

DICKINSFIELD FLYER

December 2017 "Together We Fly Higher" "Ensemble Nous Volons Toujours Plus Haut"

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Principal's Message

Question Parents Ask

"How does École Dickinsfield equip kids to deal with bullying?"

Every year our school is assessed by Alberta Education through the "Accountability Pillar Report." For questions specifically related to Safe and Caring School, these are our most recent results:

Performance Measure	Results (in percentages)					Target	Evaluation		
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Percentage of teacher, parent and student agreement that: students are safe at school, are learning the importance of caring for others, are learning respect for others and are treated fairly in school.	89.5	86.8	90.3	86.0	88.5		Very High	Maintained	Excellent

We know that part of the reason why we have such good results is due to our Leader in Me program, which teaches young students to interact successfully, show respect, develop a level of tolerance for differences, and treat each other fairly—skills needed to create a climate in schools where bullying is less common. However, that does not mean that we can rest on our laurels as a school. We also want to equip kids to know how to deal with bullying if they do encounter it.

WITS Primary Program:
K to Gr. 3



WITS LEADS Program:
Grades 4 to 6



WITS assembly



On Nov. 27 we initiated the WITS program with a kick-off assembly together with the RCMP. In this assembly, students participated in a special deputization ceremony and were introduced to the training which teaches children in Kindergarten to Grade 3 to make safe and positive choices when faced with peer conflict. The WITS acronym – **W**alk away, **I**gnore, **T**alk it out, and **S**eek help – provides a common language that children and the adults in their environments can use to talk about and respond to peer victimization. This is followed up by in-class learning where the teachers use lesson plans based on popular children's books to support the WITS message. As a school we know that parents also have an important role to play. We encourage parents to talk about WITS at home to teach children to apply these strategies beyond the school walls.

Paul Smith, Principal

Leader In Me – Think Win-Win



Habit 4 is all about thinking of ways that you can win and others can as well. Even in similar circumstances, two perspectives are possible. For a child on a hockey team who has a win-lose mentality, he focuses on beating the other team, and his paradigm is "we win, they lose." Another child who has a win-win mentality focuses on teamwork and thinks, "I pass the puck to my teammate and he scores.... Our whole team wins!"

It's a habit that is all about sharing as well. If two kids both want the same toy, a win-win would mean sharing rather than keeping the toy all to themselves. Kids who think win-win do not bully to get their own way, they think of ways to make others happy, but without becoming a doormat and giving in. That would be lose-win.

Important Dates for Parents

Dec 1st – PLF – No School for Students
Dec 6th – Ski Day for Grades 5 & 6
Dec 7th – Ski Day for Grade 4
Dec 12th – ECDP/Kindergarten Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm
Dec 13th – Div. 1 (Grades 1-3) Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm
Dec 14th – Div. 2 (Grades 4-6) Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm
Dec 22nd – District Day – No School for Students
Dec 23rd – Jan 7th – Christmas Break
Jan 8th – First Day Back

École Dickinsfield School Council

At our November School Council meeting we learned about the school's new Anti-Bullying Program WITS, as well as, the Hour Zero protocols that are used by the school. Thank you to the school staff for all they do to keep our children safe at school!

In light of all the festive busyness of December, we do not have a meeting this month. Thus, our next meeting will be as follows:

Next meeting: **Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 at 6:30pm** in the Library

- Presentation: **Accountability Pillar Results: Provincial Evaluation of School Performance** by Mr. Paul Smith
- Regular meeting to follow

Please feel welcome to email us with any comments, concerns or questions at dickinsfieldschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

*We wish you a happy and safe holiday season full of family and friends!
See you in the New Year!!*

Congratulations

Congratulations to all the Gr.5/6 Girls Volleyball Players! The girls had a great season finishing 5th at the year-end tournament!
Way to go, Flyers!!



Sarah Fudge
Arisha Ahmed
Gillian Rogers
Diya Siddoo
Cassidy Hiscock
Sydney Brentnall
Lydia Reid
Jessica Chaytor
Kelsey Boostrom
Alexa Noble
Danielle Dubois
Faith Strickland
Amelia Campbell
Chaitri Trivedi
Payton MacKenzie



THE 7 SACRED TEACHINGS

The traditional concepts of respect and sharing that form the foundation of the Aboriginal way of life are built around the seven natural laws, or sacred teachings. Each teaching honours one of the basic virtues intrinsic to a full and healthy life.

