



Donwood E-News

March 4, 2022

Important Dates:

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)
Mar 28 - Apr 1: Spring Break - No School



If your child will be absent from school, you can **E-MAIL** the school to let us know they will be away?

Emails can be sent to: don@retsd.mb.ca



Please include:

- Student's first and last name
- Teacher's name
- Reason for the absence

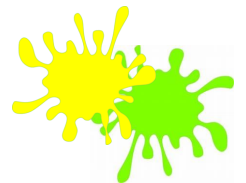
You can also call the school and leave a voicemail if it's outside of school hours or speak with one of our friendly clerks if it's during school hours.

We **REALLY** appreciate knowing when students will be away for the day.

CELEBRATE SCHOOL SPIRIT!!!



Each Friday we would love for our Donwood students and staff to wear their Donwood Gear or the colours green and yellow. This is a great opportunity for our school community to show their school spirit and create a sense of belonging!

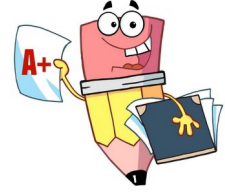


Report Cards

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 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.



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.

Take it Slow in Ice & Snow

A Message from Curtis Basso, Director of Transportation




Oh boy, it's been a tough winter—and it isn't over yet! The never-ending snow and extreme cold have been a challenge for us all. With very little places to put the snow, the windrows at street corners combined with slippery conditions can make it difficult for drivers to come to a stop when they see our school buses.

Remember—we're carrying precious cargo!

So, please adjust your driving to suit the conditions, especially when you see one of our many buses on your commute—keep your eyes peeled for their stop signs and our students. The piles of snow that line streets can make for tempting hills to climb, so parents, please talk to your children about the danger of slipping into traffic and advise them to stay on the sidewalk.

And drivers, be especially alert when driving near schools. Student safety is all our responsibility. Take it slow, and we will all get to where we need to be, safely.



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 @RETSDtransport


River East Transcona
SCHOOL DIVISION
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Registration begins Monday, March 7th at 8:00am

Due to COVID-19, in-person registration will be **by appointment only**. Please call the school at 204-668-9438 to make an appointment or if you have any questions.

Registration packages are 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 are required for registering students in-person. 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](#).



Tumbling Rally

Tumbling Rally for grade 3-5 has been an incredibly successful and well attended club! It has been fun watching the athletes improve in their tumbling skills and get tested and checked off for new levels of skills! The students have worked very hard and are having a blast. Tumbling club will be wrapping up shortly. Stay tuned for more clubs after spring break!

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

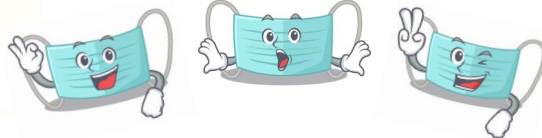


Winter Olympic activities are continuing in the gym and outside weather dependent. We are doing some relays (i.e. Torch relay), some winter Olympic stations (i.e. ski jumping station and bobsled), and some winter Olympic and Paralympic sports (i.e. hockey and sledge hockey) during our PE classes over 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

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 by March 15 to secure your spot.



Children's Free Play Winter Program

Ages 6 to 12 years

January 11–March 16

Tuesday & Wednesday

4:00 pm–6:30 pm

River East Arena (Preschool Centre)

1410 Rothesay Street

No registration required



For more information on free programs
in your area, visit winnipeg.ca/leisureguide





March 2022

Community Advisory Meeting
Wednesday, March 16, 1:00pm

Your voice matters!!



2 Activity Kits for kids will be available on March 25th!

Call the centre to register your child.

Donwood

Family Resource Centre

6-64 Donwood Drive

Ph: 204-336-2752

e: donwood@familydynamics.ca

Centre staff: Mary & Joanne

Please see the calendar for our hours of operation.



Keeping Up In the Kitchen

Come once a week to learn how to cook and bake for you and your family!

DONWOOD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

WEDNESDAYS 4:30-6:30

AGES 11-21

CONNECT ON ZOOM!



BREAKFAST CLUB/ WALKING SCHOOL BUS

underway now!!



Please call or come down to the Centre to register your children



Two Soup Days this month! Takeaway Soup Kits will be available for those who wish to prepare the meal at home. Please call the centre if interested in a kit. Pre-made soup also available while quantities last.

TAX CLINIC

APRIL 13th

From 2- 6:30pm

Spring is a time for growth and reflection.

We are offering "tranquility collection" gift sets on March 11! Don't miss out, first come first served! Adults only please.



Instagram

For up to date information, follow us on Instagram!




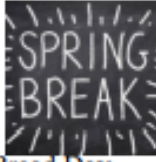
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Family Dynamics Calendar



March 2022



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	2 Keeping up in the Kitchen 4:30 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	3 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	4 Bread Day Open for Resources 12:00-3:00
7 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	8 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	9 Keeping up in the Kitchen 4:30 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	10 Clothing Giveaway Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	11 Bread Day *Tranquility Collection” gift sets ready for pick up Open for Resources 12:00-3:00
14 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	15 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	16 Keeping up in the Kitchen 4:30 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	17 Soup Day Advisory Mtg 1:00 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	18 Bread Day Open for Resources 12:00-3:00
21 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	22 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	23 Soup Day Keeping up in the Kitchen 4:30 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	24 <i>Centre closed— staff training</i>	25 Bread Day *Activity kits for kids* Open for Resources 12:00-3:00
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