



Donwood School Newsletter

March 13, 2023

Important Dates:

- Mar 14: PAC meeting @ 6:30 (in person, school library)
 - Mar 16: Student Led Conferences 4:00pm - 7:30pm (in-person @ Donwood School)
 - Mar 16: Hot Lunch Forms Due
 - Mar 17: Student Led Conferences 9:00am - 11:45am (virtual on TEAMS)
 - Mar 17: Co-ordinated Day (**No Classes**)
 - Mar 24: Hot Lunch Day!
 - Mar 27-31: Spring Break (**No Classes**)
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Seeds from Kids Fundraiser

Visit: seedsfromkids.wordpress.com/ to see what is included in each package and to place your order.

Orders are due **March 13** and will be distributed before Spring Break.



Hot Lunch - Salisbury House

Donwood's next hot lunch is on March 24th. Forms have been sent home with students.

Orders are due by March 16th. Hot lunch will be served on March 24th.

Ukrainian Friendship Club

Fridays at lunch, Ukrainian students have a chance to connect with each other. Students have the opportunity to colour, play games, and practice their English in a fun, stress free environment.



Lunch Program Opportunities

Donwood's Lunch Program Committee is currently looking for lunch supervisors as well as board members. If one of these opportunities interests you, please contact the school at 204-668-9438.

Report Cards have been posted!

Report cards have been posted to the parent portal. Please make sure that you are able to access your parent portal and take some time to review your child's report card. If you have 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](#)



This term we are offering the option of in-person conferences, or virtual conferences.

In-Person Student Led Conferences will be held at Donwood School on:

- **Thursday, March 16th from 4:00pm to 7:30pm**

Virtual Student Led Conferences (on teams) will be held on:

- **Friday, March 17th 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](#)

KINDERGARTEN

If your child was born in **2018**, it is time to register them for Kindergarten for the 2023/24 school year. Registration begins on Wednesday, March 1st, 2023.

Beginning February 21st, registration packages will be available **at the school** and **on the Donwood website** at: www.retsd.mb.ca/don under *Documents & Forms > Registration*

German Bilingual Kindergarten Information Evening will be held at:

Princess Margaret School
367 Hawthorne Ave.
Tuesday, February 21st, 2023
from 6:00pm to 6:30pm
in the Princess Margaret Library

Donwood Kindergarten Orientation & Stay and Play

Donwood School
400 Donwood Dr.
Thursday, May 4th, 2023
6:00pm—7:00pm
Meet Kindergarten teachers and visit classrooms and receive Kindergarten packages!

Growing and Learning Fair for Donwood students and parents:

Maple Leaf School
251 McIvor Ave.
Thursday, May 25, 2023
4:30pm to 6:30pm
Register by phone @ 204-669-4043 or email:
kinderlinks@retsdb.ca

It is beneficial for all when you register your kindergarten student early:

- * It is helpful in school classroom planning, for determining class sizes and teachers
- * It is helpful for the parent in preparing their child for the school environment and avoiding the last minute rush
- * It is helpful for the student to come to the Kindergarten Orientation and meet the teacher and see the classroom

In order to register your child for Kindergarten, THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED:

TWO (2) PIECES OF PROOF OF RESIDENCY:

This can be your Manitoba Medical Card, driver's license, lease agreement or current offer to purchase (duly signed), or current utility bill (name and corresponding address)

ONE (1) PIECE OF PROOF OF AGE:

This can be your child's birth certificate, passport, baptismal papers, passport, health card, treaty card, or record of live birth. (Your child has to have been born in 2018, turning 5 years of age before December 31, 2023)

Please pass this information on to any families that you know has a child eligible to register for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year.

Call Donwood School at 204-668-9438 for more information. Our office is open 8:00am - 4:00pm Mon. - Fri.

Donwood Elementary School

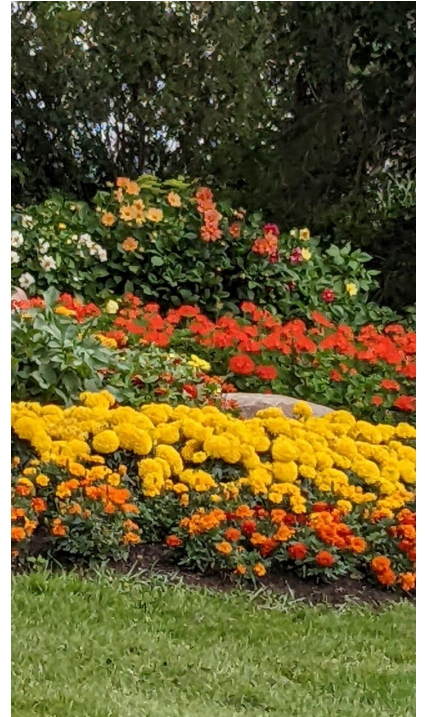
Seeds from Kids Fundraiser

The Donwood Elementary School seed fundraiser is happening again this spring! Last year the fundraiser was able to raise over \$2400, with about 94% of the money collected going directly to school projects!

