

# Dunstable School Scoop, September- 2011

## A Safe and Caring School

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



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back!! I trust everyone had a restful, productive summer, and is ready for another exciting school year. Thank you again for all the work you have done to keep your children ready for the learning opportunities we are planning this year. Dunstable School traces its roots back more than sixty years to its founding one room school. Over time, the school has played an integral role in the community, which is reflected in our rich traditions and shared values that strengthen our sense of identity and provide an enriched learning environment for all our students. Our School motto, *Freedom to Grow, Opportunity to Learn*, highlights the importance growth and learning and how each is fundamental at our school. Last year, we learned how important a Safe and Caring School climate was in the realization of our very important mission to develop well-balanced people for a life of purpose inspired by excellence in scholarship, leadership and character. We strive every day to achieve this mission and live up our motto through our safe and caring school climate, and rigorous academic and co-curricular programs.

Our school community honours the learning opportunities available for all and reflects the pride a shared purpose and love of learning in a values-based environment, where everyone is respected as an individual and works on the virtues of social justice and community. We value and uphold the basic principles of integrity and truthfulness, kindness, consideration, compassion, responsibility, respect and service – both to oneself and to others. As a result we will continue with and build upon our very successful programs from last year that support our work in **Safe and Caring Schools**. First, we are further developing and sharpening our efforts on **school climate**. Secondly, our **Character Education and Virtues Program** reinforced the positive behaviours that are well-regarded in our community. Furthermore, our recognition programs, such as Care Bears and Kelso's Choices, support positive behaviour and yielded outstanding results in student behaviour. Through this work, we believe we are contributing to the development of well-balanced individuals in an environment that emphasizes academic rigour, leadership, character development, social justice, self-expression, physical fitness, service, and a global perspective. We are very excited about these initiatives and the positive effect they are having on the kids and our school.

At Dunstable School, we foster a collaborative learning environment while empowering our students through the development of critical and independent thinking by means of a challenging and balanced curriculum built on a foundation of core knowledge and subjects and an appropriate use of technology. Further, we recognize the uniqueness of each of our students and we strive to meet each of them wherever they are, inspiring a journey that will lead them beyond anything they could have imagined.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year!  
*Steven Kaplan, Principal*

### Important dates in September:

- Aug. 31 - First day of school
- Sept. 5 - Labour Day. No school in PHRD
- Sept. 7 - Playschool meeting @ Dunstable
- Sept. 13 - D.A.R.E. starts for Gr. 5-6
- Sept. 15 - Rodeo Cowboys visit the school
- Sept. 15 - Hot dog day
- Sept. 16 - Dunstable day. No school here
- Sept. 22 - Cross Country Run @ Westlock - Gr. 4-6
- Sept. 22 - Meet the Staff evening - 5:30 - 7:00 Pot Luck
- Sept. 23 - Teacher Day. No school for students
- Sept. 27 - School Council meeting @ 7:00
- Sept. 28 - Terry Fox Run @ Fort Assiniboine
- Sept. 30 - Dunstable Day. No school here

### Dunstable Staffing for 2011-2012

**Principal - Mr. Kaplan**

#### Teaching Staff:

- Gr. 5-6 - Mrs. Beattie
- Gr. 3-4 - Mr. Kaplan/\_\_\_\_\_
- Gr. 1-2 - Miss Braben
- Kindergarten - Mrs. Kalmbach

#### Program Assistants:


- Mrs. Dick
- Mrs. Benefeldt (P.A. & Librarian)

#### Office Staff:

- Mrs. Golby
- Mrs. Soetaert

A big **Dunstable Welcome** to the new students in our school and to their families as well:

Gr. 5 - Connor McKay

Gr. 3 - Donna McKay (welcome back Brenden Jinks) 

Gr. 2 - Ashton Piche

Gr. 1 - Danika Dowbush

Our **New Kindergarten Students** are:

Ariel Brade, Hailey Courtney, Ethan DeZaeyer, Kali Dowbush, Luke Kristiansen, Gracie Munro, Seth Pederson, Glenn Phillips, Branden Young, Brennon Ochuschayoo.

We're very glad you're here!

**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:


- 1) Cheque made out to Dunstable School
- 2) Cash payment
- 3) Visa/Interac - Payment to be made at PHRD office
- 4) Payment Plan - Post dated cheques attached to payment plan (available at the school)
- 5) **Please note:** There is a discount (on instructional fees only) for families with 4 or more children attending PHRD schools.
- 6) Fees are due as soon as possible

**Insurance** - An insurance information package is attached. Your child has basic insurance coverage through your instructional fee payment. If you want more coverage, refer to the attached brochure.


