

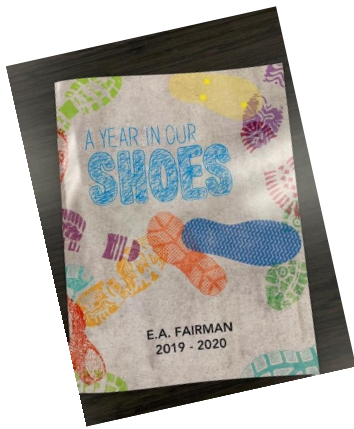


Falcon Flyer

September 25, 2020

Principal's Message...

Throughout the first days we have been reviewing school and class expectations and practising routines. This year, that includes the many enhanced health and safety protocols. We have taken the time to explain to students that these practices are necessary for us to be in school and to keep everyone safe. We would ask that you take time to talk to your child(ren) about the new practices at home (hand washing routines, mask wearing, physical distancing) as well to increase their understanding of the importance of following these routines at school. Recess times are especially challenging for students as they cannot necessarily play the same games that they used to enjoy. We have been speaking to the students about mindset. It is easy to think of all the things that we cannot do, however, is that helpful? Instead, we have challenged students to look at what is possible. To this end, we will be looking at creative ways to offer different opportunities to the students going forward, including ideas of activities that are safe to do at recess across all grade levels. I always tell the students, whether you think you are going to have a good day or bad day, you are right. A growth mindset is always valuable and is particularly relevant this year.



2019/2020 YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

2019/2020 Yearbooks are available for sale. If you would like a copy, please send \$22 cash or cheque (payable to E.A. Fairman) to your child's teacher and we will send a copy home.

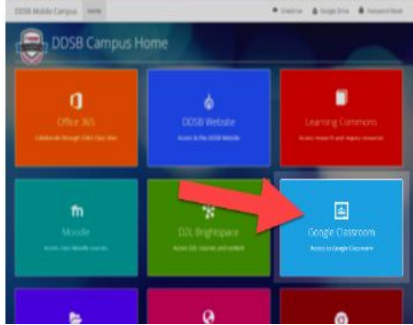
*****RETURNING STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM*****

Please remember to log into the Parent Portal and complete the Returning Student Verification form. This is imperative to keep our records up to date in case of emergency or school closure, and this is how we electronically send out school messages, newsletters, etc. If you need any assistance, please contact Mrs. Rodriguez in the office.***

To register a returning student in a DDSB school go to the [Parent Portal](#);

1. Login;
2. Select the "returning student registration" button;
3. Complete the registration.

Logging onto Google Classroom



All classroom teachers have been busy setting up their Google Classroom this week for students to access work. The following are instructions for families on how to access your Google Classroom ([written instructions](#), video instructions for [Chromebook/Laptop](#) and [iPad](#) instructions for parents are available at these links online). Depending on your child's ability level, please ensure that your child is able to login with their S number and password. Your child has been given a S# (student number). If you need a copy of the student number, please reach out to the classroom teacher or call the office and we will be able to provide you with a student number.

Student Dress Code - Revised

Students must wear;

- Clothing which includes both a top and bottom layer
- Footwear

Students may wear;

- Any clothing that supports a human rights related need or accommodation
- Clothing (tops) that expose arms, shoulders, stomach, midriff, neckline, cleavage, and straps but will cover nipples
- Clothing (bottoms) that expose legs, knees, thighs, hips and expose waistbands but will cover groin and buttocks
- Any headwear that does not obscure the face (masks excluding during Covid), subject to human rights related needs and accommodations

Student Dress Code continued

Inappropriate Dress

Students may not wear

- Clothing that promotes /symbolizes illegal activity (including gang activity) or drugs or alcohol or their use
- Clothing that promotes, symbolizes or incites hate, discrimination, bias, prejudice, profanity, pornography, incites harassment or bullying, threatens harm to the safety of self or others or that includes offensive (e.g. sexist, racist, homophobic, anti-indigenous, anti-Black, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic, etc.) images or language
- Clothing (tops) that exposes nipples
- Clothing (bottoms) that expose groin and/or buttocks
- Clothing (mask/scarf) that obscures the face (unless required to meet human rights related needs or accommodations; exception - use of face masks during Covid)
- Undergarments as outerwear
- Transparent clothing that fully exposes undergarments
- Swimwear unless required for curricular or co-curricular approved activities

Orange Shirt Day - Wednesday, September 30th



Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of the account of a young girl, Phyllis, having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. This has provided us with an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for the continued creation of a safe, equitable and inclusive school environment as the school year begins. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. On this day, we wear orange to remember the experiences of former students of Residential Schools and to commit to ongoing reconciliation.

