



Dewdney Elementary School

Home of the Dewdney Dragons

“Pursuing Personal Excellence”

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Dewdney Elementary School took time on Tuesday, November 9 to remember all of the men and women who went to war and are currently peacekeeping around the world. The staff, students, visitors, and many Dewdney parents were treated to a wonderful Remembrance Day Assembly. All Dewdney students were very well behaved during this formal assembly. I would like to thank Mr. McKimmon for organizing the Assembly; Mrs. Caverley, Mrs. Kraakman and Band Members for playing O’Canada, Celtic Air and Dance No. 2; Ms. Spinks’ class for their poem “Let There Be Peace”; and finally, thank you to Jake Mitchell for being the host for the assembly. I would also like to thank students from Divisions 1, 2 & 3 for their various poems, songs & presentations and to students from Divisions 5, 6 and 7 for making the decorations in the gym.

It is hard to believe that the first term is over and that the Winter Season is here. As always, the past few months have been filled with a variety of learning opportunities for Dewdney students. Pupils have worked hard this past session and their results are reflected in the evaluations teachers have compiled over the first reporting period.

Our Parent-Teacher conferences were held on Tuesday, November 23. Many parents/guardians attended the conferences to discuss their son/daughter’s progress. We hope that the interviews were productive for the teachers and the parents/guardians. We continue to encourage you to be an active participant in your child’s education.

We are encouraged by the results of our AR home reading program and the emphasis on comprehension. Continue to ask questions about the information your children have just read, as it is one thing to read well, and another to understand and apply what we have read. Reading comprehension is one of our school goals which we continue to improve on throughout the school curriculum.

Thanks to all of our volunteer parents and family members who continually support Dewdney Elementary.

Sincerely,

J. Toth, Principal

Dates to Remember

Non Instructional Day - Classes not in session	Nov. 26
Christmas Craft Fair - 10:00-2:00 p.m.	Nov. 27
PAC Meeting – 8:45 am	Dec. 3
Daytime Christmas Concert – 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 14
Evening Christmas Concert – 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 14
Santa’s Pancake Breakfast 8:45 a.m.	Dec. 17
Accelerated Reader Reward-Silvercity 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 17
Last day of school before Winter Break	Dec. 17
First day back from Winter Break	Jan. 4

Inclement Weather



Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the weather. Students should be wearing jackets on cooler days, as they are outside on non-rainy days. We would appreciate children being particularly careful walking to and from the bus stop and school on those mornings when road conditions are hazardous. An extra reminder from mom or dad as your child goes out the door would be appreciated.

If school is closed due to inclement weather, please turn to any of the following radio stations:

STAR FM 98.3 CKWX 1130AM KKNW 98 AM

You can also refer to the school district website for up to date info. www.mpsd.ca

Safe Arrival Program

Most parents are phoning by 8:30 a.m. to let us know if their children are ill and unable to come to school, or if they will be late. On most days there are only a few telephone calls that need to be made. Dewdney also has an answering machine, if parents call through the night. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.



Accelerated Reader



The cut-off for Term 1 was on November 12th. 40 students achieved the required amount of points for their grade level goals this term. Way to go! These students will be going to Silver-City on December 17th for their reward. Details about the movie and time will be sent out next week. I Love Reading!

TERM 2 STARTED
TERM 2 ENDS

NOVEMBER 13
MARCH 4

Lost and Found

The Dewdney lost and found container is overflowing, so please take some time to retrieve your child's clothing. Friday, December 17 will be the last day to retrieve items. After these items will be laundered and donated to a local charity.



Parking (Student Drop off and Pick Up)

Remember that parking spots are difficult to find when dropping off and picking up children. Reminder the Staff Parking lot is for **staff only**. Please do not block the entrance and exits to the school, including the roundabout.



Lunch Card for Canteen Purchases

Are you tired of looking for coins in the morning? "Get punched at Lunch", buy a \$20 lunch card at the office. Please try the pre-purchased \$20 lunch card if your child makes purchases at the canteen. The cards will be stored in the canteen. We are still in need of Canteen helpers, please contact Mrs. Waterson at the school office if you are interested in volunteering.



Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. Our Daytime Concert is scheduled for 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome.



Scent Free School



Just a reminder that Dewdney School is a scent free school. That is the case for all students, staff and parents. With all the allergies that are around, please be careful not to wear perfume or cologne in school.

Strong Start Program



Strong Start is now at Dewdney Elementary on Mondays from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. This is a program designed for pre-school aged children and their parent/caregiver. Children from birth to six years of age are welcome.

Sr. Boys/Girls Basketball

Basketball season will be coming to an end next week. The Senior Boys and Senior Girls Teams improved their basketball skills with each practice and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the season. All of the Senior Teams had a lot of success at their play-days. The Senior Boys Team qualified for the district play-offs and finished in 2nd place. Way to go boys! The Senior Boys and Girls Teams have an opportunity to participate in the District Year End Tournament during the first week in



December. Thanks to Mr. Toth, Hayley Toth and Mr. McKimmon for coaching the Senior Boys and Girls Teams.

Jr. Mixed Basketball



It is already the end of the season for Jr. Basketball! Mrs. Spinks would like to say thank you to all the players. There has been an improvement in their skills from the very first practice to the very last game. Each player has their own strength but when we work and play together, it sure makes a difference. Thank you to all the parents who attended the games, drove their child to and from the games and the ones who volunteered to wash the team jerseys. A special thank you to Mrs. Berry who helped supervise a team at a playday and to all the families who came out to cheer for their child. Certainly your child appreciated your support in this area. Also a **BIG THANK YOU** to the two main peer coaches, Wyatt Field and Wyatt Desjardins, students from Div. 1. They passed their knowledge of the game on to the two teams while showing patience and kindness to each player. These students chose what to teach the players during the practices and even went to the last two games to help the junior teams! Mrs. Spinks is very appreciative of all their help and what excellent role models they are. And last but not least, a huge thank you to Mrs. Spinks for managing and coaching the teams. Great job!!

School Planning Council

Our School Planning Council is up and running. We will be having our second meeting in December. Members of Dewdney’s SPC include: Cindy Goncalves, Shelley Stevens and Lorri-Ann Webb (parents) and Mr. Toth (Principal).



Math Problem of the Month



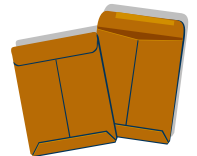
One of our school goals this year is math problem solving. We will be giving students a grade level math problem each month that students may work on at home. If your child returns the math sheet to their teacher, your child will receive a chance to win a prize. Students who returned last month’s math problem are as follows:

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| Division 1 | Garrett Brown | Trent Easton |
| | Mara Hatklin | Jennifer Heldt |
| | Palveer Shoker | |
| Division 2 | Holly Ovington | |

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| Division 3 | Deegan Berry | Amber Ker |
| | Puneet Sandhu | Sean Sidhu |
| Division 4 | Rayden Adams | Alexia Brown |
| | Japleen Chahal | Megan Crocker |
| | Gage Goncalves | Davin Doolittle |
| | Connor Grant | Hunter Hallam |
| | Karam Randhawa | Marissa Kirby |
| | Tejpaul Sandhu | Olivia Stinson |
| Division 5 | Nabhraj Badesha | Desirae Adams |
| | Ayden Doolittle | Carson Grant |
| | Rachell Elford | John Kanders |
| | Tatianna Kelly | Elara Ketelaar |
| | Jasdeep Rhandawa | Isabel Lucak |
| | Sam Scarrow | Brittany Sidhu |
| Division 6 | Austin Berry | Isaac Crocker |
| | Kurt Janzen | Keaton Squires |
| | Lauren Stinson | |
| Division 7 | Ravleen Chahal | Katie Gage |
| | Jordan Jones | Danica Kanders |
| | Adam Ketelaar | Hilari Nishio |

Report Card Envelopes/Attendance Cards

Report Cards were sent out on Monday, November 22. Please return your child’s report card envelope and the first page of the report card. The envelopes are used for each of the upcoming reporting periods. Thank you for your cooperation.



