



Donwood School Newsletter

November 23, 2022

Important Dates:

- Nov 25 : Co-ordinated Day (**No Classes**)
Dec 2 : Report Cards Posted to Parent Portal
Dec 7 : Family Gingerbread House Making Night (6:00pm -7:30pm - being held in the Chief Peguis Gymnasium)
Dec 8 : Virtual Student Led Conferences 4:00pm - 7:45pm
Dec 9 : Professional Development Day (**No Classes**)
Virtual Student Led Conferences 8:45am - 11:45am
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Virtual Book Fair

This year, we are excited to announce a Virtual Book Fair! You can shop from over 450 items any time on our Virtual Book Fair website. Our Fair is open from **November 21st - December 5th**, and all purchases help us earn new resources for our school. More information to come.

Here is the link that you will need: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5197730>

Lantern Festival

Thank you to all the families who were able to make it out for the community lantern walk.

The students also enjoyed a morning lantern walk on the schoolgrounds to celebrate.



Lost Items

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

Student Fee Reminder

Please pay outstanding student fees as soon as possible. This money is used to purchase school supplies for your child such as paper, pencils, scissors, rulers, etc.



Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences will be held virtually on Teams on:

- December 7th from 4:00pm to 7:45pm and
- December 8th from 8:45am to 11:45am

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](#)

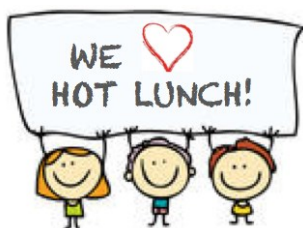
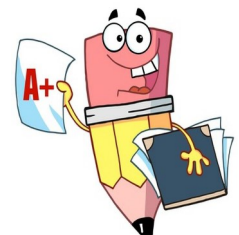


Report Cards

Students and teachers are working hard to get ready for Term 1 Reporting. Student report cards will be posted to the parent portal by end of day on **December 2**. 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](#)



Hot Lunch

Mary Brown's Hot Lunch will take place on Friday, December 16. Order forms will be sent home on December 2 and will be due on December 8.

Donwood School Fundraiser

Gingerbread Ornaments \$12

Donwood School is having a Winter Wonderland fundraiser! Our special edition ornament is a custom designed ornament for your family. Choose your number of small, medium and large gingerbread people and gingerbread cats and dogs. Each “cookie sheet” can hold up to 9 full sized gingerbread people or up to 12 or more of the smaller “cookies”. Because of the faithful volunteers who have devoted their time to making this project, **\$10 from every sale will go toward enhancing the outdoor learning space at Donwood Elementary School!**

Who is your cookie sheet going to represent? Is it going to be members of your household? Grandmother with all her grandchildren? Favorite friends? You and all the cats you’ve fostered over the years? You choose who you want on your gingerbread cookie sheet!

Orders are due December 1, 2022 and the ornaments will be distributed to the students around the week of December 11.

Please visit <https://seedsfromkids.wordpress.com/> to order. Click the menu button on the right top corner to find the order form.

Thanks for supporting Donwood School.



Hello Dragon athletes!

Our Grade 4 and 5 Volleyball club is running strong with a good number of participants. The athletes have been busy learning the volleyball skills and gameplay in preparation for their upcoming tournament! This club is planning to attend and play in a 4 vs 4 Volleyball/Triple ball tournament at Sun Valley on November 24th!



Did You Know?

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.

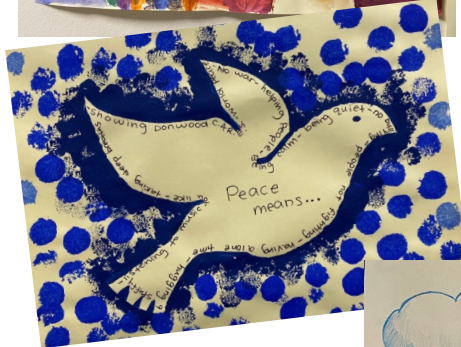
Peaceful, Gentle Living

Donwood School's in-person **Remembrance Day assembly** was held November 10th. The theme this year was "**Peaceful, Gentle Living**". Our classroom teachers prepared the students with conversations around the theme, the week before. Then, students prepared artworks which represented their thoughts and ideas. These artworks were displayed in a "**gallery walk**" for all to view prior to the assembly. Other classroom thoughts and ideas regarding Peaceful, Gentle Living were shared by students every morning, during announcements, the week of November 7th.