Student Accident Insurance

Providing safe learning environments is a strong and constant focus at the Durham District School Board. Families should however recognize that there is always a potential risk of injury with field trips, sports and other student activities both on and off school grounds. Accidents can happen, despite precautions to prevent them. Accidental injuries may involve medical, dental or other expenses not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans.

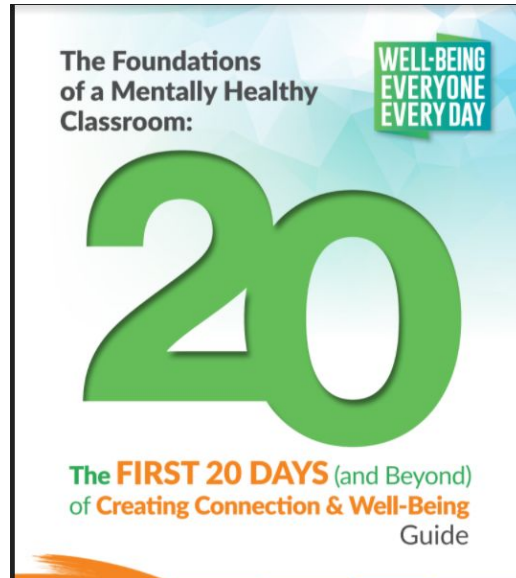
Please be aware that the Durham District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries. For your convenience, we do make available a Student Accident Insurance program through Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. This program offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable prices.

All rates are one-time annual premiums. The insurance agreement is between **you** and **Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada**. For complete details please refer to the *insuremykids Protection Plan* information/application form or visit their website at: www.insuremykids.com.

Any questions should be directed to Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada toll free at 1-800-463-5437.

20 Days of Well-Being

Our staff are working through the 20 Days of Well-Being with our students to help build a mentally healthy classroom. We know that by building connections and focusing on well-being, we will positively impact student achievement.



Picture Day

At this time, the board has postponed picture day for all schools in DDSB in order to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff. If this changes, we will certainly let you know.



Chromebooks and Google Classroom - Loaned/SEA/Grade 7&8

- students who loaned computers and chargers for virtual learning in the Spring, please bring these back to the school
- students with SEA laptops (personally allocated laptops), we also need your laptops at school for learning, please send these back to school as well
- grade 7 and 8 students are expected to have their charged chromebook at school every day for learning
- we would like to continue to embed technology as a part of our learning at school
- all students have been set up with a Google Classroom, please ask your child to demonstrate to you how they log on; if you need help please contact your teacher



S.C.C. - Parent Engagement

The first SCC meeting of the school year will be held on **Monday, September 28** at **6:00 p.m.** The School Community Council(SCC) supports student achievement and well-being through an advisory role with the school principal. SCC also supports parent engagement and communication between home and school. More information can be found at <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/family-and-community-support/school-community-councils.aspx>.

Parents/Guardians can stay up to date with their school by subscribing to the news and alerts feed. (**see attached - *Subscribing to Receive News from Your Home School***)


This year with the creation of the DDSB@Home virtual schools, parents/guardians may wish to be involved in both their home school SCC as well as the virtual DDSB@Home SCC. Students have been cross-enrolled in the virtual school with their home school allowing parents/guardians to participate in both SCCs.

We welcome your involvement in our SCC. Please complete the nomination form (**attached**) and send to EFairmanPS@ddsb.ca by **September 28th**.

For DDSB@Home – Parents/guardians can also be involved in their home in-person school SCC by sending their nomination form to the school email address which can be found on the bottom of the school website.

Our SCC elections will be held virtually at our SCC meeting on Monday, September 28th at 6:00pm. Please use the following link to join the meeting <https://meet.google.com/aww-aruz-jjo>

The DRHD has developed a Fact Sheet for parents - [Facts About...What to do if my Child is Sick.](#)



Durham Region Health Department

Facts about...

