



Donwood School Newsletter

November 4, 2022

Important Dates:

- Nov 8 : PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm
 - Nov 9 : Lantern Festival @ 6:00pm
 - Nov 10 : Honouring Remembrance Day Assembly at school
 - Nov 11 : Remembrance Day (**No Classes**)
 - Nov 16 : Picture Re-takes (picture day for odd-day Kindergarteners)
 - Nov 25 : Co-ordinated Day (**No Classes**)
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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.



Socktober!

Thank you for the generous donations for Socktober. We filled two laundry baskets with all the donations.



Way to go Donwood!

Lantern Festival

Throughout many German speaking countries families walk and sing songs in the evening to celebrate St Martin's Day. All students and their families are invited to come together for a lantern walk through the neighborhood to honour St Martin who inspired generosity and kindness through his actions. Notes have been sent home with students to R.S.V.P. to this event.



Hot Lunch

We will be having a Boston Pizza hot lunch on Friday, November 18. Order forms will be coming home next week. We are looking for volunteers to help count orders on November 14 and to distribute on November 18. Please contact Amy Northcliffe at anorthcliffe@retsd.mb.ca if you can help out. Thanks!



Lunch Time

Just a friendly reminder that if a student goes home for lunch, they are return to school no earlier than 12:40pm.

Hello Dragon athletes!

Our Grade 4 and 5 Flag Football club had a great season! We had many practices at lunch where we learned the sport and practiced our skills in October. At the divisional tournament at East Side Eagles Field, our students got the opportunity to play many games against a number of other schools. Our athletes were awesome representatives of Donwood both on and off the field! Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the football games and the day!



We are currently running a Grade 5 volleyball club, which is practicing at lunch. This club is preparing to attend and play in a 4vs4 Volleyball/Triple ball tournament at Sun Valley on November 24th!

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 focussed for their learning.

Parental consent is required for students to participate. Letters will be sent home with students next week.



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>

DONWOOD GEAR



We are so excited that The Donwood School Clothing Store is open! Please see the link below if you are interested in purchasing Donwood clothing. The link will be active from November 4th-November 14th.

<http://www.platinumpromotions.com/sr/2174208>

Orders are due by: November 14, 2022

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](#)



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.

Chief Peguis Middle School
1400 Rothesay Street

Winter Craft and Bake Sale

Handmade Only
Lots of Parking
Great Variety of Crafts

November 5, 2022

10am-3pm



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

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>

