



Donwood E-News

April 8, 2022

Important Dates:

Apr 12 : Virtual PAC meeting @ 6:30pm
Apr 15 : Good Friday (no classes)



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!

Just a
reminder...

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



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.

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 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

Fee-For-Service applications must be submitted to the Transportation Department by **June 30th** of each school year. Applications received after June 30th 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



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 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.

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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

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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



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) 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.