

DICKINSFIELD FLYER

June 2018 "Together We Fly Higher"

"Ensemble Nous Volons Toujours Plus Haut"

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Principal's Message

Questions Parents Ask

"What Changes Are Happening at École Dickinsfield Next Year?"

1. We have a number of changes upcoming in 2018-19. Next year, as we begin the school year, you will no longer need to look on class lists in the school entrance to find out what class your child is in. On the weekend just before the student's first day, the teacher will send out an email to the parents of all the children in the class introducing themselves. That way you will know whose class your child is in. It is important that parent's email addresses are up-to-date and accurate in our school information system, as sometimes emails are sent to non-existent addresses.



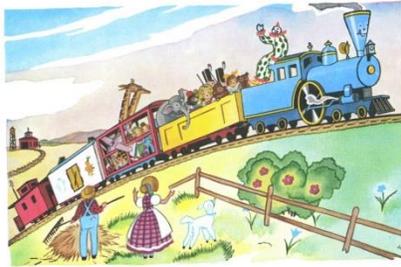
2. Another change is with our PEAK program for hockey school Gr. 3, 4, 5, & 6 students. Next year there will be a high-performance program offered at the same time as the regular PEAK Hockey program. Two rinks of ice will be available, and the hockey program will involve leaving École Dickinsfield on the bus at 7:00 am on Mondays and Wednesdays. All PEAK hockey students would be on the ice from 8-9:15 a.m. Following their ice time, the PEAK kids go to the change rooms, and then the bus will leave MacDonald Island at 9:45 to arrive back at the school by 10:00. That way all PEAK students can attend any after school programs, even if they occur on a Monday and Wednesday. The PEAK classes will be scheduled so that the students do not miss any core academics during the hour on Monday and Wednesday when they are gone.

3. Finally, we have changed the way you can register or pay fees. As I wrote in last month's newsletter, using Parent Portal, you can connect directly to the school and teachers, even via your mobile device, and pay fees or register online. We hope these changes make life easier for you!

Paul Smith, Principal

Leader In Me – Leaders Read

Reading together with your child is a wonderful way spending special time with your children. The following books are great books for kids, and each one also illustrates one of the 7 Habits. Common and easily accessible at most libraries, these titles are great for reading with your child. You will begin to see examples in other children's literature and, soon your child will too!



"I think I can—I think I can—I think I can—I think I can."
Up, up, up. Faster and faster and faster and faster the little engine climbed, until at last they reached the top of the mountain.
Down in the valley lay the city.

Habit 1: The Little Engine That Could-
By Watty Piper

Although the Little Engine is not the biggest, the fastest or the newest, it just keeps trying. When all the other trains refuse to help, the Little Engine is proactive and a leader.

Habit 2: The Very Busy Spider -
Eric Carle

Throughout the story, the determined spider spins her web. She has an end in mind- to finish her web and catch a fly for dinner

Habit 3: The Little Red Hen- **Paul Galdone**

No one would help so the Little Red Hen planted, watered and weeded the plants by herself. The Little Red Hen put first things first and enjoyed the results.

Habit 4: Rainbow Fish- **Marcus Pfister**

The Rainbow Fish decides to be a leader and think win-win

Habit 5: The Runaway Bunny-
Margaret Wise Brown

The Runaway Bunny follows the thoughts of the little bunny who thinks he would like to run away. By Seeking First to Understand, Mother Rabbit truly listens to her little bunny. She then Seeks to Be Understood by offering assurance that she will always come and find him.

Habit 6: Swimmy-
Leo Lionni

Swimmy is a little fish swimming alone in the ocean. He finds a school of fish like him and encourages them to come with him to see the other amazing ocean animals- but they are too scared. Swimmy uses synergy and leadership to come up with a plan.

Habit 7: The Snowy Day-
Ezra Jack Keats

Peter finds all kinds of imaginative things to do in the snow and even puts some snow in his pocket for later. Peter shows us how playing in the snow, being imaginative and taking a warm bath afterwards are all part of being a leader and sharpening our saw.

The Annual
Ecole Dickinsfield School Multicultural Fashion Show

Thursday, June 7 12:50 pm

We're excited to be celebrating
our wonderfully diverse school community!

All students interested in joining in,
are welcome to wear cultural clothing.

Check out last year's wonderful event.
[Ecole Dickinsfield School Celebrates Diversity](#)



Family & friends are welcome to come watch!