Many students participated in delivering the assembly. Thank you to the 5W and 4/5 D choir for singing "Wishes" and leading the whole school song, "Go Now in Peace". Thank you to 4P for being torch bearers and instrumentalists for Go Now in Peace. Thank you to Max and Micah who led the assembly and to Sammy and Abhijot who read the book, Peace is an Offering. Thank you to Easton, Mathias, and Rosalie for reciting the land acknowledgement statements. Finally thank you to Tiago, a former Donwood student who played The Last Post and The Reveille, traditional Remembrance Day trumpet selections and Mrs. S. who accompanied the choir on the piano.

Honouring Remembrance Day

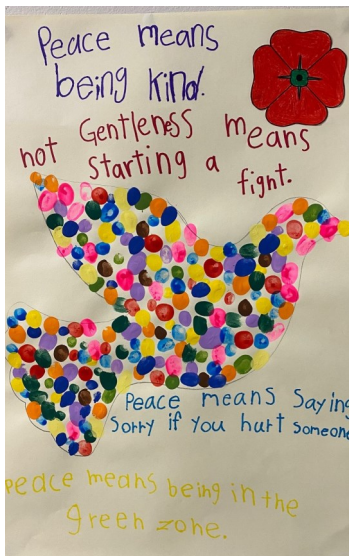
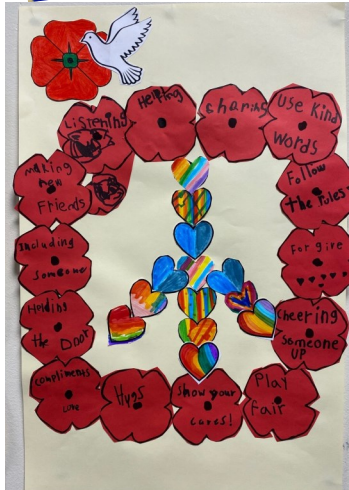


How to make a PEACE cake BY 5W

Add the following ingredients together, MIXING LIGHTLY AND GENTLY. ADD a little extra gentleness and joy as you wish.

- LOVE = 5 CUPS OF FLOUR
- SWEETNESS = 2 CUPS OF SUGAR
- KINDNESS = 4 X EGGS
- STRENGTH OF CHARACTER = 2 1/2 CUPS OF MILK (Lactose free if you choose)
- JOY AND HAPPINESS = 2 CUPS OF CHOCOLATE CHIPS
- SHARING, GIVING = 1 TABLESPOON OF BAKING SODA
- UNDERSTANDING = UNLIMITED AMOUNTS OF SPRINKLES
- HARMONY = COVER WITH YOUR FAVOURITE ICING.

FINALLY BAKE @ 350 DEGREES Fahrenheit for 35 minutes in the OVEN OF RESPECT.





Donwood's Gingerbread Night

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OF
COMMUNITY AS WE DECORATE
GINGERBREAD HOUSES TOGETHER AT
CHIEF PEGUIS SCHOOL GYM (1400
ROTHESAY ST.)

ON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH FROM
6:00 - 7:30PM

Registration is limited to the first 50 families.

Registration ends at NOON on
Monday, December 5.

To Register click HERE.

Families will be provided with ONE Gingerbread
House Kit.

A light snack will be provided.

For more information contact:

Doreen Ogungbemi at (204) 668-9438 or dogungbemi@retsd.mb.ca or
Katie Patteson at 204- 669-9412 or kpatteson@retsd.mb.ca

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SCHOOL DIVISION

Dress Warm

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



Polar Bear Recess:

As winter approaches, cold weather has traditionally meant that students have even less opportunity to move and be active due to indoor recess for temperatures lower than -27 C. Active play outdoors is so important to healthy child development and to ensuring that students are focused for their learning.

Parental consent is required for students to participate. Permission forms have been sent home with students.

EXCITING NEWS!

Donwood School has been awarded a Teacher's Idea Fund grant from the Province of Manitoba to enhance our outdoor learning spaces.

The vision is to create outdoor spaces which provide opportunities for Land-based, Indigenous-centred learning. The goal is for these enhancements to nurture student wellbeing and community belonging. Community input and involvement is desired, we want all voices to be heard!

Please stay tuned for further information about opportunities to share your ideas and skills. If this is a project you have a passion for or you have skills in this area, and you would like to come on board right away, please contact the school to be put in touch with one of the project team members.



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!
Please see the community support information below.*

Donwood School Staff

STAY AND PLAY

Every Wednesday, starting October 12, 2022 to November 30, 2022 from 9:15am to 11:00am is our Stay and Play Program.

Parents/caregivers come with their children, birth to 5 years, to the Family Room at Donwood School and have a morning of FUN!!!!

At Stay and Play, your child will make a craft, eat a healthy snack, sing fun songs, read a story, and have lots and lots of free play time. This is a wonderful opportunity for the parents/caregivers to meet other parents from our neighbourhood.

Registration is weekly, and the program is absolutely FREE.



