

DICKINSFIELD FLYER

October 2017 "Together We Fly Higher"

"Ensemble Nous Volons Toujours Plus Haut"

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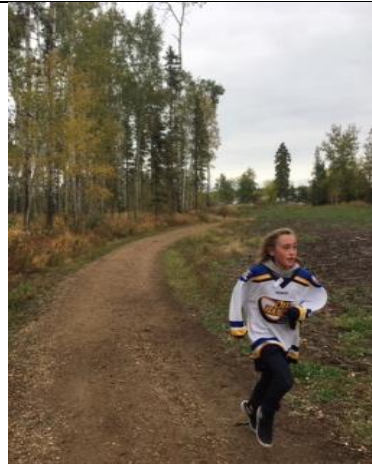
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Principal's Message

Allot has been going on at École Dickinsfield School! I'd like to highlight a few of our recent all-school assemblies: Evergreen Theater presented Goldilocks and the Three Polar Bears, focusing on the themes of environmental balance, global citizenship, and what happens to animals (and little kids) when their environment changes.

Evergreen Theater: Some student actors were invited to join the cast of Goldilocks and the Three Polar Bears!



Terry Fox Run was a terrific event for a great cause!

Earth Rangers



The students loved seeing the live animals, and learning what they could do to protect wildlife!

Our Terry Fox Run was another great success. Classes were challenged to bring "toonies for Terry," and we raised \$1006.00 for the great cause of cancer research. Prior to the run, students heard a message that Terry Fox's brother, Darrell Fox, recorded for the 37th anniversary of Terry's cross-country marathon for research to fight the disease. Great strides have been made in treating the illness since the 1980 Marathon of Hope, and the money raised by kids across Canada has had a significant impact in helping research. The younger classes did class walks on the field, while our Division Two students ran on the trails: all 214 of them!

On October 3, 2017 we hosted a presentation from Earth Rangers, a kids' conservation organization out of Ontario. The day started with an assembly which featured live animals and talked about real-life conservation projects to protect animals from extinction. Following the assembly, each of the Grade 6 classes had a lesson using hands-on activities to help them learn about environmental issues and measures that can be taken to positively impact the environment.

We would like to remind everyone that our school musical, "We Are Monsters" will be premiering at Keyano Theater on Tuesday, October 24. The cast of about 100 of our student actors has been practicing very hard, and we are looking forward to another box-office success! We hope the families of our junior thespians can all make it, and we thank you for your support!

Paul Smith, Principal

Important Dates for Parents

Oct 3rd – Earth Rangers Assembly 9:25am.
Oct 5th – World Teachers Day.
Oct 9th – Thanksgiving (No School).
Oct 10th – PAC Meeting 9:15am.
Oct 16th – Municipal Election Day in the Gym
Oct 18th – School Council Meeting at 6:30pm
Oct 18th – Debate Club Meeting at 6:30pm
Oct 20th – PLF – No School for Students
Oct 21st – Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Christina Gordon School
Oct 23rd – Scare Hunger Campaign - Kindergarten
Oct 24th – We Are Monsters – Play Production at Keyano College
Oct 27th – Institute Day – No School for Students
Oct 30th – ECDP Parent Teacher Interviews (PIT) @ 4:30pm – 7:30pm
Oct 31st – Halloween Parade
Nov 1st – ECDP PTI @ 4:30pm – 7:30pm
Nov 2nd – ECDP PTI all day – No Classes

École Dickinsfield School Council

It was great to see so many people at the September meeting! Thank you for taking the time to join us and share your ideas and opinions. For those that might be wondering, children are most welcome to attend our meetings as well.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017 at 6:30pm** in the Library

- Joint presentation:
 - **What is an APPLE school? - Tyler Smith, APPLE school mentor for FMPSD**
 - **Hot Lunch Nutrition - Desirée Dakin, President of PAC**
- Regular meeting to follow

Questions? Email: dickinsfieldschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Junior ATB

Junior ATB at Dickinsfield is starting up once again!

If your child is in grade 4, 5, 6, have them stop by Madame Jenni's (#119) or Mrs. Waldner's (#107) classroom for an ATB job application form.

Interviews are being held on Oct. 12th, so we'll need all completed applications in by Oct 11th.

ATB Financial™

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@fmgsd.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



Our kids have been hard at work putting together this year's school musical!

