



Donwood E-News

February 3, 2022

Important Dates:

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| Feb 4 : | No Classes (co-ordinated day) |
| Feb 8 : | Virtual PAC meeting @ 6:30 |
| Feb 21 : | No Classes (Louis Riel Day) |
| Feb 24 : | Vaccination Clinic |
| Feb 28 : | Booking appointments for Kindergarten Registration begins |
| Mar 4 : | No Classes (PD Day) |
| Mar 7 : | Kindergarten Registration begins |

Dress Warm

We hope that you are all staying safe and warm this winter! Some of our students have been enjoying the opportunity to go outside during polar bear recess. We ask that students come dressed appropriately for the weather. A warm toque/hat, snow pants, face covering, warm, insulated jacket, mittens and snow boots are required. If you would still like to join polar bear recess, permission forms can be sent home with students.



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.

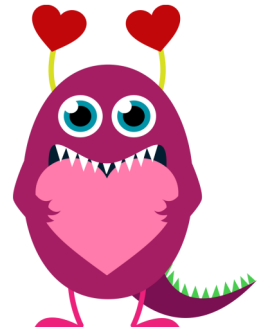
Thank you for your cooperation.

Valentine's Day

On February 14th students will be celebrating **Valentine's Day** in their classrooms!

Given the current public health measures:

1. We will be permitting the exchange of cards with strategies put in place to ensure distancing, including hand hygiene performed before and after these shared touch items are handled. The exchange of cards is optional.
2. We will not be permitting students to bring in candy or treats for sharing.
3. Teacher will be promoting care, compassion and friendship during this theme.



Unsure of whether your child can attend school due to illness?

[CLICK HERE](#) to reference information found on the divisional site.





A **HUGE** thank you to Stephen and Peter from Stephen's No Frills for their generous donation of food for our Donwood community.

Thank you for your continued support.

We appreciate you!



In-School Vaccination Clinic:

Public Health will be at Donwood School on Thursday, February 24th to provide COVID-19 mRNA vaccines to students who have consent. Information from Public Health has been sent out via email to families. **Consent forms are due by February 10th.** If you require more information, please call the school at 204-668-9438.

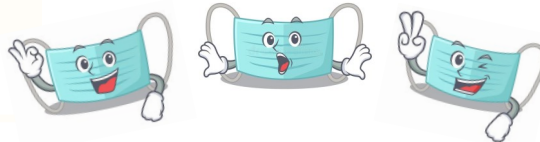


Evening Pop-Up Vaccination Clinic:

There will also be a 'pop-up' vaccination clinic at Donwood School on Thursday, February 24th from 3:45pm until 6:30pm. If you would like to be with your child when they get vaccinated, you may come with them anytime after 3:45 pm. Members of the public can bring their children that are aged 5-11 years old - they do not have to attend Donwood School (This is not for adult vaccinations). Please ensure you wear a mask and hand-sanitize when entering the school. The 'pop-up' clinic will be downstairs in the gym.

Just a reminder...

Please send students with multiple masks for each day, and a reusable water bottle.



Lunch Program Opportunities

Donwood's Lunch Program Committee is currently looking for program supervisors and board members. If this opportunity interests you, please contact the school at 204-668-9438 or email Carla Williment at cwilliment@retsd.mb.ca.



Tumbling Rally

Our 2022 Donwood Tumbling Rally club for grades 3-5 is underway with a great turnout! Our club is scaled back this year, since we cannot attend the final divisional event with other schools due to public health orders, but we are pressing on anyways with a great club! We will be focusing on our tumbling skills progression this year. We have seven families of tumbling skills (such as forward roll, headstand, bridge..etc) where the students will progressively work through them as they grow, develop, and improve. Each student will track their own progress as they work through the progression of skills, which are instructed, guided, and tested by supervising teachers. We have a great turnout of gymnasts ready and excited to learn and participate! Should be fun! Thank you to the coaches for volunteering their time to help with this popular club!

Floorball



Floorball will continue every Wednesday for those students who participate in Winnipeg Jets Hockey Academy and will run until May (unless otherwise notified). It runs from 3:45-5:15. Please ensure your child has a ride home at 5:15.



New protocols require students to wear masks while on the ice during Hockey Academy.

Winter Olympics

The Winter Olympics are about to begin and what an exciting time for world sport! We will be having a bit of a mini-winter Olympics here in the gym and outside weather dependent. We will be doing some relays (i.e. Torch relay), some winter Olympic stations (i.e. ski jumping station and bobsled), and some winter Olympic and Paralympic sports (i.e. hockey and sledge hockey) during our PE classes over the upcoming few weeks to celebrate the Olympics!



KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten registration begins on Monday, March 7, 2022.

Due to COVID-19, kindergarten registration will be **by appointment only**. We will begin booking appointments on Monday, February 28th. Please call the school at 204-668-9438 to make an appointment.

Beginning February 28th registration packages will be available at the school and on the Donwood website under Documents & Forms > Registration.

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



Registration is now underway for FREE Kinder Links programs in January/February 2022! RETSD is once again pleased to offer in-person and virtual programming in the new year.

Please click on the links below for more information:

[Kinder Links INDOORS](#)

[Kinder Links @ HOME \(VIRTUAL\)](#)



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

*Thank
you* ❤️

We appreciate the continued collaboration and support!

Donwood School Staff