We have streamlined the seed options, creating vegetable and flower packages. Most of the seeds were donated by volunteers in the community. Let us know if you'd like to become involved in seed collection this summer/fall!

The varieties chosen for this year are all known to grow well in Manitoba. In fact, most of the varieties were grown within 100km of Donwood School!

There are two vegetable pack options: the pint-sized vegetable plants (\$12) and the whopping vegetable plants (\$12). Buy them together for \$20.



There are two flower pack options. The fairy garden flowers (\$12) and the fantastical flowers (\$12). Buy them together for \$20.

Visit seedsfromkids.wordpress.com/ to see what is included in each package and to place your order.

Orders are due March 13 and will be distributed before Spring Break.

Thanks for your support!

Donwood School Parent Council

Scholastic Book Fairs

Our Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to Donwood School!

Dear families,

Our school is hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** from **March 14th-16th at Donwood School!**

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is a fantastic way to continue to give our students access to the books they want to read. We are so happy that our students can interact with the Fair at our school, and choose their next favorite book!

All purchases benefit our school and earn **Rewards** that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our classrooms and school library.

Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Book Fair!**

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Ziemianski



Hello Donwood Dragons!

Grade 3 Soccer -> Mrs. Yaworski and Frau Rosenby have volunteered their time to run a recess soccer club for Grade 3's! It has been a huge hit and the students have been having a blast!



Tumbling Rally -> We are starting to wrap up our Tumbling Rally Club for our grade 4 and 5's! Our Tumbling Rally Final Event will take place at Bernie Wolfe School from 6:30-8:00 pm on Monday, March 20th! Parents need to bring students to the event if they are participating. We are very excited to show off all the athletes' learning and growth! The students are ready to show off their gymnastic/ tumbling skills, along with the divisionally choreographed 'Warm-up routine' and our school specific and choreographed 'creative routine'! The athletes have been learning a lot and having lots of fun! Thanks to the many teachers involved in helping out with this club!

In Phys Ed class -> We have done a bit of rolling games (K-2) and an introduction to Net/ Wall Games (grade 3+), ask your child about how to roll or what Net/Wall games are!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Paxton in Frau Harris' kindergarten class who has won MCIC's 2023 reading contest! Paxton has won their class a pizza party!



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



*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.



PRESCHOOL KIDS WANTED!



FREE in person
STAY & PLAY
every
Wednesday
9-11 am
@ Donwood
School

My name is Doreen and I'm the
Community Connector for
Donwood School.
The winter months can be long
with littles at home.
But I am here to help!
Come join in on the fun!

For more information please contact
Doreen at dogungbemi@retsd.mb.ca



Blast Off!

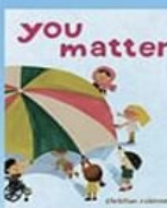
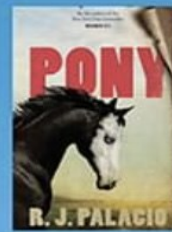
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FREE ebooks &
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through Sora
and **RETSD!**

Open a world of reading with Sora

Sora, an online audio and ebook provider, has partnered with River East Transcona School Division, to bring **FREE** audio and ebooks to students and staff!

Download the app or visit soraapp.com, and log in using your RETSD credentials. You can even link up your Winnipeg Public Library card for more books!

Explore all that Sora has to offer, all **FREE**, through **RETSD!**





New Winter & Spring Classes!

Life is for learning—at RETLife, brush up on job skills, ignite your passion, meet new people, and have fun along the way! And the best part? You can do it all without leaving River East Transcona School Division.

Register Today!
www.RETLife.ca



RETLife Programming

[RETLife](#) is a part of the River East Transcona School Division and provides opportunities for community members to participate in dynamic leisure and recreational programming at schools throughout the division.

The best part? All activities allow you to stay close to home!

Space is still available for you or your child to register for activities this spring, such as:

[Kids Can Style! Awesome Braids and Curls](#)
[Confidence Building Martial Arts for Kids](#)

[Mental Health First Aid](#) for Adults Who Work with Youth

[SING Out!](#) With Rainbow Harmony Project (youth ages 12 – 17)

[Badminton for Kids](#)

[Intro to Bhangra](#) (all ages 13 and up)

[Emergency First Aid and CPR with AED](#) (level C)

[Celebrating Filipino Food with Jeremy Senaris](#) (celebrating Filipino Food Month)

And much more!

Visit [RETLife](#) to see our offerings and check back regularly as new courses are added frequently!

