



Donwood School Newsletter

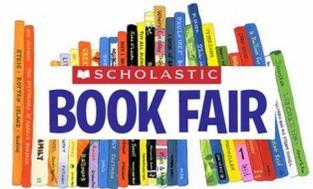
April 10, 2023

Important Dates:

Apr 11: PAC meeting @ 6:30pm
Apr 14: Co-ordinated Day (**No Classes**)

Book Fair

Our Book fair was a huge success! We loved seeing students so excited during their preview times, and families during student led conferences!



With each purchase our library receives credit towards new books for our students. Our sales were over \$5000, which allowed us to choose many new resources for our library. We hope to have these resources processed quickly and in the hands of students very soon.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Ziemianski & Ms. Erickson



Rainboots, Splash Pants, Extra Pants & Socks!

With the snow soon melting and puddles in the playground it is often difficult for students to avoid the water. Please ensure students come to school with proper footwear (**rainboots**) and **splash pants** when the playground is wet. Please also send a change of **socks and pants** in their backpack.

Students will be redirected to another area of the playground if they are not dressed appropriately.

Hello Donwood Dragons!

Grade 4 & 5 Handball We will be beginning and running our Grade 4 'Zone' Handball, and Grade 5 'mini' Handball clubs at lunchtime throughout April, leading up to our divisional tournaments May 2 (grade 4) and May 3 (Grade 5)! This is always a fun club!



Tumbling Rally Our Tumbling Rally Final Event took place at Bernie Wolfe School on Monday, March 20th! Our Donwood Dragon athletes not only showed off amazing tumbling skills, dance and movement choreography, and a great warm-up, but they were also amazing representatives of Donwood School! Well done to the athletes and thanks to all the coaches for dedicating their time to this intense club!

In Phys Ed class : Mrs. Wood is teaching most of April during her student teaching block!

K-3 classes have started learning some folk dances in preparation for our at-school Folkdance celebration. They are mixing in other skills and fun games with their dance learning. Grade 3-5 classes have started learning handball in class, and will transition to lacrosse, mixed in with some fun and fitness!



Impossible Shot We are starting a fun reward/challenge for classes & students during phys ed classes where they can try to hit an 'impossible shot' to win their class a free gym period during recess!

RETIS: Newcomer News

River East Transcona Immigrant Services (RETIS) provides programs and supports to welcome immigrants arriving in the River East Transcona area of Winnipeg.

Information for newcomers can be found on their website at: [Immigrant Services \(retsd.mb.ca\)](http://immigrant-services.com).

To view their April newsletter, click this link: [April Newsletter](#)



Check out more of the exciting events, celebrations and learning taking place at Donwood School by following our Twitter account @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



We appreciate the continued collaboration and support! Please see the community support information below.

Donwood School Staff

River East Transcona School Division is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininiwak, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Red River Métis. We recognize our part of the Treaty relationship and, as acknowledgement of the harms done, we commit to collaborating with Indigenous communities in the shared spirit of Truth and Reconciliation for the healing and inclusion of all who share this Land.





If your child was born in **2018**, it is time to register them for Kindergarten for the 2023/24 school year.

Registration packages are available **at the school** and **on the Donwood website** at: www.retsd.mb.ca/don under *Documents & Forms > Registration*

German Bilingual Kindergarten Information Evening will be held at:

Princess Margaret School
367 Hawthorne Ave.
Tuesday, February 21st, 2023
from 6:00pm to 6:30pm
in the Princess Margaret Library

Donwood Kindergarten Orientation & Stay and Play

Donwood School
400 Donwood Dr.
Thursday, May 4th, 2023
6:00pm—7:00pm

Meet Kindergarten teachers and visit classrooms and receive Kindergarten packages!

Growing and Learning Fair for Donwood students and parents:

Maple Leaf School
251 McIvor Ave.
Thursday, May 25, 2023
4:30pm to 6:30pm
Register by phone @ 204-669-4043 or email:
kinderlinks@retsdb.ca

It is beneficial for all when you register your kindergarten student early:

- * It is helpful in school classroom planning, for determining class sizes and teachers
- * It is helpful for the parent in preparing their child for the school environment and avoiding the last minute rush
- * It is helpful for the student to come to the Kindergarten Orientation and meet the teacher and see the classroom

**In order to register your child for Kindergarten,
THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED:**

TWO (2) PIECES OF PROOF OF RESIDENCY:

This can be your Manitoba Medical Card, driver's license, lease agreement or current offer to purchase (duly signed), or current utility bill (name and corresponding address)

ONE (1) PIECE OF PROOF OF AGE:

This can be your child's birth certificate, passport, baptismal papers, passport, health card, treaty card, or record of live birth. (Your child has to have been born in 2018, turning 5 years of age before December 31, 2023)

Please pass this information on to any families that you know has a child eligible to register for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year.

