



# Donwood School Newsletter

January 20, 2023

## Important Dates:

- Feb 3: Co-ordinated Day (**No Classes**)
- Feb 7: Virtual PAC meeting @ 6:30pm
- Feb 20: Louis Riel Day (**No Classes**)
- Mar 1: Kindergarten Registration Begins



## 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.

## Virtual Book Fair

The Virtual Book Fair that we ran in November raised **\$318** for our school!



## Gingerbread Ornament Fundraiser

The gingerbread ornament fundraiser raised **\$440** for the school. Thank You to the Penner Krahn family for organizing and running this fundraiser.



## Thank you

Thank you to our Parent Advisory Council who have provided funds for us to purchase a Molded Bucket Seat for the swing set to provide an inclusive option for students. Funds from the gingerbread ornament fundraiser as well as past fundraisers were used to support this purchase.

## 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.



## Hot Lunch

Our next hot lunch will be from Boston Pizza on Friday, February 17th. We are looking for volunteers to help out. Please call or text Rebekah at 204-471-3984 if you are available and willing to help.



## Gym Time!

Floor Hockey Drop-in has been a success at lunch recesses with plenty of students coming down to play floor hockey and have some fun!



Grade 4 & 5 Tumbling Rally club is starting up January 25, and running every Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday until our final event in the week before spring break! Tumbling rally is a very popular and amazing club that teaches the students a variety of gymnastics/tumbling skills, along with learning and performing a division-wide warm-up routine, and a school specific choreographed 'creative routine'. This is our biggest and longest club and we are looking forward to getting started. Thank you to all the teachers volunteering to help with this club to make it a success!



## Math Fun!

This year our Donwood mathematicians have been encouraged to visit our math bulletin board, and their excitement cannot be contained! Each month there are different activities for students to complete as a reminder that math is all around us! The activities are inclusive of all grades and abilities. In January we integrated iPads and QR codes to make a math scavenger hunt for our students. The scavenger hunt incorporated addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, and reminded students to keep calm and MATH on!



## Dress Warm

We hope that you are all staying warm this winter! We ask that students come dressed appropriately for the weather. A warm toque/hat, mittens, snow pants, face covering, warm insulated jacket, and boots as needed when it's cold.



## Grade 5 Students

**Registration forms** for Chief Peguis Middle School are being sent home with all grade 5 students. If your child will be attending a different school, please call or email Donwood School (phone 204-668-9438 or email [don@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:don@retsd.mb.ca)) to let us know which school they will be attending.

**Chief Peguis Middle School** is planning to have their orientation evening on February 22nd @ 6:00pm.



## Lunches and Snacks

Please ensure your child brings enough food to school for lunch and 2 snacks. We have had quite a few hungry children in the office in afternoons requesting an extra snack.



Check out more of the exciting events, celebrations and learning taking place at Donwood School by following our Twitter account [@don\\_RETSD](https://twitter.com/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](mailto: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.*





# TIME TO BUNDLE UP!

## *RETSD Extreme Cold Weather Guidelines*

Sometimes, severe weather requires us to make changes to busing, outdoor recess, and safety patrolling to keep your children safe.

### **Busing**

When the temperature is  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  and/or wind chill is  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  or colder at The Forks, metro Winnipeg school divisions (RETSD included) cancel buses for the entire day—but schools usually remain open.

We will post a cancellation alert on the RETSD website home page if buses are cancelled, and alert the media. If we have not posted a cancellation alert by 6:45 a.m., buses are running.

### **Indoor Recess**

When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a shortened recess period may be warranted. When it is below  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ , recess is usually moved indoors. This is at the discretion of the principal.

### **School Patrols**

When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ , patrols will remain on post for 10 minutes. When it is  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-39^{\circ}\text{C}$ , patrols will remain on post for five minutes. When it is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  and below, no patrols will be on duty.

### **School Closures**

Schools very rarely close due to winter weather.

### **Winter Clothing**

Please ensure that your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather each day. When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ , warm winter clothing is essential, and facial protection is recommended. When it is below  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ , facial protection is essential, and it's recommended that children avoid going outdoors unaccompanied—skin will freeze in less than 10 minutes.

**If you have any questions not addressed by these guidelines,  
please contact your child's school.**

# Winter Preschool Programs

## Little Food Explorers

Calling all Explorers!! Let's explore food in a fun and positive way! This program includes preparing simple recipes and encourages children to have fun exploring a variety of foods

**Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00  
January 23 - March 6**

**Hampstead School  
920 Hampstead Ave.**

## Stay and Plays In-person Drop-In

### Hampstead School

920 Hampstead Ave.  
Tuesdays 9:15-11:00

**Contact:** Colette at [cmolloy@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:cmolloy@retsd.mb.ca)  
if interested.

### Donwood School

400 Donwood Dr.  
Wednesdays 9:00-11:00

**Contact:** Doreen at [dogungbemi@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:dogungbemi@retsd.mb.ca)  
if interested.

**\*\* For Children ages  
ages birth to 5.\*\***

## Shape Your World

**\*\*VIRTUAL\*\***

Discover the world of shapes! We will learn all about shapes through stories, crafts and songs.

**Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00  
January 25 - March 1**

*This program will take place  
virtually over TEAMS*

## Tic Tac Toe Away We Go

This program is filled with fun games and activities to make and do with your busy preschoolers!

**Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:00  
January 26 - March 2**

**Hampstead School  
920 Hampstead Ave.**

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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



# My Tween and Me

With new challenges ahead, learn how to build lasting connections with your pre-teen in a safe and supportive group. My Tween and Me Parenting Program will help you develop skills and activities to continue to influence your pre-teen's choices, values, goals and behaviour, while helping you discover your own skills and strengths as a parent.

**FREE** 6 week program for children aged 7 to 12 and their guardians to attend together  
Wednesdays, January 25 to March 1 from 6:00 to 7:30pm  
at Hampstead School  
(920 Hampstead Ave)  
Space is limited to 10 Families. Families will be notified by email confirmation of their acceptance into the program.

## What is My Tween and Me?

My Tween and Me is a free facilitated group program that provides parents/guardians and their tweens with the knowledge, tools and support they need during the child's transition to adolescence. Build lasting connections with your tween that will help them to make safe, healthy choices now and during their teen years.

Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) to register.

Registration closes on January 20 at **noon**.  
For more information contact Katie Patteson at 204-669-9412 or [kpatteson@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:kpatteson@retsd.mb.ca)



You're  
invited to  
our Open  
House!

- École Munroe Middle School Open House
- February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 6:00pm- 7:00pm

## Learn about our school!

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- Learn about our English, French Immersion, and unique Late Immersion programs!
- Learn about our optional course programming
- See the school, meet our staff, and ask questions!





## 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](mailto: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\*\*