École Dickinsfield Drama Club presents

by Beat By Beat Press

**Tuesday October 24th, 2017
7:00 pm @ Keyano Theatre**

"We Are Monsters" is a hilarious new musical that follows human kids into a monster cabaret filled with quirky monster characters. The adventurous humans uncover vegetarian vampires and rock n' roll werewolves, gradually realizing there may be more to these monsters than meets the eye! Most importantly these monsters and kids discover the importance of friendship and celebrating in the attributes that make each of us different and unique.

Tickets on sale through the Keyano Box Office - (780) 791-4990

Adults: \$15.00

Kids 12 and under: \$10.00

If you are a parent or guardian of a cast member, please make sure you have been receiving the updates on costumes and important dates. Please email chantelle.balfour@fmprsd.ab.ca if you have any questions

Looking forward to seeing you at the show!





Looking for ideas for healthy meals? Check out this website for some inspiration!

Dietitians of Canada:

Dietitians of Canada's [Cookspiration](#) recipe database is a great source of healthy recipes.

Debate Club Returns

Debate Club - first meeting is Oct. 18th.
For Students in Grades 6-12 - great opportunity.
Currently, 7 schools have registered students.
Registration ends on Oct. 16th.

A yellow flyer for the FMPSD Debate Club. On the left is a large megaphone icon. Inside the megaphone, various words related to debate are listed in different sizes and orientations, including 'COUNTERARGUMENT', 'RESEARCH', 'KNOWLEDGE', 'FUTURE', 'STRENGTH', 'VOICE', 'CHARISMA', 'POWER', 'SPEECH', 'BELIEFS', 'LEARN', 'CHALLENGE', 'THOUGHT', 'CONFIDENCE', 'LEADER', 'HUMAN RIGHTS', 'GROW', 'PASSION', 'CURIOSITY', 'CURRENT AFFAIRS', 'JOIN', 'SPEAK', 'ARGUE', 'CRITICAL THINKING', 'ENJOY', 'CONCRETE', 'STAND', 'DEPENDS', 'PRESIDE', 'JUSTICE', 'DEBATE', 'THINK', 'LEARN', 'GROW', 'HUMAN RIGHTS', 'LEADER', 'CHALLENGE', 'THOUGHT', 'CONFIDENCE'. To the right of the megaphone is a purple speech bubble that says 'Join the debate'. Below the speech bubble is a cartoon illustration of a boy and a girl standing at podiums, facing each other as if in a debate. The text on the flyer includes: 'FMPSD Debate Club', 'Wednesday, October 18, 2017', '6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.', 'District Office', '231 Hardin Street', 'Students from Grades 6 - 12', 'Please register with Katie Elser at Katie.elser@fmpsd.ab.ca before October 16, 2017', 'Students are asked to arrange their own transportation.', 'For further information contact: Crystal Perry - crystal.perry@fmpsd.ab.ca, Mehar Rashid - mehar.rashid@fmpsd.ab.ca', and the Fort McMurray Public Schools logo at the bottom right. The slogan 'Use your reason. Challenge the opposition. Make your voice heard.' is written in the bottom right area.

Lights

The Light Leaders are encouraging everyone to remember to turn off the lights in a room when you are not in it. In these dark days it's easy to forget! Get in the Green Habit!



Diversity

We want to have a safe and caring school. So at École Dickinsfield we celebrate the diversity of our families and staff - culture, faith, family composition, gender and language. Here is our [FMPD district post](#) on the recent Ukrainian Heritage Day. And here's a little video showing [Ukrainian dancing](#) of some of our school students. Enjoy!

Environmental Stewardship:

Our school is a district leader with environmental stewardship. Join in! We need parents to join our [DF Green Team](#). Contact kathleen.cochrane@fmpsd.ab.ca

Waste Free Lunches:

We encourage every child to bring Waste Free Lunches every day. Waste Free Lunches include reusable containers, reusable beverage bottles, reusable utensils and naked food that come in its own wrapping, like bananas and apples. Please join in!

No Idling:

Our school cares about the air our children breathe. Please turn off your vehicles when you are dropping off and picking up your children.

Superhero's Fighting Hunger

Kindergarten begins the scare hunger campaign **October 23rd**

Children everywhere this Halloween are hungry; some are even in our own backyard! Kindergarten students will collect nonperishable food items beginning **October 23rd** to scare hunger away.

Please help our local food bank this Halloween.