Call Donwood School at 204-668-9438 for more information. Our office is open 8:00am - 4:00pm Mon. - Fri.

PRESCHOOL KIDS WANTED!

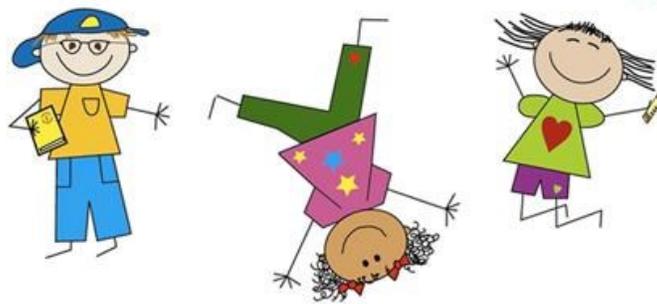


FREE in person
STAY & PLAY
every
Wednesday
9-11 am
@ Donwood
School

My name is Doreen and I'm the
Community Connector for
Donwood School.
The winter months can be long
with littles at home.
But I am here to help!
Come join in on the fun!

For more information please contact
Doreen at dogungbemi@retsd.mb.ca

Learn, Play and



Grow...  Together!

THESE EVENTS ARE FREE BUT YOU MUST REGISTER — SEE OTHER SIDE FOR DATES



Countdown to Kindergarten Preschool Growing & Learning Days

Is kindergarten just around the bend for your child?

If so, we can help you stay ahead of the curve, learn a thing or two about what to expect, and have fun at the same time! If your child will be attending kindergarten in our division in the year 2023–24, you are invited to attend one of our free Preschool Growing & Learning Days this spring.

Get a taste of school and meet the friendly, helpful people you'll find in it. Kindergarten, resource, and gym teachers will be on hand with all kinds of games and activities for you to enjoy.

Meet administrators, teachers, student services staff, and community partners who have helpful information for you. You can even get your child's hearing and vision screened. The activities and screening stations take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

Registration begins March 6, 2023

Dates and locations are listed on the reverse side of this handout.



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Countdown to Kindergarten Preschool Growing & Learning Days

Event schedule

Meet administrators, teachers, and community partners at the host sites listed below. Families are welcome to pick the event that works best for their schedule. The activities and screening stations take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

École Centrale, Joseph Teres, Bernie Wolfe, Westview
Wednesday, May 3, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
École Centrale, 604 Day St.

Hampstead, Sherwood, Betrun E. Glavin, Salisbury Morse Place, John De Graff
Wednesday, May 10, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
Hampstead School, 920 Hampstead Ave.

Margaret-Underhill, Radisson, Harold Hatcher, Wayoata
Tuesday, May 16, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
École Margaret-Underhill, 25 Regina Pl.

Maple Leaf, Emerson, John Pritchard, Dr. Hamilton, Bird's Hill, Sun Valley, Donwood
Thursday, May 25, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
Maple Leaf School, 251 McIvor Ave.

Springfield Heights, Polson, Princess Margaret, Lord Wolseley, Neil Campbell, Prince Edward, Angus McKay
Wednesday, May 31, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
École Springfield Heights School, 505 Sharron Bay

Register online:

<https://forms.office.com/r/BgtzRq9Siw>

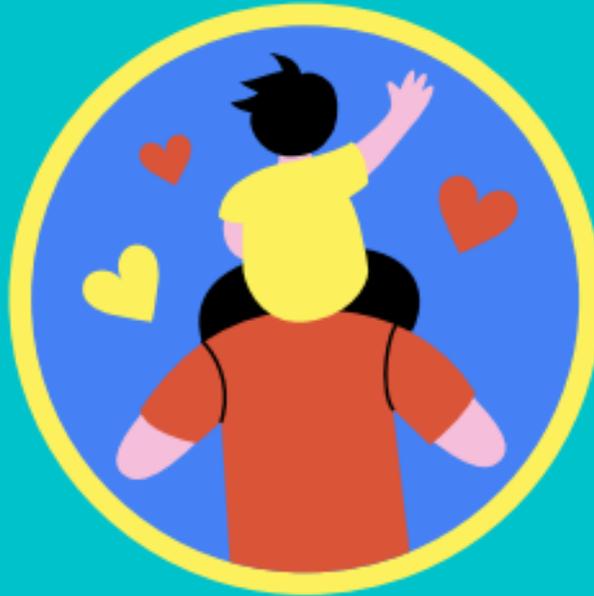
Or call: 204.669.4043

kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca
www.retsd.mb.ca



PARENTING FOR PREVENTION

HOW TO TALK WITH YOUR EARLY/MIDDLE YEARS YOUTH ABOUT SUBSTANCE USE



Parents and caregivers can have the biggest influence in aiding their child in making decisions about substance use. This information session will discuss how to start conversations with younger children and how to add to the conversation as the child gets older. We will give you tips to approach and guide the conversations and some key factors to keep in mind. In addition we'll provide information about the three most commonly used substances, cannabis, alcohol and nicotine (specifically vaping) and the unique risks they pose to youth.