**Playschool registration meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, Sept. 7th @ 7:00 p.m.** at Dunstable School. For more information call Tracy DeZaeyer @ 780-967-0144. **First day** for playschool is Sept. 12th - 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

As was discussed at School Council meetings in the 2010-11 school year, visitors coming into our building are asked to **"Report to the Office"**. It is a safety issue for us to know who is in the building as well as for the safety and well being of our students. This is also a PHRD policy, (AP 50-31). Thank you for your co-operation. 

**Cross Country Run** - Grades 4-6 will be going to Westlock on **Sept. 22nd** to take part in the **"Cross Country Run"**. Parents are welcome to join us. There will be room on the bus if you want to catch a ride. 

The **"Hot dog day"** for **September** has been set. 

Students will be able to purchase a hot dog for **\$1.00 per hot dog**. Our hot dog day in September will be **Thursday, Sept. 15th**. (There is no obligation to buy and it is up to parents as to whether they want their child to have a hot dog or not.)

There will be **"breakfast snacks"** on Tuesday and Thursday again this year. 

Thank you to the moms who give so generously of their time so our students can enjoy breakfasts, hot dog days, and hot lunch days throughout the school year. Much appreciated!



Our **"Meet the Staff"** pot luck evening will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 22nd**, so bring your favourite dish and come meet our new staff members, your neighbours, friends and community members. The **"Pot Luck"** will be from **5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** with staff introductions at approx. 6:30 p.m. If weather (and time) permits, we will have a "soccer baseball" game with student/adult teams on that evening as well.



On **Sept. 28th**, we will be joining Fort Assiniboine School for the **"Terry Fox Run"**.

The run will start at **11:00 a.m.** at **Fort Assiniboine**. After the run we will be treated to a hot dog lunch. Parents/ kindergarten/pre school children are welcome to join us on this day.



**Pledge sheets** (optional) will be sent home with student field trip permission slips next week. Watch for these in your child's agenda.

**Milk Program** - We will once again be offering both white and chocolate milk again this year.



The price per carton this year will be **70 cents** or **\$7.00** per milk card.

(which gives students 10 punches on the card). We would like to encourage our students to have beverages that are healthy. Please do not send pop to school.

The milk program starts on **Tuesday, September 13th, 2011**.

**Birthdays for the month of September are:**

Dean Bernier	Ethan Grossenbacher
Keagan George	Ashlee Laing
Katelyn Golby	Seth Rimmer



**Classes/lessons offered at Dunstable this fall are as follows:**

**Music Lessons:** On **Sept. 14** Mrs. Connie Lefebvre will be starting music lessons in our school. The "Choral Group" will meet at noon hour on Wednesdays. For more information phone Connie @ 780-967-3355.



**Adult Pilates:** Starts **Sept. 15th @ 4:15 p.m.** For more info phone Cindy @ 780-967-3013.

**JuJitsu** - Lessons will begin on **Friday, Sept. 16th**. For more info call Joseph @ 780-967-5941.





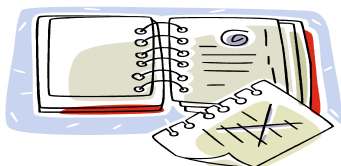
The first **School Council** meeting for the 2011-12 school year will be on **Sept. 27th** at Dunstable School at **7:00 p.m.** Babysitting will be provided. Please come on out and support your child's education. We need your ideas and your input.

There are still a few Dunstable Cookbooks left if anyone needs a last minute gift for a friend or relative. The cost is \$10.00.



This is the year for **D.A.R.E.** Constable Morroco Johnson will be teaching the Gr. 5-6 class the **Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education** program starting **Tuesday, Sept. 13th.** Constable Johnson is our School Resource Officer. Students will be seeing Constable Johnson in their classrooms from time to time.

**"Dunstable Days"** (days when there is no school here at Dunstable) and **"Teacher Only Days"** occur throughout our school year. Please see attached calendar as to when these days occur. There is also a "whole school year" calendar in the front of your child's agenda for your convenience in planning appointments etc.



Once again we will be running our **Care Bear** program.



Dunstable Students will receive a **"Care Bear"** for practicing our virtues. A draw will be made once per month from the virtue "care bears", and a prize will be awarded.

When the students get to 200 Care Bears (and at subsequent 200 increments) staff will purchase Educational products/school supplies for a 3rd world country. Our slogan will be **"Lending a Learning Hand"**.

Our virtue for September is **"kindness"**. Please help the children to reinforce this virtue at home as well as at school.

We will be **collecting pop tabs** again this year **BUT** we will **NOT** be **collecting Campbells soup labels any longer.** Thank you for your past support.



**"Make the Connection"** will be set up at the Barrhead Curling Rink on Thursday, Sept. 8th. (one time only) from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. There are 26 different clubs/programs for parents to choose from for their children. Let's keep everyone active!

*Treat everyone with politeness,  
even those who are rude to you -  
not because they are nice, but  
because you are.*  
*Author Unknown*