Thanks For Your efforts

It takes a lot of effort by everyone to have things occur at Dewdney. Your time and participation is very much appreciated. Thanks to the following people:

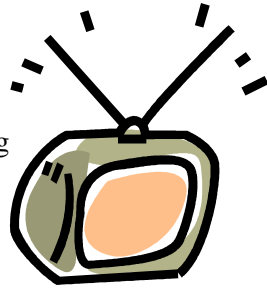
- *Wanda Kraakman and Susan Calverley for running the band program.
- *Christine Aikema, Melinda Matlak, Donna Katinic, Lorri-Ann Webb, Stacie Motala, Bernice Vander Wyk, Susan Grant, Chris Sunder, Annilla Dell’Oca, Laurie Berry, Doris Brown, and Kim Figiel for their help with the concession and hot lunch program.
- *Christine Gibbs, Stacie Motala, Susan Grant and Laurie Berry for their fund raising efforts.
- *Melinda Matlak, Laurie Berry and Susan Grant for assisting with the Fruits and Vegetable Program.
- *Lorri-Ann Webb for her work with Scholastic Book orders.



Limiting Screen Time

Too much screen time can interfere with activities such as being physically active, reading, doing homework, playing with friends, and spending time with family.

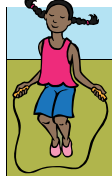
Try the following tips to reduce screen time:



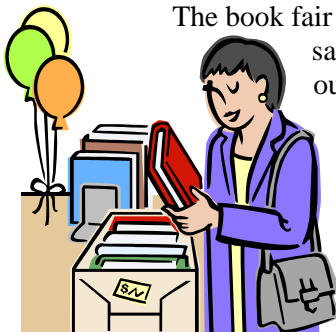
- **Set limits on screen time.** Your children should spend no more than 2 hours a day watching TV, surfing the internet or playing video games.
- **Remove the TV or computer from your child's bedroom.** Children with TV in their rooms spend almost 1 ½ hours more per day watching TV than kids without a set in their room.
- **Provide other options and alternatives.** Watching TV can become a habit for your child. Provide other alternatives for them to spend their time, such as playing outside, learning a hobby or sport, or spending time with family and friends.
- **Be a role model.** As a parent, set a good example for physical activity and screen time in moderation. If your kids see you following your own rules, they will be more likely to do the same.
- **Make physical activity a fun family routine.** Do not rely on “active” video games to get children moving.

Canada's Physical Activity Guide suggests at least 90 minutes of physical activity per day for children and youth. Yet, research studies show that more than half of Canadian children and youth are not active enough for optimal growth and development. For more information:

<http://www.actnowbc.ca>



Scholastic Book Fair



The book fair was a great success. Our sales totaled \$1,999.15, so our school profit was \$322.50 in cash and \$291.98 in free books for our library! It would not have been this successful without our parent volunteers. We would like to thank Tracy

Adams, Susan Grant, Sharlene Ketelaar, Ancilla Dell'Oca, Kim Figiel and Doris Brown. A big thank you also to many of our Grade 6/7 students who were fantastic helpers.

Brittany Sidhu, Keiver Sankey, Peter Murphy, Lauren Sankey and Saki Nishio all won the how many Safari Animals were in the jar and were able to pick out \$10 worth of books for themselves. Elara Ketelaar won the Family Event Door Prize and will receive \$25 worth of books for her family and \$25 worth of books for her class. Congratulations students!

PAC NEWS

Craft Fair

The Christmas Craft Fair is this Saturday, November 27 from 10-2. See you here!



PAC MEETING



The next PAC meeting will be on **FRIDAY, December 3** at 8:45 a.m. in the school library. We are always looking for new faces and ideas.

Santa's Breakfast

Santa's Breakfast will be held on Friday, December 17. All Staff and students will receive a pancake breakfast and Santa will be making a stop at Dewdney so the students will have a chance to have a visit and a picture with Santa. We will need parent helpers with this event. More info to follow.



Theme Baskets



Christmas Theme Baskets will be on display in the school foyer. Tickets are 50c each or \$5.00 for a book of 10. Students will be coming home with one book each next week. If you want more please ask at the school office.

Food Bank

We are collecting food donations for the Mission Food Bank. Please leave your donation in the box in the school foyer.



