

Ecole Dufferin February 2021

Issue Six

From the Principal's Desk

Newsletter Date: February 2021

It is hard to believe that we are already in February.

It's also the time of year for Kindergarten Registration. Please register your children for next year and remind people in the neighbourhood who have children Kindergarten age to please register for September. Registration closes February 5th. Please remember that we have a lottery system and a waitlist.



We are back to school on Monday, February 8th. Some important reminders about our back to school return protocols:

- Masks are mandatory for all grades, including kindergarten.
- Masks must be worn outside at recess as we cannot safely social distance.
- Masks must be worn on busses.
- When eating masks may be removed.
- Staff will have times during the day to allow for mask breaks, outdoor time with their class only to remove masks, and I may be implementing community walks for classes to allow for mask breaks.
- Cohorts will be maintained and our school re-organization remains unchanged. No class changes will occur.
- There will be more information with regards to symptomatic students and their siblings. This will come directly from central office.

Clarification on Board Weather Notifications

Please be aware that our school is in **Zone 4**. If buses are cancelled in our zone, then the **schools in our zone are closed**. Please check our transportation website http://www.stsbhn.ca/bus/bus_delay or www.granderie.ca before sending your children to the bus stop or to school.



The Board bases its decision whether or not to run school buses on how safe the routes are that our school buses travel. In consultation with our bus operators and transportation staff, we decide as early as possible, and no later than 6:30 a.m., if buses will run. If buses are not running in a zone, then schools in that zone are closed.

A Valentine's Day Family Tradition

Family traditions are fun. The question is - are they important? According to recent research, families with more traditions have more trust and loyalty. So, celebrate Valentine's Day with a family tradition. You might:

- ◆ **MAKE** ice cream sundaes together.
- ◆ **WRITE** nice notes to each other.
- ◆ **WATCH** a movie together.



Upcoming dates:

February (Black History Month)

February 8th	Back to school
February 1st-14th	Carnaval de Quebec
February 14th	Valentines Day (Wear Red)
February 15th	Family Day
February 26th	Magha Puja Day Purim Jewish Day
February 24th	Pink Shirt Day (Wear Pink)



Soon to come to a school near you:

- Hot lunches
- Kettle corn

