



# Duclos Elementary School April Newsletter



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## Shining Star Awards:

Congratulations to our winners:  
Zenen Letal, Leah Campeau, Haily  
Bordeleau & Brent Winter.



Piper Dobrowski, Ryder Reid, Noah Parmar &  
Lily Shmyr



## **Kindergarten Parent Information Night April 4th 6:30-7:30 in the Duclos Library!**

Parents are welcome and encouraged to come  
meet our Kindergarten teachers and the  
Duclos Admin Team to learn about our  
enhanced Kindergarten program!

## **Kindergarten & Preschool Open House is here on April 5th!**

Now is the time of year when we start  
introducing next year's Kindergarteners,  
Preschoolers and their parents to Duclos  
and help them prepare for school.

As part of our introduction to Kindergarten  
and Preschool, we will be holding an OPEN  
HOUSE for new preschoolers and  
kindergartners.

As a result there will be no classes for this  
years Kindergarten and Preschool students  
on April 5th

Preschool Open house is a drop in event!  
Kindergarten Open house - please call the  
school to sign up.

Please bring the tab from the postcard sent to  
you in the mail to enter a draw at our Open  
House events!!!!

## Upcoming Events

### April 3

Duclos Spirit Day

### April 4

Hot Lunch: Express  
Pizza

### April 5

No classes for  
Kindergarten or  
Preschool

### April 9 to 10

Smencil Sale

### April 11

Hot Lunch: Subway

### April 15 to 22

Spring Break

### April 22

Easter Monday

### April 23

School Council  
Meeting 6:00 p.m. -  
8:00 p.m.

School Council AGM  
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
at Duclos School

### April 24

Crazy Hair Day  
Secretary Day

### April 25

Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs

### April 26

Grandparent Reading  
Day

## S.T.E.A.M. Week

S.T.E.A.M. Week is a division-wide supported event occurring from April 8th - 12th. It is an event designed to provide experiential learning in a variety of S.T.E.A.M. related subjects: **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math**. Each grade will be provided time during the week to experience different activities in these disciplines and promote the awareness of how some of these skills transfer into areas of the world outside the classroom. S.T.E.A.M is an opportunity for students to apply concepts that are learned in the classroom to new opportunities to solve problems, collaborate and innovate!





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**April 26th**  
**Grandparent Reading Day**  
**12:30-1:00**



Duclos School welcomes our students' grandparents or a special family member to come and read with us to build a love for reading in our students.

This is an old Duclos tradition that we are bringing back! On April 26th our students get to spend some quality time with their grandparents over a good book. If your child does not have a grandparent who can make it, please send an aunt or uncle or some special family member in their place.

Grandparents are encouraged to bring some of their grandkids favorite books or their own favorite books to read. If they don't have any books we will have some here at the school for them.

Please let your child's teacher know who will be coming in by **April 24th** so we can make sure siblings get put together with their grandparents.

Grandparents will need to sign in at the office and head down to their grandchild's classroom where the teacher will set them up with some books and a place to read. There will be 30 minutes of uninterrupted reading time to enjoy.

We thank all the families that participate in this event and look forward to meeting all of our special guests!

**Happy Reading!!**



**Annual Duclos Art Showcase**

Wednesday, May 1st



Student Art will be on display from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Enjoy this beautiful gallery of fine student art from all Duclos students!

Selected pieces of student art will be auctioned. Bidding opens for one week starting at 11:30 a.m. on May 1st. Bidding closes at 3:30 p.m. on May 8th.

All proceeds from the Silent Auction will go towards our playground!



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### **Moral Intelligence NEWS**

April is the month of RESPECT at Duclos! We are taking this opportunity to foster and promote respect in our school. "Treating someone with respect means that you interact with them in a way that shows that you care about their well-being and how they feel. When you respect someone, you treat them kindly and use good manners."

### **No School for Preschool and Kindergarten students on Friday, April 5**

On April 5th we will be hosting an Early Learning Open House to welcome future preschool and kindergarten students to our school and show them all the wonderful things that happen at our school. Every post card we sent out in the mail has a tab on the right hand side for parents to submit when they come to the open houses for a draw to win a prize.

As a result of the Open House event, there will be NO SCHOOL for Preschool and Kindergarten students on April 5th. Classes will proceed as scheduled for all other students in our school.

### **H.E.B Toy Drive - Last Day is April 10**

Thank you to those of you who have donated toys for deserving children at the Ronald McDonald House. There are still a few more days to make a donation if you have not done so already. There is a box set up at the school to put any donations in until April 10th. These donations need to be **brand new** packaged toys. Used items may contain germs that could impact the health of these children.

