



Donwood School Newsletter

May 2, 2023

Important Dates:

- May 4 : Donwood Kindergarten Orientation 6:00pm - 7:00pm
May 9 : PAC meeting @ 6:30pm
May 22 : Victoria Day (**No Classes**)
May 24 : Family Night Cancelled
May 29 : Co-Ordinated Day (**No Classes**)
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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!



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.



Rainboots, Splash Pants, Extra Pants & Socks!

With the snow soon melting and puddles in the playground it is often difficult for students to avoid the water. Please ensure students come to school with proper footwear (**rainboots**) and **splash pants** when the playground is wet. Please also send a change of **socks and pants** in their backpack.

Students will be redirected to another area of the playground if they are not dressed appropriately.



Lost Items

Please label your child's clothing so we can return any lost items back to their owners.

Hello Donwood Dragons!

Grade 4 & 5 Handball: Our handball clubs have been practicing at lunchtime throughout April, leading up to our divisional tournaments May 2 (grade 4 @ Sun Valley in AM) and May 3 (Grade 5 @ Maple Leaf in the PM)! This is an awesome club with lots of participants learning and improving in a very fun game!



In Phys Ed Class: Thank you to Ms. Wood for all the fun and exciting activities she planned during her student teaching block! Kindergarten - Grade 3 classes have been doing some Folk dances in preparation for our at-school Folk dance celebration. Other skills and fun games have been included with their dance learning. Grade 3-5 classes have continued to learn handball in class, and will transition to lacrosse, mixed in with some fun and fitness!

Impossible Shot : We have been doing a fun reward/ challenge for classes & students during PE 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 5 amazing shots that have won their class free gym time!



***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.



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@retsdb.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.





If your child was born in **2018**, it is time to register them for Kindergarten for the 2023/24 school year.

Registration packages are 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

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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.



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](#)

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

Learn, Play and



Grow... Together!

THESE EVENTS ARE FREE BUT YOU MUST REGISTER — SEE OTHER SIDE FOR DATES



Countdown to Kindergarten Preschool Growing & Learning Days

Is kindergarten just around the bend for your child?

If so, we can help you stay ahead of the curve, learn a thing or two about what to expect, and have fun at the same time! If your child will be attending kindergarten in our division in the year 2023–24, you are invited to attend one of our free Preschool Growing & Learning Days this spring.

Get a taste of school and meet the friendly, helpful people you'll find in it. Kindergarten, resource, and gym teachers will be on hand with all kinds of games and activities for you to enjoy.

Meet administrators, teachers, student services staff, and community partners who have helpful information for you. You can even get your child's hearing and vision screened. The activities and screening stations take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

Registration begins March 6, 2023

Dates and locations are listed on the reverse side of this handout.



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Countdown to Kindergarten Preschool Growing & Learning Days

Event schedule

Meet administrators, teachers, and community partners at the host sites listed below. Families are welcome to pick the event that works best for their schedule. The activities and screening stations take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

École Centrale, Joseph Teres, Bernie Wolfe, Westview
Wednesday, May 3, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
École Centrale, 604 Day St.

Hampstead, Sherwood, Betrun E. Glavin, Salisbury Morse Place, John De Graff
Wednesday, May 10, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
Hampstead School, 920 Hampstead Ave.

Margaret-Underhill, Radisson, Harold Hatcher, Wayoata
Tuesday, May 16, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
École Margaret-Underhill, 25 Regina Pl.

Maple Leaf, Emerson, John Pritchard, Dr. Hamilton, Bird's Hill, Sun Valley, Donwood
Thursday, May 25, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
Maple Leaf School, 251 McIvor Ave.

Springfield Heights, Polson, Princess Margaret, Lord Wolseley, Neil Campbell, Prince Edward, Angus McKay
Wednesday, May 31, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
École Springfield Heights School, 505 Sharron Bay

Register online:

<https://forms.office.com/r/BgtzRq9Siw>

Or call: 204.669.4043

kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca
www.retsd.mb.ca



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





May 2023

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



Donwood Family Resource Centre

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

**FOLLOW US ON
INSTAGRAM** For up
to date info and
surplus items!!

@donwoodfrc

*Don't forget to sign
up for Dump Dinner,
as there is limited
space!*



Red Dress Day

Honouring **MMIWG2S**
May 5, 2023



Fun Holidays in May

May 4—Star Wars Day

May 5-Cinco de Mayo

May 23-Lucky Penny Day

May 24-Tiara Day

May 26-Paper Airplane Day



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



May Closures

May 22—Victoria Day



May 2023



| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| 1 Drop in Beading 9:30 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 2 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 3 Closed 8:30-1:00 for Staff Training Open for Resources 1:00-2:30 | 4  Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 5 Red Dress Day Bread Day Open for Resources 10:00-2:30 |
| 8 Drop in Beading 9:30 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 9 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 10 Litter Clean up 1:00 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 11 Dump Dinner 11:00 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 12 Bread Day Mom's Spa Day 12:00-2:00 Open for Resources 10:00-12:00 |
| 15 Drop in Beading 9:30 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 16 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 17 Advisory Meeting 1:00 Bingo to follow Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 18 Closed 8:30-11:00 for staff meeting Open for Resources 11:00-2:30 | 19 Bread Day Open for Resources 10:00-2:30 |
| 22 CENTRE CLOSED Victoria Day | 23 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 24 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 25 Dump Dinner 11:00 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 26 Bread Day Open for Resources 10:00-2:30 |
| 29 NO SCHOOL Drop in Beading 9:30 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 30 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 | 31 Open for Resources 8:30-2:30 |  | |

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!!



Valley Gardens Community Connections is a school initiative supported through a grant from the Teachers' Idea Fund that works to strengthen and empower our Valley Gardens Middle School community members and create a sense of belonging within our school community area. As our school works to acknowledge and celebrate our diverse community, we continue to provide opportunities to engage our students and community in activities and learning that will have a lasting impact.

On May 18th at 5-7pm, we will be hosting a resource evening in our school gym, to encourage community members to access local resources and opportunities. We will be setting up tables for interested organizations to promote these opportunities, and will have coffee and snacks available for families.