



*Falcon Flyer*

September 17, 2021

## 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. This year all students are playing on our Westfield in their Division cohorts. Equipment has been provided for students to use. Students are asked to sanitize before and after recess and lunch. We are very pleased with the student behaviour so far on the yard. As always a growth mindset is always valuable and is particularly relevant this year.

A reminder to please send your children with a refillable water bottle. We no longer have drinking fountains in the school only water filling stations.

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## Welcome Back Video from DDSB

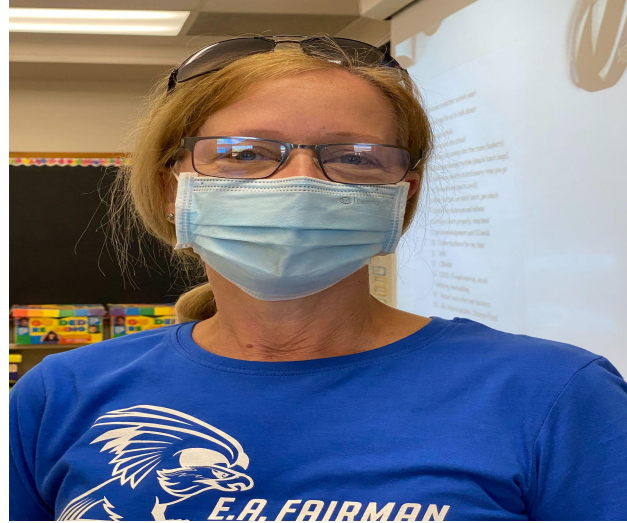
**WELCOME BACK** 2021-2022



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcDUieZyUNA>



# Staff Photos on the First Day of School

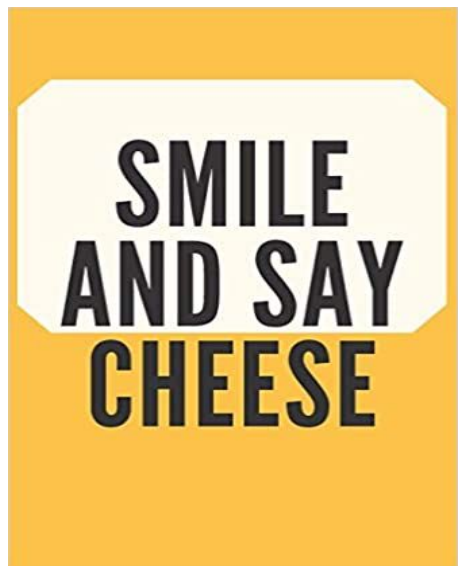








We are excited to announce that we will be having School Photo Days on the following dates:



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|--|-------------------------|
| <b>Fall Photos</b>                     | <b>October 5, 2021</b>  |
| <b>Retake Day</b>                      | <b>November 1, 2021</b> |
| <b>Grade 8 Graduation Photos</b>       | <b>January 19, 2022</b> |
| <b>Spring Photos</b>                   | <b>April 8, 2022</b>    |
| <b>Senior Kindergarten Grad Photos</b> | <b>April 27, 2022</b>   |

# MATERIALS NEEDED

# CAN YOU

# HELP?

The staff at Fairman will be creating a variety of activities for our exceptional students. Donations are being accepted at the office. We are looking for the following donations:

- Shoe boxes of a variety of sizes
- Large beads
- Shoe laces
- New clear plastic storage containers with lids
- Coffee tins with lids
- Popsicle sticks
- Velcro dots
- Objects from the dollar store that could be used for sorting such as (buttons, balls, shapes, dinosaurs, plastic fruit, animals)
- Clothes pins (plastic or wooden)
- magnets
- cookie trays
- large ziplock bags
- sandwich size ziploc bags
- magnetic ABC/123
- Small tongs



## Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Where can I find the 2021-22 School Year Calendars?

A. You can view the 2021-22 school year calendars here:

[School Calendars](#)



Q. If I decide that I need to remove my child temporarily for safety concerns, or they exhibit any symptoms and shouldn't be sent back until all symptoms are gone, what happens?

A. For children who are learning in-person and are unable to attend school, we will provide school work for them to complete. This follows our regular practice when children are ill. In cases where an entire class is required to isolate at home, we would then pivot to online learning for the entire class for the required amount of time.