River East Transcona School Division

2023 POWWOW



**ALL WELCOME
ADMISSION IS FREE**
We Welcome and Include
LGBTQ+/Two-Spirit People



WHEN & WHERE

Thursday, May 11, 2023
Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate
757 Roch St.
(Kimberly Ave. & Roch St.)

TIMES

Pipe Ceremony: 4 p.m.
Dancer/Drum Registration Begins: 4 p.m.
Community Feast: 4:30 p.m.
Grand Entry: 5:45 p.m.
Closing Ceremony: 7:45 p.m.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Coco Ray Stevenson

ARENA DIRECTOR

To Be Announced

HOST DRUM

Buffalo Red Thunder
Walking Wolf Singers

CONTACT

Leanne Smith

204.669.9412, ext. 2967

First 10 Guest Drums and 150 Dancers
Registered Will Receive Honoraria

Honour Song to Recognize Grade 12
Students Leaving the Division and
Those Graduating

For the Sake of Mother Earth, Please
Bring a Refillable Water Bottle, if
Possible


River East Transcona
SCHOOL DIVISION
creating student success



GIRLS MULTI-SPORT SERIES

Friday, Mar. 17, 2023

**Sport Manitoba
145 Pacific Avenue
Winnipeg, MB**

Sport Manitoba is proud to host the Girls Multi-Sport Series! This FREE series gives girls ages 7-12 of all backgrounds the chance to get active and try multiple different sports they may not have tried before.

Each sport will have instructors leading the way with experience and knowledge specific to their activity, ensuring everyone is learning, staying safe, and having fun!

**Featuring basketball, artistic gymnastics,
football, and baseball!**

Sport
MANITOBA





March 2023

****Please see the calendar for our hours of operation.****



Don't forget to sign up for Crockpot Cooking as there is limited space! We now offer a take-home kit option!



Donwood Family Resource Centre
6-64 Donwood Drive
Ph: 204-336-2752
e: donwood@familydynamics.ca
Centre staff: Mary & Joanne

Spring Solstice
We have been invited to a Spring Solstice event at Valley Gardens CC on Mar. 21st. Please call to sign up if you require transportation to the event.

Kids' Club
Register your children for our Spring Break activities. March 28th & 30th only. Meant for children in K—Gr. 8.

Self Care Series
WHAT DOES SELF CARE LOOK LIKE FOR YOU? DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL SKILL TO OFFER THAT COULD AID IN OTHERS' SELF-CARE?
We want to hear from you!



- How Can We Help?**
- Emergency food
 - Computer use, printing, help with paperwork
 - Resume coaching
 - Washing machine available for community use
 - Personal hygiene items
 - Safer sex supplies
 - Drop in for coffee and a chat

Our beading program is continuing! See calendar for dates. Contact us to sign up for Beading with Shey!



Ready, Set, Solo—a plan for your child to stay home alone safely. Meant for children 11 and up with their caregiver. Tentative date: Mar. 29.
Call for more info



March 2023



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	2 Beading 1:00pm Open for Resources 8:30:00-3:00	3 Bread Day 10:00am Open for Resources 10:00-3:00
6 CLOSED in the a.m. for meeting Open for Resources 11:00-3:00	7 CLOSED for staff training	8 CLOSED for staff training	9 CROCKPOT 11:00 BEADING 1:00 Open for Resources 8:30-10:00	10 Bread Day 10:00am Open for Resources 10:00-3:00
13 Open for Resources 12:00-2:30	14 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	15 ADVISORY MEETING 1:00 Bingo to follow Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	16 BEADING 1:00 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	17 NO SCHOOL CENTRE CLOSED
20 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	21 Open for Resources 11:00-4:00 Spring Solstice @ VG 5pm	22 CENTRE CLOSED for staff diversity event	23 CROCKPOT 11:00 BEADING 1:00 Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	24 Bread Day 10:00am Open for Resources 10:00-3:00
27 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30	28 Kids' Club Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	29 Ready, Set, Solo *Time TBD	30 Kids' Club Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	31 Bread Day 10:00am Open for Resources 10:00-3:00

We gratefully acknowledge the Department of Families, United Way and The Winnipeg Foundation for their generous support of our programs. We also extend thanks to Harvest Manitoba, Second Harvest, and Leftovers Foundation for their contributions that help keep our food programs possible. Thank you!!



Springfield Heights Nursery School has been offering an introductory German bilingual preschool program for 58 years. This year, registration day is **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 6 – 7:30pm**. Registration fee is \$50. 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 2023/24 school year will be held at Springfield Heights Mennonite Church, 570 Sharron Bay.

We offer two programs:

A full-time morning program (5 mornings/week for \$175/month)
and a part-time afternoon program
(Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoon for \$105/month).

Please contact us by email (springfieldheightsnursery@gmail.com) or by phone ([204-259-8888](tel:204-259-8888)) to receive your registration forms and for additional information.



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).

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****