

# DICKINSFIELD FLYER

May 2018 "Together We Fly Higher"

"Ensemble Nous Volons Toujours Plus Haut"

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## Principal's Message

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### Question Parents Ask

"What is Parent Portal?"

Fort McMurray Public School District recently moved to a new provider for our student information system. This student information system is known as PowerSchool, and one of its key features is a secure web based program giving parents the ability to view their children's assignments, attendance grading information and more. Parents can pay student fees through the Parent Portal as well as registering online. In the future, families may also have the ability to make purchases from the school directly from their portal account.

Parents need to request an Access ID and password from the school office, and our secretaries will happily provide those along with instructions about how to create an account. Once you have your child's Access ID and password, you visit the website <http://parents.fmpsd.ab.ca> and request an account.



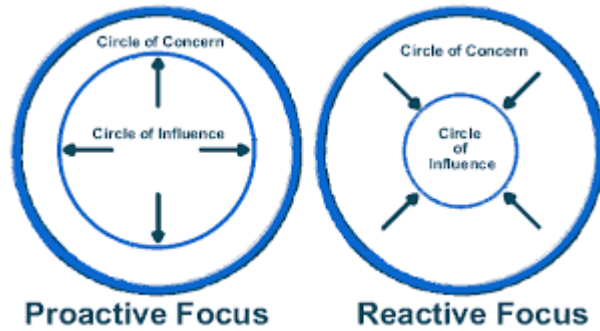
Using Parent Portal, you can connect directly to the school and teachers, even via your mobile device. If you have children in both École Dickinsfield and another school, you need to request an Access ID and password from each of the children's school.

Because it is secured by both an Access ID and a password PowerSchool is secure and confidential. It is designed to strengthen communication between the school and home and provide parents and legal guardians online access to their children's progress in school. We hope that you avail yourself of this new tool as now you will no longer have to come into the school to register, pay fees, etc.

Paul Smith, Principal

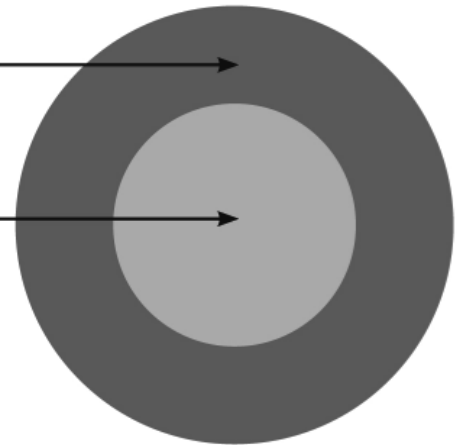
## Leader In Me – Circle of Influence

Stephen Covey says that we each have a wide range of concerns. He calls this our "circle of concern". Within that circle are things that we have no control over, such as the weather, and things that we can do something about, such as our attitude. The things that we can do something about are in our "circle of influence". We teach the children that in order to be proactive they need to focus their efforts on their circle of influence. Reactive people waste time focusing on what others think, past mistakes, injustices from the past, etc., but the only way to make positive change for the future is to focus on the circle of influence, which will impact their circle of concern.



**CONCERN:** Things that worry, bother, frustrate

**INFLUENCE:** Things you can do something about



## Mark this day in your calendar!

Thursday, May 17, is our Leader In Me Community Showcase, beginning with a student lead assembly at 9:30, followed by student lead tours ending around 10:30.



Photo Album: Alberta Opera's Performance of Jack and the Beanstalk- May 11



Back stage crew



Jack sells a cow



Here are some beans for your cow!

Jack and the Beanstalk



Jack's mom is not happy!



Chicken who lays the golden eggs



Hiding from the giant

**École Dickinsfield School Council**

Please feel welcome to join us! All parents and guardians of children in the school are members.

May School Council meeting: **Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 6:30pm**

- In the school Library
- Regular meeting; agenda includes:
  - ASCA conference report
  - Proposed changes to Operating Procedures
  - School Council annual report
  - School Council awareness – planning for September

Questions or concerns? Email us at [dickinsfieldschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dickinsfieldschoolcouncil@gmail.com).

## Ecole Dickinsfield School's Annual Challenge Geography

This year's Geography Challenge Final Round will be held on Friday, June 15th 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

## **Multicultural Fashion Show**

Our annual Multicultural Fashion Show will be on June 7, 1 p.m. We'd love to have your child involved! Any child is welcome to join in with their cultural clothing. If your child does any cultural dancing that might possibly be included, please contact [kathleen.cochrane@fm-psd.ab.ca](mailto:kathleen.cochrane@fm-psd.ab.ca) We love the diversity in our school, and this is a wonderful way to celebrate.

[Check out our video with dancing from last year!](#)



## **Our School Learning Garden**

We are proud to be the first school learning garden in our city.

Our outdoor garden will be planted soon, by classes and the Gardening Leaders. We need your help! We'll need families to help water it in the summer. The students will harvest it in the fall. If you're able to sign up for a week, please contact [kathleen.cochrane@fm-psd.ab.ca](mailto:kathleen.cochrane@fm-psd.ab.ca)

Check us out!

[Our photos](#)

[Our garden video!](#)

[Our garden website](#)

## Important Dates

### May

- May 15- 5K -Heritage Park – 9:10 - 11:15 am  
-McTavish Band & Choir in our school gym – 1-2 pm
- May 16 - School Council Meeting – 6:30 – library
- May 17 – Community Showcase
- May 18 – No School – Day In Lieu
- May 21- No School – Victoria Day
- May 23 – Mega Boyz- Grade 5 Boys  
-Grade 1 City Tour Fieldtrip – 9:15- 11:45 am
- May 24- Grade 6 – Gregoire Lake Fieldtrip – 9:15am- 2:10pm  
-1K, 1L, 2C, 2B & 2K- Heritage Park Fieldtrip – 11:30am- 2 pm
- May 28 – 5B, 5K – Texaco Pond Fieldtrip – 9:05- 12 pm  
- 5C- Texaco Pond Fieldtrip – 11:15am- 2:30pm
- May 29 – 2B, 2C- Oilsands Discovery Centre- 10:15am - 1:50pm  
- 1B, 1C- Heritage Park Fieldtrip – 12-2:15 pm
- May 30- Grade 5 & 6 Track & Field – 9:05 - 2:20 pm

### June

- June 1- Grade 1 & 5 Immunizations
- June 7 – Multicultural Assembly – 12:50pm
- June 8 – No School – PLF
- June 11- Gr 6 PAT – FLA, Part B
- June 12 – Gr 6 PAT – ELA, Part B
- June 13- School Council Meeting
- June 14- PAT – Math
- June 15- Geography Challenge- 1 Pm- School Gym
- June 18- Gr 6 PAT – Science
- June 20- Gr 6 PAT – Social Studies
- June 21- Aboriginal Day
- June 22- Talent Show- 1 pm  
- Gr 6 Farewell ( Evening)
- June 25- Grade 1-6 – Waterpark 10am – 2:30 pm
- June 26- Sports Day – Division 1- 10:45-12:15, Division 2 – 12:50- 2:20pm
- June 27- 3A & 3B- Heritage Park – 9:05- 2:15pm
- June 28- Last Day for Students, Awards Assembly
- June 29- Last Day for Staff

