

**DONWOOD SCHOOL**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Margaret Fair

**VICE-PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Nicole Ziemianski

**Daily Schedule:**

**School Bell Rings:** 8:55 am

**AM Recess:** 10:15—10:30 am

**Lunch:** 11:45—12:45pm

**PM Recess:** 2:00—2:15 pm

**School Dismisses:** 3:30 pm

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# Donwood E-News

**June 13, 2025**

**Important Dates:**

June 16 — PAC Book Sale: Get gently used books for \$1 or \$2!

June 17 — Donwood Track & Field Day (Dress for outdoor activities!)

June 19 — Grade 5 Farewell 1-2PM (Families are invited!)

June 25 (PM) — Step Up Day (Students visiting next year's classroom)

June 27 — Last Day of Classes

Early Dismissal at 2:30PM


Final Report Card of the Year!

Annual Report to the Community sent home

## Kindergarten Registration

If your child is five years old on or before December 31, 2025, they are eligible to register for kindergarten for the 2025/2026 school year. Forms can be found on our website under Documents & Forms/Registration or visit us at the office to pick up a registration package.

**Mrs. Ziemianski**

We are saying farewell to Mrs. Ziemianski as she will be the Vice Principal at Bird's Hill School next year. We will really miss her at Donwood School! She is an amazing leader of our school and we have learned and benefitted from her kindness, her love of books, her curiosity about learning and ideas, her caring words and actions, her sense of humour, her organization of many events, and her respect for everyone! We wish her ALL the best in the future! 



Many class and grade field trips have been happening! Being outside more as spring starts is so refreshing!



# Staffing for 2025-2026

This is our staff list for next year – a few educational assistant positions are still being finalized.

## German Programming Classes

K – Ms. Liz Wiens

Gr. 1 – Ms. Natasha Kasper Wiebe

Gr. 2 – Ms. Priscilla Refler

Gr. 3/4 – Ms. Kaeri Rosenby

Gr. 4/5 Mose

## English Classes

K – Ms. Dominika Friesen

Gr. 1 – Ms. Jeanette Loewen (AM)

Ms. Joana Reyes (PM)

Gr. 1/2 – Ms. Kirby Feuer

Gr. 1/2 – Ms. Vanessa Rego

Gr. 3 – Ms. Candice Johannesson

Gr. 3/4 – Ms. Liane Glabush

Gr. 4/5 – Ms. Sydnee Laurin

Gr. 5 – Ms. Stephanie Taylor

## Specialists

Phys Ed – Mr. Dominik Vann

Ms. Karyn Christensen

Music – Mr. Nathan Schroeder

Resource – Ms. Andrea Pott

Mr. Stathi Petroulakis

Counselling - Mr. Matthew Buck

Vice Principal – Ms. Kim Dudeck

Principal – Mrs. Margaret Fair

Clerical – Ms. Nikki Hamilton

Ms. Kayla Verdon

Teacher Librarian- Ms. Kim Dudek

Reading Recovery Teacher - Ms. Jeanette Loewen

IAA Literacy Support Teacher - Ms. Michele Kisil

Youth Care Worker - Ms. Liberty McAuley

Nutrition Coordinator - Ms. Megan Stephen

Library Technician - Ms. Lisa Kahler

## Educational Assistants

Ms. Patty Olson

Ms. Lori Switsky

Ms. Heidi Baran

Ms. Rebecca Klassen

Ms. Jessica Lehmann

Ms. Kristin Krantz

Ms. Deanne Balkissoon

Ms. Angie Taylor-Ungeran

Ms. Marie Santos

Ms. Laura Scott

Ms. May Dram

# **Krispy Kreme & Blue Bomber** **Fundraiser!**



**A reminder that donut orders  
are due on  
MONDAY, June 16th!  
Pickup will be after school on  
THURSDAY, June 26.**

**The bomber raffle will also take  
place on June 26th in the  
afternoon; the winning family  
will be notified via phone call,  
and the tickets will be available  
to pick up in the office the same  
day.**



**Thank you for supporting our school!**

# My Spring Walk by Room 13



On the first day of spring, we started to read books about spring! We looked out our big window and noticed the snow melting. We wrote a poem as a class about what spring looks like, smells like, and sounds like. We went out for a spring walk together on our large Donwood property. The students wrote beautiful poetry that we have displayed in our classroom. They also took their time to draw colourful flowers and trees that have brightened up our room!



