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Dear Dufferin Families:



As we move into April and feel the hope and renewal of another Spring season, we are also reminded of how close we are to the end of the year and all that we will accomplish in the next 3 months. Our Badminton and chess teams will compete in tournaments this month. Academically, we are finalizing preparations for the Gr. 3 and 6 EQAO assessments of Language and Math, which will take place between May 23-June 1. From a community support standpoint, we are offering the Produce Express fundraiser all month to raise funds for our snack program and we will also kick off our Jump Rope for Heart campaign to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

We wish all families a wonderful long holiday weekend from April 7-10!

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith
Principal

April 3: Kindergarten to Royal Botanical Gardens

April 5: Pizza Day

April 6: Learn, Lead, Inspire Assembly

April 7: Good Friday-No School

April 10: Good Friday- No School

April 12: DPC virtual meeting (6:30)

April 14: Jump Rope for Heart Kick off assembly

April 19: Pizza Day

April 20: Intermediate chess tournament

April 21: PD Day-No school for students

April 24: Jr. Badminton Tournament

April 25: KGN & Gr. 1 Tinker Trucks

April 27: Intermediate Badminton Tournament



Coin de l'immersion/Immersion Corner

Supporting our children in French Immersion:

What's the most important thing you can do?

Talk, Talk, Talk!

So much of learning builds on what a child already knows and can do, and learning in French Immersion is no exception. Your child will benefit from the rich language learned at home and the literacy and language lessons taught in French at school.

Having strong oral language skills provides the foundation for your child to develop better literacy skills. Reading and Writing skills are built on listening and speaking skills. Here are some ideas to help build these skills.

-Read aloud to your child in the language you speak at home—or any other language—and talk about what you are reading.

-Provided encouragement and set aside time for reading in French and in English to help your child develop a broad vocabulary in both languages.

If you don't know any French, have your child read to you in French and tell you what it means.

-Talk with your child about his or her interests, and help find books or websites about them in English and French—and discuss them!

-Encourage your child to express opinions about the world and explain the reasons behind them.

(Adapted from Supporting Your Child's Success in French Immersion and Extended French Elementary Schools, A Parent Guide, 2014, Ontario Ministry of Education)

Dufferin Parent Council

Our next virtual school council meeting will be on April 12 at 6:30 p.m. Please email Mme A. Smith for the link if you would like to join us. Thanks to all who participated in the Big Box Greeting Card Fundraiser. If you requested a sample box and made purchases, the sample box goes towards fulfilling your order. If you have a sample box but are not interested in purchasing the box, please return the sample box to the school.

Cell Phone Reminders



Many of our students in the upper grades have personal cell phones. While this can be an effective way to communicate with your child, please be reminded that students are not permitted to send or respond to text messages or phone calls during instructional time. Any communication home to be picked up for illness during the day must be done through the main office. Students will need to first speak with the teacher, who can assist with a plan for contacting the family. This procedure is in place for student safety and attendance purposes. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Attached Flyers

See attached flyers for some new initiatives:

-Produce Express Fundraiser for the snack program

-Battery recycling: send in your used batteries. Our Kindergarten team will have them recycled to raise funds to purchase a new kindergarten shed.

-Jump Rope for Heart Save the Date

CPF Summer French Programs

You can boost your child's French-speaking skills with CPF Ontario. Students in SK-Grade 12 will enjoy engaging games, reading and conversation in French. Registration for spring/summer starts in April! For more information, click here: <https://cpf.ca/en/>

Find out more about Reading Circle, Franco-Fun & Vive la Parole via our website on.cpf.ca or scan the QR code below:



SPRING | SUMMER 2023

FREE CPF Virtual French Programs
EVERY WEEKDAY | 2-WEEK SESSIONS

May 8 - August 25

REGISTRATION OPENS IN APRIL
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: ON.CPF.CA



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Produce EXPRESS



Purchase your groceries at
Produce Express to fundraise for:
ECOLE DUFFERIN

Shop online with Produce Express using the code below and 10% of your purchase will go to Ecole Dufferin as a credit for their Student Nutrition Program!

Fundraising Code (all caps): **DUFFERIN2023**

Code is effective from April 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE:

- Step 1** Go to www.fresherproduce.ca
- Step 2** Shop for your favorite fruits, veggies, and other fresh food, and have it delivered to your home.
- Step 3** Once you've reviewed your order, enter the fundraising code in the fundraising code box at checkout.
- Step 4** Enter your payment information and submit your order! You can choose to pick up your order at one of our four pickup locations or have it delivered to your doorstep!
- Step 5** Once your order has been submitted, Produce Express will send you an email with the amount that you have donated to the school's Student Nutrition Program!



Support our Battery Recycling Initiative!

During the month of April, as an Earth Day initiative, our Kindergarten team has organized a battery recycling Drive.

When: April 3-30

What: Send in used dry cell batteries in a bag for recycling.

Each classroom will have a collection box. We will be entering our recycled batteries into the Earth Rangers project for a chance to win prizes for our school.

Read on for more details!



Bring in your used batteries and help protect the animals you love!

Did you know when you recycle your used batteries in the Call2Recycle Collection Boxes at your school you are helping protect animals? Batteries that go out with the trash end up in landfills, adding to solid waste that can be harmful to the environment.

Help your school win one of the following prizes:

Grand Prize: \$5,000
2nd: \$2,500 3rd-7th: \$500

Generously supported by:

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*No purchase necessary. In order to receive this prize, there must be a battery submission on record. The "Battery Blitz School Mission Contest" (the "Contest") closes on Monday, April 28, 2023 at 5:00pm EST. Open only to elementary schools in Ontario that have been registered for the Contest. For more information and full rules and regulations, visit <https://www.earthrangers.com/batteryblitzschoolcontest/>



Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Earth Rangers and Call2Recycle Battery Blitz School Mission has launched in your child's school. In honour of Earth Month, this competition encourages students to take an active role in protecting the environment, by recycling used batteries.

From April 3rd to April 28th, 2023, students are requested to bring single-use and rechargeable dry-cell batteries (under 5 kg) into school. For safety, please place batteries in a clear plastic bag or cover battery terminals with tape.

50 schools from across Ontario will compete to collect as many used batteries as they can. Eight amazing Cash Grand prizes are available for the schools that bring in the most batteries by weight. 1st place- \$5,000, 2nd place- \$2,500, 3rd-7th place- \$500. Plus, the school that collects the most batteries Per Capita will win \$500, and any school that exceeds 750 kg will receive a bonus \$250 Visa gift card for a pizza party!

For more details about eligible batteries, winning strategies and safety tips, please visit:

<http://www.earthrangers.com/batteryblitzschoolcontest>

Since 1997, Call2Recycle has diverted almost 40 million kilograms of batteries from Canadian landfills. To find the nearest Call2Recycle drop-off location, please visit www.RecycleYourBatteries.ca

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Jump Rope for Heart is back!

Our school is excited to be participating in Jump Rope for Heart this year!
Please save the dates and stay tuned for more information:

Kick-off date: Friday April 14, 2023

Event date: Friday May 5, 2023

Jump gives back to schools!

As a thank you for putting kids' heart and brain health first, schools that raise at least \$500 can receive 8% of the funds raised back to:

- help get new equipment or supplies
- donate back to Heart & Stroke to support lifesaving research

Join your school online!

jumpropeforheart.ca

Kids helping kids!

The funds kids collect supports research that helps other kids and families across the country.



Dani

Was born with congenital heart disease.



Zoe

Had a cardiac arrest when she was five.



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