*If your child participates in cultural dancing,
or if you'd like more information,
please contact kathleen.cochrane@fmpsd.ab.ca*



2018-2019 School Registration HELP



If any parents are having issues registering your child/children for the upcoming school year, please watch the video (link below) as it explains the process for our new registration system.

<https://youtu.be/6-eY3CczxeA>

If you continue to have technical issues, you may also call the **PowerSchool Parent Help Line @ 866-434-6276** for any issues that can't be resolved after calling the school.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

[Annual Staff Appreciation](#)

The Parent Association is once again hosting our [Annual Staff Appreciation](#) on June 8 during the staff's PLF. We will be bringing in food for lunch using funds we have raised over the year. We will be hosting a door prize draw during the luncheon as well. [If you would like to donate a door prize for this please drop it off to the office between May 28 - June 5.](#)

We thank you for your support.

If you have any questions please email dickinsfieldparents@gmail.com

École Dickinsfield School Council

*We would like to say a big **thank you** to everyone who supported School Council this past year! It was great have so many parents/guardians participating in our meetings and voicing their opinions. We hope to see you all again next year!*

Our last meeting of the school year is our Annual General Meeting (AGM). We will be voting on amendments to our Operating Procedures and electing our Executive Members for 2018/2019 School Council. If you would like more information on this meeting, please email us at dickinsfieldschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

June School Council AGM: **Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:30pm**

- In the school Library

Best wishes for a fun and safe summer vacation!

Water Bottle Filling Station

We are thrilled to have our second Water Bottle Filling Station installed. Thank you so much to the Parent Association for the \$2000 donation for the first one, and \$3500 for the second one. We also got a \$500 grant from FMPD Green Scene and Kitty Cochrane got a \$1000 grant as well. We're so grateful. With these fountains kids can drink lots of healthy water and use reusable bottles, which are much better for the environment than single use bottles. Way to go Dickinsfield!



School Learning Garden

The school learning garden is being planted soon. We need volunteer families to care for the garden for a week at a time in the summertime. If you can help out, please contact kathleen.cochrane@fmprsd.ab.ca

Ecole Dickinsfield School's Annual Geography Challenge

This year's Geography Challenge Final Round will be held on Friday, June 15 at 1 pm in the school gym. Two students from each Grade 4 - 6 class will compete as finalists for the title of champion for their grade. The top scorer in each grade will receive a medal. All participants will receive a certificate of award for reaching the final round. Questions will be available in both English and French for both rounds.

Topics/Areas Quizzed:

- Physical Geography - ex glaciation, forces that create various landforms –
- Geopolitical - Alberta and Canada - provinces, territories, capitals, cities
- Rest of the world: countries and capitals and/or major cities
- Topography - major landforms, rivers and bodies of water, natural wonders of the world
- Identity - languages, flags, symbols, nationalities, man-made structures
- Economic - currency, major industry, imports and exports
- Transportation and population
- Plants and animals



June Important Dates

- June 1- Grade 1 & 5 – School Nurse Immunizations
- June 5- 4A & 4B – Heritage Park – 9:05am- 2:15pm
- June 7- Multicultural Assembly – 12:50 pm
- June 8- No School – PLF
- June 11- PAT – FLA, Part B
- June 14 – PAT – Math
 - Last Day for Hot Lunch Program
- June 15 – Geography Challenge – 1 pm
 - ECDP Farewell – 10-11 am
 - KA/KB – Picnic
- June 18 – PAT – Science
- June 20 - PAT – Science
 - Kindergarten- Waterpark
- June 21 – Aboriginal Day
- June 22 – Talent Show – 1 pm
 - Grade 6 Farewell – Evening
 - ECDP – Waterpark
 - K – Waterpark, AM Class – 9:15-11:30, PM Class – 1-3 pm
- June 25 – Grade 1-6 Waterpark – 10am - 2:30pm
- June 26 – Sports Day – Div 1 – 10:45-12:15, Div 2 – 12:50-2:20
- June 27 – Last Day for ECDP & Kindergarten
 - 3A & 3B – 9am - 2:15pm- Heritage Park
- June 28 – Last Day for Grade 1- 6
 - Awards Assembly
- June 29 – Last Day for Staff

Have a Happy & Safe Summer Holiday



*School Office Reopens Aug 15/18
First Day For K-Grade 6 – September 4
First Day For ECDP – September 10*