This toy drive is being put on by a few HEB Take Action Committee students for the Ronald McDonald House in Edmonton. The Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families with children receiving medical care in the hospital.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to all the Presenters, volunteers/community members running exhibits, and the families who came out in support of our 3rd Annual Health and Wellness Night. Everyone had a great time and it was wonderful to see everyone interacting with and exploring all that the Bonnyville community has to offer. A special thank-you to Wholesale Club, Bonnyville Water Conditioning, Home Hardware, the C2, and Bonnyville Swimming pool for their generous donations towards our event. A Special thank you also goes out to Premier Academy for kicking off our event. We are looking forward to next year! Pictures can be found at: <https://www.duclosschool.ca/about/photo-galleries>

### **Volunteer Week April 7-13**

We would like to send a HUGE thank you to all the Volunteers who help in the school and on our field trips! Thank you for your time, your talents, and your treasures!

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."  
~Elizabeth Andrew*

### **Kinosoo Ridge**

Kinosoo Ridge Ski Days are done for this school year! Thanks to the staff at Kinosoo and the Duclos staff for providing this fun outdoor physical education experience. Thanks to all the parents who came along to help with the ski days. A HUGE thanks to the Duclos School Council for funding the cost of busing. We appreciate it!



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## **Spring Book Fair**

We sold over \$9000.00 worth of books, etc.

Rayelle Lessard from 1D won the Family Event Door Prize. Rayelle was able to choose \$25 worth of free books to take home and Mrs. Dinn chose \$25 worth of free books for the classroom.

A huge Thank You! to Leanne Mills, Trisha Hiron, Shawna Dunlop, Jasmin Amdt, Janine Hebert, Janice Baillargeon and Katelyn Hornseth for assisting with the book fair. It cannot be done without great volunteers!!

## **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.

## **Shining Star 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 at 6:00 pm on April 23rd, 2019 at Duclos in the staffroom*

School Council Annual General Meeting meeting will be on April 23rd at 8:00 p.m. in the Duclos staffroom.

### **Smencil Fundraiser**

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

When: April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> right after last recess.

Cost: Only \$2 per Smencil!



If you would like to be part of our school council or just want to learn more about all the great things they do to support your child's education, please come to one of our meetings or contact our school council chair, Wendy McInnes.

*Please email our School Council Chair, Wendy McInnes, at [w.m.b.m@hotmail.com](mailto:w.m.b.m@hotmail.com) by April 16th, 2019 with suggested agenda items to be considered for the next meeting on **April 23rd at 6:00 p.m.***

## **Transportation and Crosswalks**

There are no fees for busing. Please contact the transportation department to register your child 780-826-6038

Crosswalks are used to help our students cross the street safely. Please ensure you are modeling this safe practice. We want all our students to arrive at school safely and return home safely.

## **Parking**

Please respect handicap parking zones and loading zones. The doors are not open on the North side of the school as that is our staff parking lot. Please avoid that area.



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### **School Messenger**

Please visit our Division website for the School Messenger Parent guide or visit the link below. If you have any questions You can call our office and we'll be happy to assist you.

<https://www.nlpsab.ca/parents/parent-tools/school-messenger2>

### **Safe and Caring**

For the safety and care of all our children we have made the decision to lock all the doors in our building, with the exception of the main doors.

At Duclos we practice emergency drills such as fire drills, lockdowns, evacuations, and locking of the main doors. Practicing drills is about preparing and educating our staff and students in order to respond efficiently and calmly in the event of a real emergency. The safety of your children is a priority. Schools are required to regularly practice emergency Drills.

If the doors are locked when you arrive please buzz to be let in and check in at the office so you can receive instructions on how to respond in our emergency drill. If we are practicing a lockdown you will not be let into the building until the drill is over. There is a doorbell located beside the door labeled "Duclos". If the doors are locked when you arrive please take care not to let others into the building. In a real emergency situation, it is not safe to open the doors for others. We really appreciate your cooperation as we strive to keep our children as safe as possible!

### **Video Camera**

We have installed a video camera in the main lobby so we can see all visitors coming into the school. The location of our front office does not allow us to see the main entrance of our school but with the camera, we can now monitor that activity.

### **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.



### **My Parent Read the Newsletter Contest**

Students - Ask your parents to read the newsletter, and fill out this entry. Please return this entry to Duclos School. Entries go into a draw and lucky winners choose a prize from the Treasure Box at the assembly. Good Luck! If you have an emailed newsletter, you can print and send in the entry, or send a note paper with:

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