Come out and play!!!!!!!

For more information and to register, please contact Doreen Ogungbemi at dogungbemi@retsd.mb.ca or call Donwood School at 204-668-9438.

Parent and Child Preschool Programs

Rainbow of Fun

Join in each week using STEAM and other activities to explore the world of colour!

Mondays 10:00-11:15
October 24 - November 28

This program will best be enjoyed by children ages 2-5

1, 2, 3 Count with Me!

Come and enjoy a fun filled hour of learning all about numbers through songs, crafts and stories!

This program is being offered ONLINE via Teams

Wednesdays 1:00-2:00
October 26 - November 30

This program will best be enjoyed by children ages 2-5

Weather the Season

The world around us is ever changing, and so are the seasons! Come join in while we explore our weather in all its forms!

Thursdays 10:00 - 11:15
November 3 - December 8

This program will best be enjoyed by children ages 2-5

Stay and Plays Drop-In

Hampstead School

Tuesdays 9:15-11:00

Contact: Colette at cmolloy@retsd.mb.ca if interested.

Donwood School

Wednesdays 9:00-11:00

Contact: Doreen at dogungbemi@retsd.mb.ca if interested.

Registration is limited

Registration opens Monday, October 17 at 12:00 pm

Click [HERE](#) to register. For more information contact Katie Patteson at 204- 669-9412 or kpatteson@retsd.mb.ca

Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre

The Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre is offering after-school programming for any student in Grades 1–8 in Manitoba. Programming will occur in 6-week blocks.

Fall Term Programs: November 14 to December 21, 2022

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM and/or 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM on Monday/Wednesday.

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FALL BLOCK PROGRAM

Program A: Language Development - For more details go to: https://bit.ly/MRLSC_language

- English Language Acquisition/Development
- French Language Acquisition/Development
- Speech and Language Development

Program B: Literacy/Numeracy Development - For more details go to: https://bit.ly/MRLSCLit_Num

- Literacy: Writer's Workshop (French/English)
- Numeracy: Fun and Challenging Math Games and Puzzles (French/English)

Program C: Social Emotional Learning - For more details go to: https://bit.ly/MRLSC_SEL_Fall

- Interactive Storytelling - Minecraft (French/English)
- Project 11 (French/English)
- Learn to Code (grade 5 to 8 English/French)
- Visual Art (French/English)

CAREGIVER EXPECTATIONS

When children are participating in remote learning, caregivers play a critical role in ensuring that their children are engaged in their learning by:

- providing supervision and supporting learning
- being present while their children are engaged in remote learning
- supporting engagement in learning experiences
- communicating concerns and/or questions with the teacher
- supporting their children in adhering to online etiquette and policies. Read the MRLSC etiquette here: <https://bit.ly/MRLSCetiquette>

Please complete the following linked form for each individual child who is signing up for MRLSC after-school programming: https://bit.ly/MRLSCAfterschool_Fall

If you have any questions, please contact:

Mr. Scott Lockhart
MRLSC After-School Program Leader

431-275-2558

scott.lockhart@sjasd.ca

Christmas Cheer Board Hamper

Anyone in need living in Winnipeg and St. Norbert may apply for a hamper.
All hamper applications are taken by phone at Hamper Application Call Centres.

2022 Christmas Hamper applications **start November 7**. See call centre phone numbers below.

Christmas hampers include:

- traditional Christmas packaged foods
- an appropriate sized turkey based on the household size (individuals receive a chicken)
- a gift for children 14 and under

Hamper pickup starts Saturday, December 7 at the Christmas Cheer Board warehouse.

Volunteers deliver hampers between December 7 and December 21. As they rely on volunteer drivers, delivery date and time cannot be provided. Hamper delivery is attempted two times, on the second unsuccessful attempt an information sheet is left explaining you must go to the warehouse to pick up your hamper.

If your hamper is sponsored, the sponsor will contact you directly for delivery date/time.

Hamper Application Call Centres are extremely busy; please have patience when calling, thanks.

Employment Income Assistance (EIA) applicants:

Please call **204-948-2022** to apply. Please have your EIA case number ready.

The Christmas Cheer Board has volunteers located at the EIA office taking applications by phone.

EIA hamper application hours: Monday – Friday 9am - 4pm

Low income, pensioners, students, new Canadian applicants:

Please call **204-989-5683** to apply. Please have your Manitoba Health card information available for all adults in the household.

It is important that you provide current complete information for each adult and child in your household when applying for a hamper. Personal household contact information and income and expense information is required. All children 18 and under are recorded as well.

Christmas Cheer Board application phone lines are open when the *Office/Warehouse is open*. Please see the following link for details: <https://www.christmascheerboard.ca/how-to-apply>

