* the June School Council meeting will be our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** where we will vote in our Executive members for next year. This will be held **Wednesday June 7, 2017** at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

## 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.](#)



## BALL HOCKEY



Beginning Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be Ball Hockey in the gym for grades 4, 5 & 6 from 3:40pm – 4:30pm until June 26<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.



## HABIT 8: “Finding Your Voice and Helping Others Find Theirs.”

“**Voice**” is the unique personal significance each of us offers, and can bring to bear at work.

- The 8<sup>th</sup> habit is all about moving from effectiveness to greatness.
- Finding our unique voice means fulfilling our innate potential.
- Finding our voice, involves the four elements of a whole person: mind, body, heart and spirit.

### **Mind=Vision**

- When the mind is fully developed we gain vision, the ability to discern the highest potential in people, institutions, causes and enterprises.