



# Donwood E-News

April 22, 2022

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## Important Dates:

Apr 25 : Co-ordinated Day (**no classes**)  
Apr 26-29: Earth Week at Donwood School  
May 10 : Virtual PAC meeting @ 6:30pm  
May 23 : Victoria Day (**no classes**)

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## Reminder from Transportation:

If you have a child who will not be taking the bus to or from school, please call the transportation department to let them know.



They can be reached at **204-669-0202**.

*Thank you for your support with this!*

## EARTH WEEK CHALLENGES

**Tuesday, April 26** – Paper-Free Day



**Wednesday, April 27** – Litterless Lunch



**Thursday, April 28** – Earth Hour



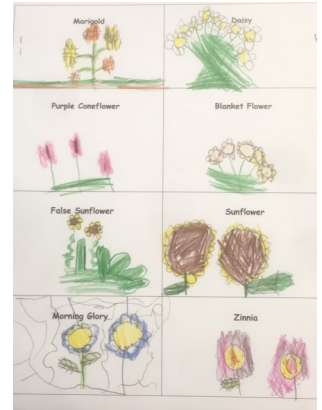
**Friday, April 29** – Dress is Earth Colours (*greens and browns*)



## Seeds from Kids Fundraiser

Thank you for the overwhelming response to our online seed fundraiser.

The profits from the fundraiser will be used to beautify and upgrade our outdoor learning spaces.



### Rainboots, Splash Pants, Extra Pants & Socks!

With the melting snow and the puddles in the playground it is difficult for students to avoid the water. Please ensure students come to school with proper footwear (**rainboots**) and **splash pants** while 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.

*Thank you for your support with this!*



#### Drop off and pick up

To assist in making student drop off and pick up as safe as possible, if you are driving your child(ren) to school, please consider talking to your child about a regular pick up or drop off location utilizing the streets adjacent to the school. The school parking lot will not be accessible as a drop off/pick up zone. We also ask that students utilize the patrols to safely cross the streets and that parents adhere to the no parking zones in front of the school which includes the bus loop. Thank you for your cooperation.

Just a  
reminder...

**Please send students to school  
with a reusable water bottle.**



## April Phys Ed Clubs



### Grade 2 & 3 Skipping club!

Grade 2 & 3 students are invited to come to the gym during morning recess to learn to skip rope, challenge yourself, learn new tricks and be active!

STARTING APRIL 19, cohort 1 on even days, cohort 2 on odd days, until May.



### Grade 4 & 5 Handball club!

Grade 4 & 5 students are invited to come to the gym during lunch recess to learn the skills used in and the game of handball.

STARTING APRIL 20, cohort 1 on even days, cohort 2 on odd days until May.



If your child will be absent from school, you can **E-MAIL** the school to let us know they will be away?

Emails can be sent to: [don@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:don@retsd.mb.ca)

Please include:

- Student's first and last name
- Teacher's name
- Reason for the absence



You can also call the school and leave a voicemail if it's outside of school hours or speak with one of our friendly clerks if it's during school hours.

We **REALLY** appreciate knowing when students will be away for the day.

# KINDERGARTEN

## Spread the word - Registration is underway!!!

If you have a child born in 2017, please give the school a call to register them for Kindergarten soon. As we begin planning classes for the upcoming school year, we would love to know how many students will be joining the Donwood Community in September!!!

Registration packages are available for pick-up at the school and on the Donwood website at:

[www.retsd.mb.ca/school/don](http://www.retsd.mb.ca/school/don) under **Documents & Forms > Registration**

Please call the school at 204-668-9438 if you have any questions.

We look forward to welcoming many new students and families to the Donwood Community!



### Kindergarten at Donwood School

Donwood's amazing Kindergarten teachers have created a video to welcome students to the school. The video can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

### To register your child, the following information must be provided

#### **2 Pieces Proof of Residency:**

- Driver's license
- Manitoba Health Card
- Tenancy agreement (duly signed)
- Offer to purchase documents (completed with signatures)
- Utility bill (name and corresponding address)

#### **1 Piece Proof of Age:**

- Birth Certificate
- Passport
- Manitoba Health Card
- Treaty Card
- Baptismal Certificate
- Certificate of Birth registration, signed by Director of Vital Statistics

More information about Kindergarten Registration can be found on the River East Transcona School Division website by clicking [HERE](#).

### **In-Division, Out-of-Designated School Boundary**

Parents/Guardians have the ability to make a request that their child attend a school outside their catchment. Parents must submit School of Choice forms with the registration at their designated, catchment school. Applicants will be notified as to whether or not they have been accepted into the school of choice by June 30, 2022. For further information please consult RETSD's policy [JFBA](#). Your designated school can be found by using the School Locator on the RETSD website by clicking [HERE](#).

## **NOTICE RE FEE-FOR-SERVICE BUSING**



If you are require Fee-For-Service transportation, the application form must be submitted to the Transportation Dept. **each school year**. Transportation Application – Fee-For-Service 2022-2023 forms are available from the school office or follow the Quick Link “Busing Information” on the RETSD website at [www.retsd.mb.ca](http://www.retsd.mb.ca)

Fee-For-Service applications must be submitted to the Transportation Department by **June 30<sup>th</sup>** of each school year. Applications received after June 30<sup>th</sup> will be reviewed on an individual basis.



