



Donwood E-News

February 18, 2022

Important Dates:

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
Mar 11 :	Report Cards Posted to Parent Portal
Mar 17 :	Virtual Student Led Conferences
Mar 18 :	Virtual Student Led Conferences & No School (Co-ordinated Day)

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.

The Donwood PAC raised just over \$700 with THREE 6 TEA fundraiser!!!



The funds raised will be going towards a sensory path for the school. A sensory path is a series of guided movements for kids to follow, shown by markings on the ground or walls. As students follow the path and complete the movements, they work off excess energy and develop their gross motor skills.



Lunch Program Opportunities

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

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. If you require more information, please call the school at 204-668-9438.



Evening Pop-Up Vaccination Clinic:

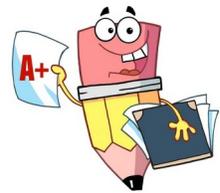
There will also be a 'pop-up' vaccination clinic at Donwood School on Thursday, February 24th from 3:45pm until 6:30pm. If you would like to be with your child when they get vaccinated, you may come with them anytime after 3:45 pm. Members of the public can bring their children that are aged 5-11 years 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.

Report Cards

Students and teachers are working hard to get ready for Term 2 Reporting. Student report cards will be posted to the parent portal by end of day on March 11th. Please make sure that you are able to access your parent portal before this date. If you've forgotten your password, you are able to reset the password yourself. Please see the Parent Portal Support documents by using the following links:

[Parent Portal User Guide - Web Version](#)

[Parent Portal User Guide - Mobile Version](#)



Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences will be held virtually on Teams on

- **March 17th from 4:00pm to 7:45pm** and
- **March 18th from 8:45am to 11:45am**

We will be using Conference Manager again this year, which is an appointment booking system. Please ensure you have logged in to set up an account. This will allow you to set up an appointment to celebrate your child's learning with the classroom teacher.

New to Conference Manager?

The first step is to register an account on the main login page that you can find on the Quick Links section of retsd.mb.ca or by clicking: [Conference Manager](#)

We encourage parents to watch our step-by-step videos to walk you through how to use Conference Manager:

[Overview - Creating an Account](#)

[Booking a Conference/Meeting](#)

[Conferences Using a Mobile Device](#)

[Conferences Using a Computer](#)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact the school.





Registration begins Monday, March 7th at 8:00am

Due to COVID-19, in-person 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 or if you have any questions.

Beginning February 28th registration packages will be available at the school and on the Donwood website at: www.retsd.mb.ca/school/don under *Documents & Forms > Registration*

Registration Options

Option 1: Email

Registrations can be emailed with proof of residency (2 pieces) and proof of age (1 piece) to don@retsdb.ca beginning March 7th at 8:00 am.

Note: Registration forms submitted before 8:00 am on March 7th will not be accepted.

Option 2: In-Person by Appointment

Appointments for registering students can be made beginning **February 28th**. Appointment times are between 8:00am – 3:00pm beginning March 7th. Please call the school at 204-668-9438 to book your appointment.

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](#).

TOP SECRET

February is “I Love to Read” month and at Donwood School we have been on a “Mission to Read!”

Our Student Agents have been given Top Secret Missions to complete in their classrooms. They have been busy reading Mystery books, solving Detective word searches, inventing Secret Spy devices, and much more!

Detective Martineau and Inspector Williment have been “on the case” to “catch” students reading!

Friday, February 25th is “Dress in Disguise Day” at Donwood School. Students can wear a hat, sunglasses, dress like a detective or another fun disguise.

We have a **TOP SECRET** event for students on Friday afternoon!



Detective Martineau and Inspector Williment

“On the Case!”



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Meaning of Home



Room 19 is participating in the **Meaning of Home** contest that is taking place across Canada. **Habitat for Humanity** along with other partners are donating \$10 for every entry to the Habitat community of each entry. When talking about how 1 in 8 Canadians do not have affordable, decent, and safe housing room 19 students wanted to know what they could do to help. Learning that by writing and entering the contest they could make a difference was an easy inspiration for them.

Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 were asked to write an essay responding to 'What is Home?' After some good discussions, listening to a story and learning about Habitat for Humanity all students in room 19 wrote about what they thought. Here are a few samples of what students were talking about:

Home is a safe place to live. Home is also a place you can play and relax or do anything that you want (are allowed) to do. Home is a place you can see people and you can go to other people's homes. Some kids don't have that. For example parents who have to choose between groceries and paying the rent.

A home is something you can feel. Home is a place to stay. Home is somewhere you feel safe. Somewhere you are treated well. It

Home is a place warm and peaceful. Home is a place you can call your own.

Home is amazing and a perfect place for a staycation. Home is a place where you can be your self and not care what other people say. Home is a supportive environment. When you walk in that door you can just say, Home Sweet Home.

a home is a place to stay. a home is where its warm and peaceful. a home is somewhere you can sit. a home is somewhere you can sleep and play. a home is a place where you feel safe and where you can be happy. a home is a place where you are loved. in

HOME

Home is a safe place where people live. It is not always a building. It can be a cardboard box, a small tent or even under a bridge. Some people don't even have a home. No warmth, no money, some people don't even care, but some of us do.

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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.



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

Winter Olympics

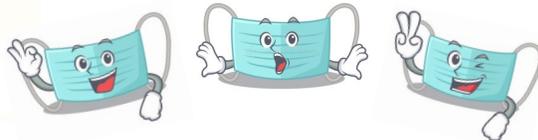


Winter Olympic activities are continuing in the gym and outside weather dependent. We are doing some relays (i.e. Torch relay), some winter Olympic stations (i.e. ski jumping station and bobsled), and some winter Olympic and Paralympic sports (i.e. hockey and sledge hockey) during our PE classes over the upcoming few weeks to celebrate the Olympics! Check out our Twitter account to see more.



Just a reminder...

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



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