



Donwood School Newsletter

October 14, 2022

Important Dates:

- Oct 19 : Picture Day
 - Oct 21: Co-ordinated Day (**no classes**)
 - Oct 25 : Virtual Pumpkin Carving Night @ 6:00pm
 - Nov 8 : PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm
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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.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is underway! We hope to see everyone who signed up on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings.

It's Socktober! Donwood School will be collecting socks for Socktober from October 10th to October 24th. We are asking for any **NEW** socks for children/youth/adults to be donated. Donations will be given to Donwood's Community Cupboard & Siloam Mission. All donations will be stored safely before they are handled and sorted. Thank you.

Socktober!



Please send students to school with a reusable water bottle

Every student received a new Donwood water bottle at our Welcome Back Assembly!



Skateboards, Scooters, etc.

Skateboards, scooters, roller blades and heelies are not permitted on school grounds due to safety and storage reasons.



Lifetouch.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Donwood School



What to Expect:



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day



Pictures are
sent home with
your child



Review pictures
& purchase on
mylifetouch.ca

All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture if requested by the school.

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-ca.
Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.



Donwood's Virtual Pumpkin Carving Night

Join us for a fun night of community as we carve pumpkins together online via TEAMS on

Tuesday, October 25th
from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Registration is limited to the first 45 families.
Registration ends at NOON on
Thursday, October 20.

To Register click [HERE](#).

Families will be provided with **ONE** pumpkin and carving kit. Pick-up information and the TEAM's link to join the event will be sent to the email provided on Friday, Oct. 21.

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



Donwood School

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For Monday, October 31st, 2022

- Teachers will be creating Fall and/or Halloween experiences and activities to be done throughout the day that include curricular connections.
- **Due to the change in public health guidelines, parents can send treats/goodie bags for your child to share with their classmates. Please ensure that these items are nut free and that you have communicated with the classroom teacher as to the number of students in the class and any other allergy concerns.**
- Teachers may also bring in a pre-packaged snack for their whole class to enjoy at school.
- Students can bring their own special snack from home for the celebrations that Teachers will be having in their classrooms. Again, keep in mind that we continue to be a nut free school.
- If your child chooses to wear a costume, they must wear the costume to school for the entire day. We want to prevent moments where many students are using the washrooms for changing. If your child goes home for lunch, you may wish to have them change into their costume when at home.
- For our Kindergartens that attend school on alternate days, their celebration will occur on Friday, October 28th or Monday, October 31st, 2022, and will follow the above noted guidelines.

Please remember the following guidelines for costumes:

- Costumes must be appropriate for K-5 students within a school setting.
- Costumes and accessories cannot be violent in nature (i.e. knives, blood, swords, axes, guns, etc.). Please leave any costume props at home.
- Costumes must not be graphic in nature (i.e. inappropriate sayings that would not align with our divisional dress code).
- Please refrain from any costumes that involve cultural appropriation meaning no one's culture or identity are to be used as a costume.
- Please do any necessary preparations at home (face paint or hair).
- Costumes will be worn during recess and specialty classes so please ensure that the costume is comfortable, easy to move in and will fit under a jacket.
- Full face masks cannot be worn as students need to be recognizable and we want students to have clear lines of vision for safety reasons.

Please have a conversation with your child(ren) regarding these expectations.

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.

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](#)



Lunch Program

Lunch program registration forms and fees for the 2022-2023 school year are due. They are available on the Donwood website at www.retsd.mb.ca/school/don under **Documents & Forms > Lunch Program** or at the office.



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 Alert, Be Aware

When walking to and from school, here are some simple rules to help you stay safe:

- Walk in groups of two or more.
- Put away distractions, such as your cellphone.
- Walk confidently.
- Plan a route and stick to it.
- Use populated paths and well-lit areas.
- If you think you are being followed, change direction and head for a populated area.
- Know safe places in the community to go for help.
- Obtain permission before going anywhere with another person.
- Never approach a stranger's vehicle, even if the person is talking to you.
- If you feel unsafe in a situation or place, leave immediately and tell your parent/guardian, school, or an adult you trust.

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



**SPRINGFIELD
HEIGHTS**
N U R S E R Y S C H O O L

REGISTRATION STILL AVAILABLE FOR OUR FALL 2022 CLASSES

At Springfield Heights Nursery School we aim to give children a basic understanding of German as an additional language. This occurs through daily practice of the language in a loving and caring environment, fostering the social, mental, physical and spiritual development of each child.

Monday – Friday 9am – 11:15am
Tuesday – Thursday 1pm – 3:15pm,

To register contact (204)259-8888
www.springfieldheightsnurseryschool.com