



Donwood School Newsletter

June 19, 2023

Important Dates:

- June 22 : Donwood Field Day
June 23 : Grade 5 Farewell @ Donwood School - **Please note the change in venue** (rain date June 26)
June 28 : Step-Up Day (Period 7/8)
June 30 : **Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm** (last day of classes, reports posted to parent portal)
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Grade 5 Farewell BBQ

Please note the change in venue

We are looking forward to sharing in this celebration with our students, our staff, and our families on Friday, June 23rd at Donwood School.

We also ask guests to please bring a lawn chair for the BBQ.



Library Books



Just a friendly reminder that **all library books are now due**. Students are no longer signing out any books as we will be beginning inventory soon.

We thank you for all of your support this year. We have recently purchased many new books and they will be ready for September. We wish you a summer for of fun, and of course reading!

- Ms. Erickson & Ms. Ziemianski

THANK YOU PATROLS!

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our Street, Bus and Kindergarten patrols. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the patrol program! Our patrols have been keeping the students and staff safe in and around the school area. These patrols performed important tasks in all kinds of weather. Fourth graders continuing the job next year may keep their equipment over the summer. Grade 5 students retiring from the program, please return your vest and flag to Ms. Laurin or Ms. Taylor by end of day on June 30th.

Ms. Laurin and Ms. Taylor
Patrol Supervisors



Hello Donwood Dragons!

Grade 5 Soccer Club: This grade 5 club (with some keen 4's) practiced for a few weeks leading up to the Divisional Tournament on June 12 that had **50 teams** in it from around the division! Donwood teams represented the school incredibly well and had a great day playing some amazing soccer! Well done team!



In Phys Ed class: All classes have been doing some fun kicking/soccer games, mixed with baseball-type lead up games (which are a blast!), some fitness work, and even the much loved parachute games!

Ask your child about Shark! Bears! Or Cat N' Mouse parachute games!

Impossible Shot: We have been doing a fun reward/challenge during Phys Ed classes where selected students can try to hit an 'impossible shot' to win their class a free gym period during recess. So far we have had about 13 amazing shots that have won their class free gym time!

We will continue this next year too!

BIKE RODEO

On June 6th we hosted the MPI Bike Rodeo which was a **great success!** Students were invited to bring their bikes, scooters and helmets, to school for the day and participate in some learning around bike and road safety.

First we started our day with a whole school presentation where we learned to do a quick ABC bike check - air in the tires, brakes are working and the chain is in place. Then we learned about how to make sure our helmets fit properly using the 2V1 check - 2 fingers of forehead showing, straps fit in a V around the ear and 1 finger between the chin strap and our chin.



Lastly, we learned what the road signs mean. Then during the day, each class took their bikes outside and learned some important road hand signals that cyclists use. We had a chance to practice all these skills whilst riding around a small course set up by our friends Derek and Theo from MPI.



Everyone had a great day! Thank you to MPI for helping us learn to be bike safe and a big thank you to our community for supporting this important learning opportunity for our students, by encouraging them to bring their bikes.

**HAPPY SAFE RIDING
DURING THE SUMMER!**



Frau Harris' Kindergarten Class

In Frau Harris' Kindergarten class, we've been enjoying learning about Canada and the many Canadian symbols we see in our community every day.

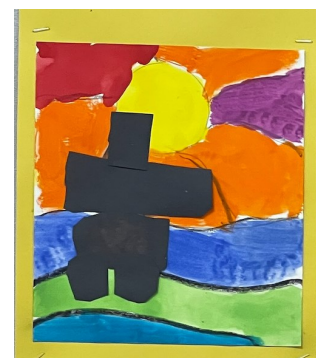
A large focus to wrap up our unit this week, has been learning about the famous Canadian artist Ted Harrison, who had a love of the Yukon, which is reflected in his artwork. His paintings have simple landscapes, with bright and bold colours.

We painted using similar colours modelling after Ted Harrison's style. To complete our art piece, we added our very own Canadian symbol, the Inukshuk.

The Famous Canadian artist, **Ted Harrison** had a love of the Yukon, which is reflected in his artwork. His paintings have simple landscapes, with bright and bold colours. We began our paintings using an oil pastel to draw the landscape. We then painted using similar colours modelling after Ted Harrison's style.



"I love colour. I love painting.
I love the Yukon. I love Canada!"
-Ted Harrison



Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is used to provide important student information to parents/guardians such as report cards. Information on how to access the Parent Portal (Tyler Student 360) can be found on the divisional website at the following link:

[Parent Portal Information](#)



**Report cards will be posted on the parent portal
by end of day on June 30th.**



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



*We appreciate the continued collaboration and support.
We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.*

Please see the community support information below.

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.





***NOTICE - FEE-FOR-SERVICE BUSING**

If Fee-For-Service transportation is required again for your student(s) for the upcoming school year, a 2023-24 application form must be submitted to the Transportation Department. Transportation Application – Fee-For-Service 2023-2024 forms are available from the school office or on the Transportation icon located on the divisional home page at www.retsd.mb.ca.

Now Hiring Bus Drivers for the 2023–24 School Year!



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Summers Off
Training Provided
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After One Year of Service**

**Apply online for this great opportunity
at: retsdb.ca > Careers
For more information: 204.669.0202**



RETLife Summer Programming

[RETLife](#) still has space available at weeklong Summer Day Camp programming for children (ages 5 -12), during July and the first part of August. Space is limited. Visit [RETLife.ca](#) for more information.

**** Please note – there are no themes for the Summer Camp experience. Weekly activities will focus on physical activity, creativity, and engaging learning experiences*****

Follow [RETLife](#) on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook for updates on our upcoming Fall programming schedule!

Winnipeg Public Library

Summer programs at the library!

See [What's On for Children, Families, and Teens \(Jun 12-Sep 1\)](#) at the Winnipeg Public Library this Summer!



Native Youth Theatre

Native Youth Theatre (NYT) specializes in theatre classes for young people like your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, and friends!

Our exciting, supportive and FREE acting courses are geared especially for young Indigenous actors (ages 8 to 20) and are designed to foster imagination, creativity, self-esteem, and self-confidence.

Click the following link for more information: [Native Youth Theatre](#)