

Safe and responsible  
Help others  
Independent  
Never give up  
Empathy



# DUCLOS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

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### Shining Star Awards

Congratulations to our November winners:



Oliver Flett, Justice Walker, Peter Piercey-Bird and Arianna Tremblay-Boyko



Torran Keil, Abbie Campeau, Kloe Croteau and Benson Hunter

Buddy the Bulldog is visiting in the following classes: 3LG, KTS, and 2P



### Duclos Christmas Concert 2018



*Duclos Students and Staff Warmly Welcome you to our Annual Christmas Concert!*

**Tuesday, December 18** - 1:00p.m. & 6:30p.m.  
**Cast A:** KTS, KJ, 1G, 1D, 1S, 2P, 2J, 3LG, 3N, 4I & 4L.

**Wednesday, December 19** - 1:00p.m. & 6:30p.m.  
**Cast B:** KS, KDR, 1F, 1H, 2B, 2N, 3J, 3D, 3M, 4ME & 4M.

Live streaming information will be coming soon!



*Our Kindergarten classes are hosting a Bake Sale during our evening concert performances on December 18th and 19th. All money raised is for our Duclos Kindergarten program.*

*Please be aware that our Duclos Christmas Concert is a public event and is open to the general public. As a result, pictures, videos and other information disclosed at the event may be shared publicly by anyone in attendance. If you have any concerns, please contact school administration.*

### Upcoming Events

#### December 4

Science in Motion

#### December 5

Duclos Spirit Day

#### December 6

Hot Dogs

#### December 7

No School – Family Friday

#### December 13

Subway: Pizza or Ham Sub

#### December 18 & 19

Christmas Concert

Kindergarten Bake Sale

#### December 20

Express Pizza – Cheese or Peperoni Pizza

Theme Day: Ugly Sweater or Christmas Colors

#### December 22 to January 6

No School – Winter Break

### RACK Challenge (Random ACTs of Kindness)

We officially challenge all of you to the **R.A.C.K.** challenge this holiday season. Staff at Duclos and across the division will be participating in this event for the next few weeks. Attached to the end of this newsletter is a list of challenges to try and complete -- each act of kindness has differing levels of difficulty. Feel free to challenge family, friends, colleagues and as many community members as you can. We welcome all participants and look forward to spreading kindness beyond just our school grounds and into the community.

Let's show our kids the importance of giving with the heart!!



Now get out there and start RACKing it up!





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## Moral Intelligence NEWS

December is the month of Generosity. This theme fits perfectly with Christmas as it is a time of giving. Rachael Boyer came up with the three best ways to teach children generosity:

1. Do it yourself – Children will watch and copy what you do.
2. Talk about it – Point out when others are generous and explain.
3. Encourage it – Look for opportunities to help your children practice being generous and doing things for others.

## Attendance - Checking in/out procedures



All visitors/parents/guests must sign in at the office and wear a visitor tag between the hours of 9:00-3:00. This is for the safety of everyone in the building. This procedure will be waived for public events.

Parents are asked to call the school prior to the morning registration at 8:40 am if your child will be absent. Please call our front office at **780-826-3992**. This way we can be sure your child is safe.

There is no busing fee. Parents must register their child to ride the bus. Please contact the transportation department 1-877-826-6038

## Shining Stars Awards

Thanks to all students who receive Shining Star Awards every week. There is a Wall of Shining Stars beside the library. Stop by to see all the good things our students do. Every two weeks 4 names are drawn, from the Shining Star Award winners, to have lunch with the Principal. Each child is given a special red bulldog as a memento.

School Council *Next meeting on January 15, 2019*

## Silent Auction

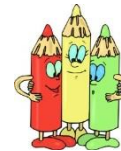
During both evening concert performances on December 18th & 19th, School Council will be hosting a Silent Auction. Each night there will be different Silent Auction items available.

## Smencil Fundraiser

What: Smencils! Scented Pencils made with 100% recycled newspaper!

When: December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> right after last recess.

Cost: Only \$2 per Smencil!



Please email our School Council Chair, Wendy McInnes, at [w.m.b.m@hotmail.com](mailto:w.m.b.m@hotmail.com) by January 8, 2019 with suggested agenda items to be considered for the next meeting on **January 15 at 6:00 p.m.**

## Volunteers

Thank you, Glen Williams, Rebekah Williams and May Williams, for teaching our Grade 3 students about Nunavut.

Duclos School thanks all the families who donated to Operation Christmas Child this year. We are happy to have filled 49 shoe boxes with toys, supplies, and treats for children in impoverished parts of the world at Christmas time. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Thank you Mrs. Matchuk for donating many pairs of hand-knitted mittens.



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**Parking:** Please respect handicap parking zones and loading zones. Staff parking lot is for staff only.

## School Cash Online

Please go to <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com> to pay for various school activity fees, to order hot lunch, or to purchase from our milk program.

## Library News

Thanks to all who visited our Enchanted Forest Scholastic Book Fair! We sold over \$9000 in books! A special thank you to Leanne Mills, Janine Hebert and Katelyn Hornseth for volunteering their time to assist with the book fair! If anyone is interested in volunteering their time for our next book fair in March, please talk to your child's teacher or see Mrs. Hornseth in the library.

Congratulation to Jacob and 3M for winning the Family Event Door Prize. Both Jacob and his home room won \$25 worth of free books!

Mrs. Hornseth is requesting that all library books be returned to the library before the Christmas Break. If your child is in the middle of a great book and can't bear to return it, please encourage your child to keep their book in a safe place so it won't get lost over the break!

## Michael Mitchell Performance (November 27, 2018 at Duclos.)

Michael Mitchell performed an inspiring concert of songs and stories of Canada's heritage. Michael has presented well over 5,000 shows in schools throughout Canada and has written and recorded songs for Sesame Street and PBS and was co-host of the CTV children's program. He had us dancing and singing and having fun!!!





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## Random Acts of Kindness Challenges

♥ Smile every time that you make eye contact with someone for a whole day.	♥ Compliment a stranger.	♥ Strike up a conversation with a student that you do not know.	♥ Genuinely thank a colleague.
♥ Pay for the person behind you at the drive-thru.	♥ Give someone a hug.	♥ Let someone skip ahead of you in line.	♥ Pick up someone else's tab at a restaurant.
♥ Write a thoughtful note to someone	♥ Donate something that you no longer use.	♥ Go caroling.	♥ Bring a coffee/tea/cocoa for someone
♥ Give flowers to someone that is not expecting it, but needs it.	♥ Pick up litter.	♥ Email some encouraging words.	♥ Help a friend wrap presents.
♥ Shovel snow for a neighbour.	♥ Clean the snow off of someone's car	♥ Bring baked goods to the police station, fire station, or hospital	♥ Call a parent to tell them how wonderful their child is.
♥ Call a family member or friend just to tell them that you appreciate them	♥ Leave a kind note on someone's windshield	♥ Tell someone you love them	♥ Leave a great big tip
♥ Leave money in the toy aisle of a store with a note saying Merry Christmas!	♥ Deliver a cooked meal to an entire family	♥ Treat a friend to the movies	♥ Buy a lotto ticket for a stranger
♥ Meet a new parent at the school	♥ Play a family game	♥ Give a gift of some kind to a delivery person	♥ Leave a chocolate on your colleague's desk.
♥ Give a thank you note to a bus driver.	♥ Hold open the doors for someone	Give someone an old book of yours that you think they will like.	♥ Shower the same person with compliments like confetti all day