## My Spring Walk

I see a green plant and  
black and yellow bees  
surrounding it.  
I see lots of puddles  
And lots of people in them.  
I go outside.  
But, "Oh no!" It starts to rain!  
I play in the rain and  
brown puddles.  
The rain stopped  
And it left a rainbow.  
"Wow." I say, opening my jaw.  
I sing the colours of the rainbow:  
Red, orange, yellow,  
green, blue, indigo, violet.

By: Myla



## My Spring Walk

Run outside with no jacket? Yes!  
No ski pants? Yes!  
No boots? Yes!  
And no toque and  
no mittens and no scarf? Yes!  
No falling on the ice? Yes!  
No more snowmen.  
No more shovelling.  
No more snow.  
No more winter.  
Yes!  
Now it's SPRING! Yes!

By: Mohammad





# Help Build a Better Playground!

We're starting a Playground Fundraising Group-and we need YOU!  
Join a small, friendly team of parents working together to improve  
our playground.

Whether you can help organize events, share ideas, or just spread  
the word, every bit counts.

## Why Join?

- Make a lasting impact
- Connect with other parents
- Help give our kids an elevated play space

Interested ?  
Contact

Jodi Rahn at [donwoodplaystructure@gmail.com](mailto:donwoodplaystructure@gmail.com)  
Let's make something amazing-together!



# Donwood Dragons!!

Hello Dragons! As per usual, the gym at Donwood is a busy place! Here's some stuff that's been happening:

**AM Recess — Dance Club:** We are about to wrap up our Dragon Dance Club! Students from grade 1-5 were welcome to join this club. At Dragon Dance, the students are the club leaders; they pick a song (Taylor Swift "Bad Blood" and Kane Brown "Miles on it" this year), they make their own groups, they make their own poses and routines, and perform their routines! We had a large group of students participating in the club! Club participants will also get a chance to perform at an outdoor assembly!

**Grade 4 & 5 Track:** Grade 4 and 5 students went to the River East track on May 21 for the afternoon. There they had the opportunity to test out and practice many of the events to get a feel for them. Afterwards, students are encouraged to join the club to practice their event and prepare for the divisional track event on May 30st. It is our second time attending and we are very excited! Individual Events include : 70m sprint, 800m run, ball throw, and running long jump. Team events include: Ball throw, pursuit relay, standing long jump, and shuttle run.

**Grade 3 & 4 Soccer Club:** Grade 3 and 4 students were invited at the start of June to join our soccer club. This club learned and practiced soccer skills and team/ game play. The Grade 4's attended a whole-day divisional tournament at Andersen Park on June 11th to play with tons of other students and schools! It's always a blast. Grade 3's attended an afternoon tournament hosted by and at Springfield Heights School!

**In the Gym:** We have been playing a variety of fun games and fitness-based activities! Classes have also been playing a large variety of baseball-type games which have been a blast!





# SUMMER Camp 2025

Each week, campers (6-12 years old) will enjoy a day of a variety of fun activities, designed to encourage physical activity, creativity, and learning for all ages! Each week will differ from the others, so booking multiple camps will ensure unique activities every week.

Choose from the following weeks

- June 30 - July 4 (*No camp on July 1st*)
- July 7 - July 11
- July 14 to July 18
- July 21 to July 25
- July 28 to August 1

Located at Donwood School  
Camp runs from 8:30 AM - 3:15 PM



View online for cost  
and details



● DONWOOD SCHOOL PAC ●  
**WINTER  
CRAFT SALE**

TABLES OPEN TO DONWOOD FAMILIES FIRST



**Tables now available!**

\$30 for no electricity

\$40 for electricity \*

Email - [donwoodschoollcraftsale@gmail.com](mailto:donwoodschoollcraftsale@gmail.com)

For application & more details

**\*electric tables are first come and limited\***

CRAFTERS & DIRECT SELLERS WELCOME

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**November 15th, 2025**

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400 DONWOOD DR.

