

Dunstable School Scoop, November- 2011



A small school with a BIG heart!
**Where students have the "Freedom to Grow" and the
"Opportunity to Learn"**



Principal's Message:

As I reflect on the year so far, one of my first thoughts is "what happened to October?" It's hard to believe that it has come and gone already, let alone that two months have gone by. Thanks again to everyone for a great start to the year! We couldn't do this without the help of students and parents, and the staff here at the school. I would like to extend a special thanks to all parents for coming out to the school on the evenings of our "Planning and Goal Setting". We think we're on the right track with that event. Stay tuned for the first progress report next month.

In the month of November, we continue to look forward working with our students, parents, and community stakeholders to build our culture of safe and caring, and excellence in learning. We are a school committed to our motto of "Freedom to Grow; Opportunity to Learn." We will pay particular attention to our monthly virtue of respect during Veteran's week. As we approach the holiday season next month and the unofficial midpoint in the school year, there is a great deal to be pleased with. There are many successes and achievements experienced and made by our students that are to be celebrated among the school community. These things would not be possible without your continued support - thanks again.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns surrounding the programming for your child, please feel free and contact the school.

I hope that everybody who is celebrating All Hallow's Eve on the 31st practices safe "trick or treating" that evening.

Steven Kaplan, Principal

Important dates in November:

- Nov. 01 - (TUESDAY) Dunstable Day. No school in Dunstable
- Nov. 02 - **EXTRA KINDERGARTEN DAY**
Volleyball @ Dunstable
- Nov. 03 - Dufflebag Theatre here. Hot Dog Day
- Nov. 08 - School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- **Picture Retake Day**
- Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day Ceremony@
10:45 am
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day. No school in PHRD
- Nov. 14 - Mid Semester Break. No school in PHRD
- Nov. 15 - Gr. 1-6 Progress Reports go home
- Nov. 17 - Volleyball @ Dunstable. Hot dogs.
- Nov. 20 - (Sunday)- Craft Sale at
Dunstable -10:00 am -3:00 pm
- Nov. 22 - Volleyball - Dunstable at Clyde
- Nov. 24 - Kindergarten "Cookie Sale"
Volleyball @ Dunstable
- Nov. 25 - Dunstable Day. No school here
- Nov. 29 - Volleyball tournament @
Westlock**
- Nov. 30 - Early Dismissal. Students
arrive home one hour earlier**

Reminder: There is **no school at Dunstable** on Monday, **October 31st** and Tuesday, **Nov. 1st**. Recall that this calendar item is usually discussed each year in the spring with the school community and this was the choice.



Also, **Wednesday, Nov. 2nd** is a kindergarten Day because there of **no school on Tuesday, Nov 1st**.



Our **Halloween** activities will be held in the afternoon, on **Friday, October 28th**. (This is also an **extra kindergarten day**)

Please **do not** send your child dressed in their Halloween costume in the morning. Students will be given time after noon hour to put their costumes on. Our costume parade will take place at approx. 1:15 p.m. Parents and play school children are invited to join us in the afternoon. Grade 5-6 will be organizing "fun filled" centers for our students to take part in after the costume parade. Hope to see you there!

On Nov. 3rd, **DuffleBag Theatre** will be in our school to perform "**Beauty And The Beast**". This will be an interactive performance, as audience members will be invited to play certain parts. We have invited Busby school to join us for this play as well. The show starts at 9:30 a.m. Thanks to the generosity of School Council, there will be no charge to our students for this performance. Come join us.



Our school pictures were taken on October 18th. We are on the "**2 proof**" program so this enables you to choose which pose you would like. Pictures should be back within a couple of weeks. If you do **not purchase** any pictures the total package still has to be returned to the school.

School Picture Retake Day is the morning of **Tuesday, Nov. 8th**.



Hot Dog Days this month are Nov. 3rd & 17th. The cost is \$1.00 per hot dog.



The **breakfast snack program** days are every **Tuesday and Thursday morning**.

Remembrance Day is close at hand. We will be having a school wide **Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:45 a.m. on November 10th**. We will have a short program, with each class participating. Everyone is welcome to attend. Poppies will be available for purchase at the School Office.