What do I do if my child is sick?

This information is important to read and understand if your child becomes ill. Children should not attend school, child care or any extracurricular activities if they become ill. Do not send your children to school if they do not pass the daily screening. Please inform your child's school of your child's illness and absence.

Seek Medical Attention

If your child is ill please seek medical advice (e.g. family doctor, urgent care clinic etc.) including recommendations for testing for COVID-19.

COVID-19 symptoms

Common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever (temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), new or worsening cough and shortness of breath. Other symptoms of COVID-19 can include sore throat, difficulty swallowing, changes to sense of taste and/or smell, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and runny nose, or nasal congestion (not caused by seasonal allergies).

Atypical symptoms of COVID-19 should be considered, particularly in children, older persons, and people living with a developmental disability. Atypical symptoms can include unexplained fatigue, body aches, delirium, unexplained or increased number of falls, acute functional decline, exacerbation of chronic conditions, chills, headaches, croup, conjunctivitis, and multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children.

Symptoms of multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children may include persistent fever, abdominal pain, conjunctivitis, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and rash.

Should my child get tested?





If your child has symptoms seek medical advice including the recommendation of testing for COVID-19 as appropriate or as advised by their medical provider. Visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations/> for a full list of COVID 19 Assessment Centre locations, and book an appointment for COVID-19 testing in Durham Region by completing the online assessment form at covidswab.on.ca.

Siblings/staff of ill individual can remain in school until further medical advice is received and should self-monitor for symptoms. Please see the [Facts About COVID-19 Self-Monitoring](#). If while self-monitoring symptoms of COVID-19 develop, self-isolate and be tested for COVID-19 (and no longer attend work and school).

If any members of your household test positive for COVID-19, you will be contacted by Public Health directly with more detailed advice.

905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | durham.ca/health

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.



What should I do if my child's symptoms get worse?

Monitor your child's symptoms closely as symptoms may change throughout the progression of COVID-19. If your child's symptoms persist or worsen, and an initial swab is negative, complete the online assessment form (covidswab.on.ca) for another assessment to determine the need for another test. If your child has worsening symptoms (such as difficulty breathing, chest pain) please call 911 or go to your local emergency department.

How can I protect myself?

Follow standard practices to prevent exposure and transmission of a range of illnesses including:

- Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water or use of hand sanitizer when hands are not visibly dirty.
- Coughing or sneezing into your sleeve or elbow and encouraging others to do the same.
- Washing your hands after handling nose and throat secretions (e.g., after throwing out used facial tissues).
- Avoid touching your face and clean your hands before touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practice physical distancing by limiting close contacts with people outside of your household and maintain 2 metres from other people if you need to go out.
- Wear a non-medical mask if you cannot practice physical distancing.
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, especially those that are high touch areas.
- Do not share water bottles, straws, eating utensils, cigarettes, toothbrushes, toys or anything else that has been in contact with saliva, nose or throat secretions.
- If you are ill, stay at home and isolate yourself from others.
- Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing.

If you are concerned about symptoms, contact your health care provider or Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) and wear a mask when attending medical appointments.

Return to school

If your child does not have COVID-19 (i.e. your doctor has provided you with an alternate diagnosis), return to school can occur when symptoms are resolved for at least 24 hours.

Medical notes or proof of negative tests should not be required for students to return to school.

If your child has been tested for COVID-19 and is awaiting test results, your child must remain in self-isolation and attend school virtually if well enough to participate.

If your child has not been identified as a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 and tests negative for COVID-19, they can return to school when symptoms have resolved for at least 24 hours.





If your child has been identified as a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 a public health nurse from DRHD will be in contact with you and will provide further instructions on self-isolation and when return to in-person learning at school can occur.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 a public health nurse from DRHD will be in contact with you and will provide further instructions on self-isolation and when return to in-person learning at school can occur.

September 4, 2020

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Common COVID-19 Symptoms

- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Fever over 37.8 deg C
- Sore throat
- Difficulty Swallowing
- Changes to sense of taste or smell
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Runny nose, or nasal congestion (not caused by seasonal allergies)

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pictures and receive information
on what is happening at the
school**

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