10:00 AM -- 3:00 PM



## Donwood School Lunch Program Board

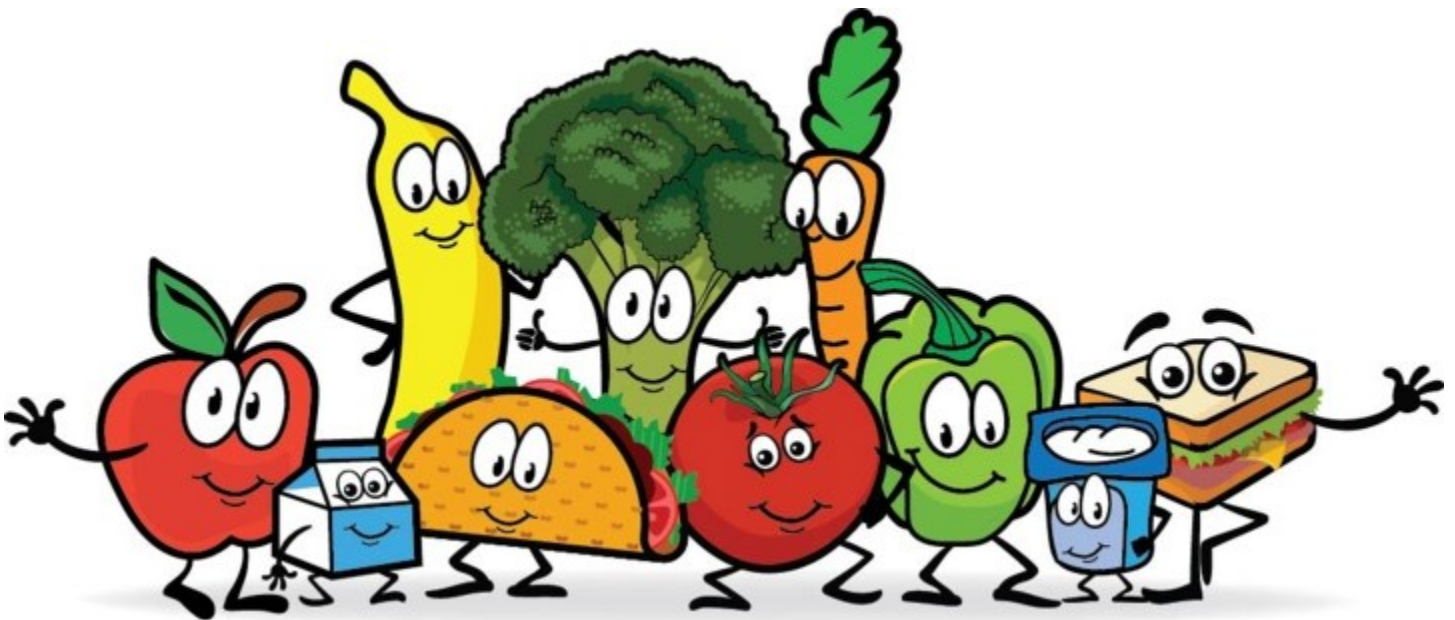
Our lunch program needs a couple of parents to be a part of The Donwood Lunch Program Board.

It is a requirement of the lunch program.

Your responsibility would be to attend one meeting a month, via TEAMS.

It is a great opportunity to see how the lunch program is organized and run.

Please let Ms. Ziemianski know if you are interested.





### SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Please remind your child and anyone picking them up from school or dropping them off, that safety is so very important! Students need to stay on the sidewalks and only cross the street where patrols are stationed. Listening to patrol instructions is very important, they help everyone cross safely.

### PAC

**THANK-YOU** to our PAC for ALL the wonderful hot lunches this year!

All parents/guardians are welcome at PAC meetings; our first meeting in September is on the 9th at 6:30 in the library. Please contact us using the email below for questions about the PAC Meeting. [rwiebepac@gmail.com](mailto:rwiebepac@gmail.com)

### TECHNOLOGY OPT IN/OPT OUT FORMS & CHANGES TO PARENT PORTAL ACCESS

Please refer to the following forms:

“ **Technology Opt In/Opt Out Forms:** Please note if you opted out of technology last year, you will need to do it again this year as the form is only valid for the school year in which you signed the form. If you choose to opt out this year, please click the links for technology use Policy IJND, and Policy Form IJND-E1, as well as the updated media release Policy KDDB and Policy Form KDDB-E1 form and return it to your child’s teacher. If you wish to opt in, no action is required.



Check out more of the exciting events, celebrations and learning taking place at Donwood School by following our Twitter account [@don\\_RETSD](https://twitter.com/don_RETSD).

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the school at 204-668-9438 or email us at [don@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:don@retsd.mb.ca)

**We have completed our “Hold & Secure” and “School Lockdown Drills” for this school year!**

*We thank all our families and volunteers for a wonderful year!*

***Donwood School Staff***