Mark Your Calendars!! Dunstable Annual Craft Sale will be on **Sunday, November 20th**, from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** There will be a wide variety of items to choose from, so come on out and get an early start on your Christmas shopping!

We will be having a "**Used Book Sale**" in conjunction with the Craft Sale. If you have any used books, we would love to have them for our sale!



For the past several years, Dunstable School has sponsored our **Foster Child, Genet**, from Ethiopia. Throughout the year each classroom takes a turn to help raise funds to support her. On **November 24th**, the Kindergarten class will be having their traditional "**Cookie sale**". All kindergarten families are asked to **donate approx. 1 dozen cookies** for this sale. All cookies will be sold by the "Kindergarten Chefs" for **25 cents per cookie**. We are looking forward to your support of our sale.



Thank you to all who came out on October 14th, a beautiful day, to watch our students play in the **Elementary Soccer Tournament at Busby**. Students appreciated your support!

Volleyball season is just around the corner and our students have started practicing. Traditionally, **grades 5 & 6** play volleyball. However, if there are not enough players in grades 5 & 6, grade 4 students may be invited to play. This will be determined closer to the game dates.

The Volleyball game dates are on the attached calendar. All games will start at 4:00 and end at approx. 5:00 p.m. Travel time to "away" games is approx. 1/2 hour. **Parents:** please be at the school for sure **by 5:15 p.m. to pick up your children** after games. The **tournament day schedule is different**. We will inform you of tournament schedule closer to the date.



Scholastic Book Orders:

Please send "**cheques only**" made out to **Scholastics** when purchasing from the order forms. This will simplify and speed up the orders as we cannot send cash in the mail. This is for your protection as well as our accountability.



From School Council:

The next School Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 8th @ 7:00 pm**. Babysitting will be provided. Come on out and support your School Council!



School Council would also like to **thank everyone who came out to help with our Highway Cleanup**. "Lots of hands make for light work". Your help was really appreciated!

From the Fundraising Committee:

The "Magazine" campaign was successful! Next on the agenda will be the sale of "Mundare Sausage", so you'll be able to stock up for the holidays. Please see **attached order form** to purchase sausage.



Our virtue for the month of **November** is "**Respect**". You are practicing respect when you:

- * Treat others the way you would like to be treated
- * Are kind and thoughtful toward others
- * Do what you say you are going to do
- * Show concern and caring toward others



Birthdays In November:

Anson George
Erica Soetaert
Carley McMann
Rory Zaychuk
Alexus Sernes-Oakford
Thelma Cardinal
Connor McKay
Hailey Courtney



Please remember to have your child **dress for the weather**. The policy at Dunstable is to go outside for recesses and noon hour. Winter season is upon us and the weather is changing so warmer clothing is essential.



Our October "goal setting" conferences were well attended. Thank you to all parents who came to meet with the teachers. Your child's goals were set for this school term and together, we will work toward attaining their goals.



Seasonal Greeting Card Contest



Every year Mr. Ken Kowalski sponsors a **Christmas Card Contest** for students in Grade 6. We would like to **congratulate Natasha Kootenay** on receiving "**Honourable Mention**" for her Christmas card. This contest is open to all grade 6 in Mr. Kowalski's Bar-head-Morinville-Westlock constituency, so "way to go", Natasha, on a job well done!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who have paid their school fees. Much appreciated, as the fees are now past due. If you have not paid yet, please do so. After the end of October we have to send fees in for collection. If there is a problem, please phone the school to make alternate arrangements.

School Fees for this year are as follows:

Kindergarten = \$60.00 (Includes agenda fee and \$1.00 for basic insurance)
Grades 1-6 = \$70.00 (Includes agenda fee & \$1.00 for basic insurance)

A variety of payment options are available:

- Cheque made out to Dunstable School
- Cash payment
- Visa- Payment to be made at PHRD office
- Payment Plan - Post dated cheques attached to payment plan (available at the school)



Reminder: Early dismissal on **Wednesday, November 30th**. Students arrive home 1 hour earlier than usual.



**Respect is a two-way street;
If you want to get it, you have to give it.**

R.G. Risch

