

February 2025

News from the Bears' Den - Dunstable School

Important Dates

February

4 (Tuesday)

Hot dogs Lunch

5

Kindergarten
(extra school day)

6 & 7

Teachers' Convention
(no students)

10 - 13

Secret Pal Week

12

Basketball
@ Westlock Spirit Ctr
1-3 PM

14

Dunstable Day
(no students)

17

Family Day
(No school)

19

Ski / Tubing day
(Grades 1-6)

20

Hot Lunch
Soup & Bun

26

Pink Shirt Day
Progress Reports

27

Basketball
@ Westlock Spirit Ctr
9:30 -3:30 PM

28

Dunstable Day
(no students)

Principal's Message

Dear Dunstable Families,

It's hard to believe we're already well into the New Year—it's been a busy and exciting start to 2025!

This past Thursday, our Grade 4-6 students had the incredible opportunity to enjoy the ski hill all to themselves at Misty Ridge. It was a fantastic day filled with fresh air, fun, and a few new skills on the slopes! Coming up, we're looking forward to more snowy adventures on February 19th, when our Grade 4-6 students will hit the slopes again, this time at Tawatinaw. On the same day, our Grade 1-3 students will get their turn to join in the winter fun as they take on the Tawatinaw tube park. We can't wait for another day of smiles, laughter, and outdoor activity!

In other news, Pembina Hills School Division will soon be sending out their annual satisfaction survey via email. This is an excellent chance for you to share your thoughts and feedback with us. Your input is vital as we strive to make Dunstable the best possible learning environment for all of our students. Please take a few moments to complete the survey when it arrives—we value and appreciate your participation.

Looking ahead, progress reports will be coming home with students on February 26th. This is an important opportunity to check in on your child's progress and celebrate their accomplishments so far.

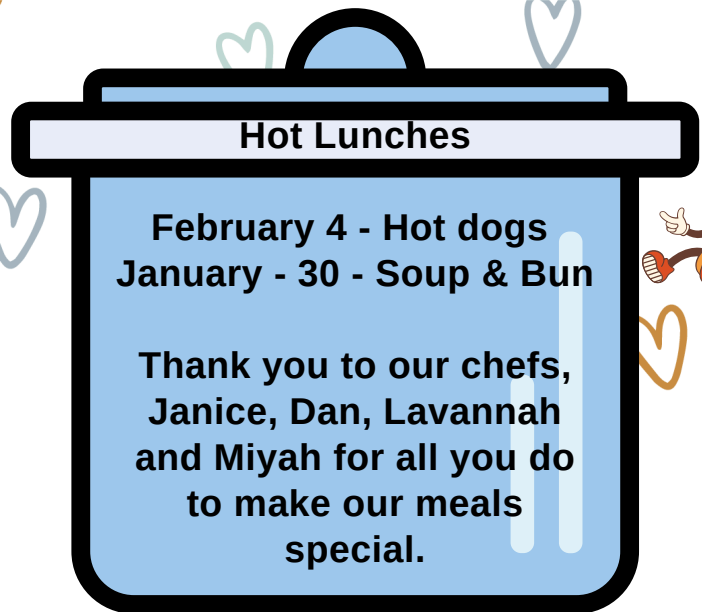
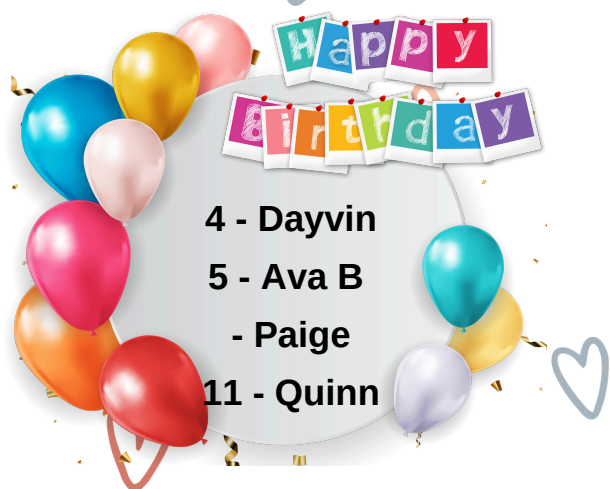
As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions or need further information about any of these events, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Angie Bachand
Principal
Dunstable School

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event against bullying, held in Canada and now world wide. Participants wear pink shirts and attend or host informative events to raise awareness about bullying, particularly in schools. Pink Shirt Day was started in 2007 in Canada, where it is held on the last Wednesday of February each year.





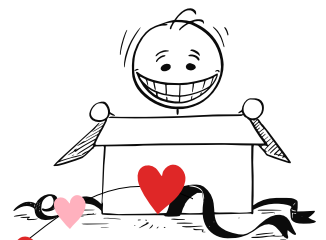
“Secret Pals”



We are excited to announce our annual “Secret Pals” event once again! This beloved activity is a favorite among our students. On Wednesday, February 5, students and staff will draw names to find out who their “secret pal” will be. This timing allows students the weekend to prepare small gifts for their secret pals. This activity spans grades 1 through 6. Your child’s secret pal’s name will be taped inside their agenda, so please encourage them to keep this information confidential.

Starting on Monday, February 10, students can begin bringing little surprises for their secret pals. Our “Secret Pals” event will take place from February 10 to February 13, with the grand reveal occurring on the final day—February 13. Remember to label gifts with only the name of your child’s secret pal, avoiding the use of your child’s name.

Please assist your child in this activity. Gifts can be simple, such as items from the Dollar Store, homemade cards, crafts, cookies, or candy—anything small will do. Students love to exchange little tokens each day. On February 13, we will gather in the gym to unveil our secret pals and exchange a “final gift,” which can be a bit more exciting. If you have any questions regarding this event, feel free to call the school.



A Ski and Tubing trip is scheduled for students in Grades 1-6 on February 19th at Tawatinaw Ski Hill.

To participate, please ensure that the online permission form is filled out and any applicable fees are paid at least one week prior to the trip. In the event of excessively low temperatures that make outdoor activities unsafe, we will either cancel or postpone the trip.

Basketball

continues this month

February 12 at 1-3 pm
Westlock Spirit Centre

February 27 at 9:30-3:30
Barrhead Elementary School

Check your emails for transportation arrangements.

Dress-Up Spirit Days

The Student Council has organized a series of fun dress-up themes for our School Spirit Days.

- **February 4:** Showcase your love for your favorite sport or team by dressing up
- **February 13:** Valentine Colors (Red, Pink, White)
- **February 20:** Your Career goal outfit