Wednesday April 12
6:30-7:30
Neil Campbell School Library
845 Golspie St.

For more information please contact:
Alana Sigurdson
Youth Substance Use Counsellor-Shared Health Mental Health & Addictions
204-260-9921 or asiurdson@retsd.mb.ca



New Winter & Spring Classes!

Life is for learning—at RETLife, brush up on job skills, ignite your passion, meet new people, and have fun along the way! And the best part? You can do it all without leaving River East Transcona School Division.

Register Today!
www.RETLife.ca



RETLife Programming

[RETLife](#) is a part of the River East Transcona School Division and provides opportunities for community members to participate in dynamic leisure and recreational programming at schools throughout the division.

The best part? All activities allow you to stay close to home!

Space is still available for you or your child to register for activities this spring, such as:

[Kids Can Style! Awesome Braids and Curls](#)
[Confidence Building Martial Arts for Kids](#)

[Mental Health First Aid](#) for Adults Who Work with Youth

[SING Out!](#) With Rainbow Harmony Project (youth ages 12 – 17)

[Badminton for Kids](#)

[Intro to Bhangra](#) (all ages 13 and up)

[Emergency First Aid and CPR with AED](#) (level C)

[Celebrating Filipino Food with Jeremy Senaris](#) (celebrating Filipino Food Month)

And much more!

Visit [RETLife](#) to see our offerings and check back regularly as new courses are added frequently!

River East Transcona School Division

2023 POWWOW



**ALL WELCOME
ADMISSION IS FREE**
We Welcome and Include
LGBTQ+/Two-Spirit People



WHEN & WHERE

Thursday, May 11, 2023
Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate
757 Roch St.
(Kimberly Ave. & Roch St.)

TIMES

Pipe Ceremony: 4 p.m.
Dancer/Drum Registration Begins: 4 p.m.
Community Feast: 4:30 p.m.
Grand Entry: 5:45 p.m.
Closing Ceremony: 7:45 p.m.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Coco Ray Stevenson

ARENA DIRECTOR

To Be Announced

HOST DRUM

Buffalo Red Thunder
Walking Wolf Singers

CONTACT

Leanne Smith

204.669.9412, ext. 2967

First 10 Guest Drums and 150 Dancers
Registered Will Receive Honoraria

Honour Song to Recognize Grade 12
Students Leaving the Division and
Those Graduating

For the Sake of Mother Earth, Please
Bring a Refillable Water Bottle, if
Possible


River East Transcona
SCHOOL DIVISION
creating student success





Springfield Heights Nursery School has been offering an introductory German bilingual preschool program for 58 years. This year, registration day is **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 6 – 7:30pm**. Registration fee is \$50. We invite students to begin learning an additional language in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. If you are planning to enter the German program for kindergarten, our nursery school will help set your child up for success! Even if your child will not enter the bilingual program at school, your preschooler will reap the benefits of being introduced to another language. There is no previous German language requirement. Our 2023/24 school year will be held at Springfield Heights Mennonite Church, 570 Sharron Bay.

We offer two programs:

A full-time morning program (5 mornings/week for \$175/month)
and a part-time afternoon program
(Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoon for \$105/month).

Please contact us by email (springfieldheightsnursery@gmail.com) or by phone ([204-259-8888](tel:204-259-8888)) to receive your registration forms and for additional information.



MBCC Nursery School

MBCC (which runs out of the NKMB church) is a nursery school that has offered an introduction to German as well as offering programming following the MB faith for over 60 years. If you are considering entering the German program for kindergarten, or simply want exposure to a second language, our nursery school will help set your child up for success! (No previous German language requirement.)

We offer two part-time morning programs... MWF (\$100/mth) or TTh (\$80/mth) from 9:15-11:15

Questions can be directed to Nanette Schmidt by email (mbcc1315@mymts.net).

Registration and Open house for Children and Parents will be on:

Wednesday, March 1

6-7 pm

Enter at Door 1 (the loop)

****Registration fee of \$50 and one month's tuition dated May 31, 2023 required at registration****