Each law is represented by an animal to underscore the point that all actions and decisions made by man are manifest on a physical plane. The animal world taught man how to live close to the earth, and the connection that has been established between the animal world and that of man has instilled a respect for all life in those who follow the traditional Aboriginal way.

This month's focus is courage - The Bear

Courage is the ability to face danger, fear or changes with confidence and bravery.

The Bear represents courage because of strength and natural ability to overcome challenges. A mother bear, for example, will stand against a much larger, stronger male bear or other threat to protect her cubs.

Just as the Bear hibernates during the winter and reawakens each spring, we too, need rest and rejuvenation. The Bear shows us how to live a balanced life, where there is a time to be playful and a time to be assertive and courageous.

Indigenous people believe that the Bear calls them to awaken the potential within them and to stand up for what they believe in.

THANK YOU
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A huge THANK YOU to our DF parents, students and staff for your contributions to the United Way.

The grand total that we raised was \$3598.95

Charity Bazaar

Reminder that tomorrow, **Wednesday November 29**, is the deadline for bazaar forms and money to be sent in. Please ensure that you send the form and money in the envelope provided, please included your child's name and class.

Gifts are \$1 each and raffle tickets are available for \$1/ticket.

We are still looking for donations of clean, gently used items, they can be dropped to the bin in the front lobby of the school. Please make sure items are clean and in working order.

What to Donate: Books, movies, pictures, CD's, decorations, board games, toys. Please do not included items such as knives, clothes, or anything larger than a grocery bag. Small multi piece items such as Lego and pet shops should be sent together in a ziploc bag if possible.

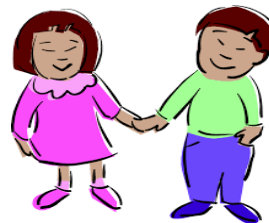
Donations can be dropped off until end of day **Thursday November 30**.

Volunteers Needed: Sorting days- December 1 & 2 from 9am - 4pm,
Shopping days- December 4 & 5 from 8:50am-3:40 pm

Anyone wishing to help with the bazaar go to the link below: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4faaaa2fa57-christmas>

Or contact Olivia dutches0411@hotmail.com

Thank you



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.



Ecole Dickinsfield Jr. Flyers ATB

It's finally here! The Jr.Flyers ATB bank!

What is Jr. ATB bank?

The way it works is that the Timberlea ATB branch comes to our school and collects all the deposits. Anyone with a Jr ATB account can deposit money at the school into their account.

Why should you open an account?

You are Beginning with the End in mind if you open an account! You can set financial goals and have easy access to deposit money at school! An example of that is Mme. Jenni set a goal to save for her tripl. Each Thursday she deposits her saved change and all the money she deposited was contributed to her trip to Montreal. She doesn't even have to drive to the bank to do it! EASY!

**You will also be helping the students if you get a account. The reason why you will be helping the students is that they will be able to learn about how a real bank works, gain math skills and leadership skills. The students with the leadership roles of Jr. ATB will have the guidance from real ATB workers.

BONUS: Every time you make a deposit at school, your name goes into a draw for a chance to win CASH From the ATB bank at the end of the year!

How can you open an account?

It's just three easy steps:

- 1st- ask Mme. Jenni or Mrs. Waldner for an application form.
- 2nd- take the application form home. Let your parents fill out the application form.
- 3rd- bring the application form back to school to Mme. Jenni or Mrs. Waldner.

Who can deposit?

Anyone who has an ATB account.

When can you deposit?

Every Thursday at 12:30 pm in the conference room at school.

Thank you from our Jr. ATB staff!

Submitted by

Nia Van Heerde

Marketing Manager

Ecole Dickinsfield Jr Flyers ATB Bank

LATE OR ABSENT PROCEDURE

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
Or email: dfabsences@fmprd.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.



SCHOOL BUS MONITORING



Dear Parents of school bus students:

The following is a website that Sparksman has set up to let parents know of any delays or other issues with the bussing. Please make note of this website and use it to monitor your child's bus.

www.myschoolbusmonitor.ca