### **Lunch Program Opportunities**

Donwood’s Lunch Program Committee is currently looking for lunch monitors and board members. If these opportunities interest you, please contact the school at 204-668-9438.



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@retsdb.ca](mailto:don@retsdb.ca)



*We appreciate the continued collaboration and support!*  
**Donwood School Staff**

## STAY AND PLAY

Every Wednesday, April 20 to May 31/2022, from 9:15 to 11:00 AM is our Stay and Play Program. Parents/caregivers can bring their children, birth to 5 years, and themselves, to the Family Room at Donwood School and have a morning of FUN!!!! At Stay and Play, your child will make a craft, eat a healthy snack, sing fun songs, read a story, and lots and lots of free play. This is a wonderful opportunity for the parents/caregiver to meet other parents from in our neighbourhood.

Registration is weekly, and the program is absolutely FREE.



Come out and play!!!!!!!

For more information and to register, please contact Doreen Ogungbemi at [dogungbemi@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:dogungbemi@retsd.mb.ca) or call Donwood School at 204-668-9438.

THESE EVENTS ARE FREE BUT YOU MUST REGISTER – SEE OTHER SIDE FOR INFO



# 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/screening stations take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

Lord Wolseley, Polson, Princess Margaret, Neil Campbell,  
Angus McKay, Springfield Heights, Prince Edward  
**Wednesday, April 27 from 4:30–7 p.m.**  
Angus McKay School, 850 Woodvale St.

Salisbury Morse Place, Sherwood, Hampstead,  
John de Graff, Bertrun E. Glavin  
**Wednesday, May 4 from 4:30–7 p.m.**  
John de Graff School, 1020 Louelda St.

Harold Hatcher, Radisson, Wayoata, Margaret-Underhill  
**Wednesday, May 11 from 4:30–7 p.m.**  
Wayoata School, 605 Wayoata St.

John Pritchard, Maple Leaf, Sun Valley, Donwood,  
Emerson, Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton, Bird's Hill  
**Wednesday, May 18 from 4:30–7 p.m.**  
Dr. F.W.L Hamilton School, 3225 Henderson Hwy.

Westview, Joseph Teres, Bernie Wolfe, Centrale  
**Wednesday, May 25 from 4:30–7 p.m.**  
Bernie Wolfe School, 95 Bournais Dr.

*Please note: To ensure the safety of participants and allow for maximum social distancing at this event, please have one parent/caregiver attend with their child, wherever possible.*

204.669.4043  
kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca  
www.retsd.mb.ca



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# 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 2022–23, you are invited to attend one of our free Preschool Growing & Learning events 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/screening stations take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

## Registration begins April 4, 2022

204.669.4043  
kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca  
www.retsd.mb.ca

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







# Spring Preschool Programs

## Virtual and In-Person

### It's a Bugs Life

Grab your bug nets and put on your bug spray! In this program we will learn all about our wonderful buggy friends through songs, crafts and stories.

**Mondays 10:00 - 11:00**  
**April 11 - May 16\***

**\*No Program on April 25th**

### Community Helpers Part 2

From Dentists to Teachers, lets find out even more about other Community Helpers in our neighbourhood with some wonderful crafts, songs and stories.

**Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00**  
**April 12 - May 17**

### ABC's with You and Me

A,B,C it's easy as 1,2,3!  
Join us for an hour of fun filled learning of our ABC's!!

**Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00**  
**April 13 - May 18**

### **\*\* IN PERSON \*\***

### Up and Atom

Calling all scientists! Come explore science through exciting hands on experiments, songs and stories!

**Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00**  
**April 14 - May 19**

This program will be run **In-Person** at Hamptead School and is limited to **8 Children.**

Registration opens Friday, March 18th at 2:00pm

For more information Contact Katie Patteson at 204- 669-9412 or  
[kpatteson@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:kpatteson@retsd.mb.ca)

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# SING WITH US!

**Join our highly regarded, award winning choir organisation  
and benefit from exceptional music education and performance  
opportunities!**



Pembina Trails Voices (PTV) offers singers from the age of 5 to 25 the chance to perform great music, meet other singers, and learn the Craft of Choral singing.

If you love to sing and want to share your passion with other singers,  
***WE ARE FOR YOU!***

**For more information about upcoming auditions for our 2022-2023 season, please visit <https://www.pembinatrailsvoices.com/> .**

Pembina Trails Voices (PTV) is an award-winning choral program affiliated with the Division of Preparatory Studies at the Desautels Faculty of Music, University of Manitoba. PTV offers a world-class choral experience to children and young adults, ages 4 – 25 years old from Winnipeg and surrounding communities. Registration for all choirs except for Nova (ages 4 -6) are by audition. Scheduled auditions for our 2022-2023 season are being held in-person or by zoom during the weeks of May 16<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. For an audition request or for more information, please go to our website: <https://www.pembinatrailsvoices.com/>



## German Bilingual Preschool Program

*A note from Springfield Heights Nursery School:*

Springfield Heights Nursery School has been offering an introductory German Bilingual preschool program for 57 years. This year, registration day is Tuesday, March 15, 2022. 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 2022/23 school year will be held at Springfield Heights Mennonite Church, 570 Sharron Bay.

We offer two programs. A full-time morning program (5 days/week) and a part-time afternoon program (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday).

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

Please send in your completed forms and \$40 registration fee as soon as possible to secure your spot.