## Frequently Asked Questions



Q. How can I subscribe to receive news from my child's home school?

A. Here are the steps required for families to receive news such as school newsletters directly from your home school:

- 1 – On any school's homepage click MORE NEWS in the School News Section.
- 2 – Click the SUBSCRIBE button.
- 3 – Check off all the boxes for what you would like to subscribe to on the school website. If you just want the School News (Newsletters), just check School News.

Once completed, the school website will send an email to all subscribers when News items have been posted. For further assistance, please reach out to staff at your home school.

# Frequently Asked Questions



Q. I do not receive emails currently. How can I receive updates about my child(ren)'s education?

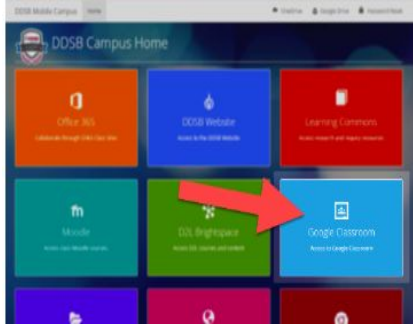
A. In order to receive direct updates about your child(ren)'s education, you must have a valid email registered with us. Please contact our school to make this request. We will need to verify your identity for legal/privacy reasons.

Q. If I have trouble accessing the Parent Portal, my child's OEN, Chromebook issues etc. during the school year, who should I contact for assistance?

A. School staff are able to help you with the Parent Portal, Google Classroom and Chromebooks and provide information about: passwords, login information, access codes, equipment, obtaining a Chromebook, power cords, phone number and email updates, name change, absences, address change, OEN's, report cards, etc. Please reach out to our school secretary for assistance with any of the above issues.



# 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.

# **Safety Week September 27-October 1st, 2021**

Over the next week we will begin conducting our fire drill, lockdown and hold & secure practices. Each of these rehearsals is required to prepare and protect the safety of our Sherwood students and staff. Not only are they a good opportunity to improve the efficiency of our routines, they help everyone respond with a sense of calm in the event of an actual emergency which we hope will never happen.





**ORANGE SHIRT DAY** **SEPTEMBER 30**



## 20 Days of Well-Being at Fairman

The 20 Days of Well-Being is a school wide approach, where each day has a separate theme. All activities are geared towards Kindergarten/Primary/ Junior/Intermediate. We are focussing on belonging and mattering.

**Know every student!**

**Grow every student!**



# The Foundations Of A Mentally Healthy Classroom:

## The First 20 Days (and Beyond) of Creating Connection and Well-Being Guide

- Day 1: Welcome .....
- Day 2: Classroom Expectations and Norms .....
- Day 3: How You Feel Matters .....
- Day 4: Managing Emotions .....
- Day 5: You are Unique .....
- Day 6: You are Valued .....
- Day 7: You Have a Voice .....
- Day 8: You are Supported .....
- Day 9: Practising Gratitude .....
- Day 10: The Power of Yet .....
- Day 11: Empathy .....
- Day 12: Collaboration .....
- Day 13: Fostering Intercultural Understanding .....
- Day 14: Valuing Diverse Thinking .....
- Day 15: We are on a Continuum .....
- Day 16: Taking Care of Each Other .....
- Day 17: Building our Well-Being Toolbox .....
- Day 18: Self-regulation and Stress .....
- Day 19: Stress Management .....
- Day 20: Continuing Connection .....



## What our students are saying about well-being in Mr. McCrorie's class?

Christian in grade 8 says a healthy community is an accepting community.

**Anisa in grade 8 says well-being feels like being safe and healthy. You also feel happy!**

**Avaya in grade 8 says exercise and well-being is important for mental health. It also helps you focus at school and home.**

**Anastasia in grade 8 says well-being is important because it is key to our mental health and overall happiness!**

**Sahil in Grade 8 says well-being is important because it makes the school a better place. If we are kind to people then the school has a positive feel. Being positive is being a great role model.**

**Michael in Grade 8 says that well-being is important because we need to be nice to people because it affects our mind. Overall a positive attitude gives everyone a happy day.**



# Student Voice with Mrs. Brown's 7/8 Class

Mrs. Brown's Grade 7/8s

## What does a Welcoming Classroom Look like? Feel like?

looks like:

looks like:  
Friendly

I feel excited to  
meet new friends and  
learn

Look  
happy - excited - welcome

A welcoming classroom looks  
friendly and fun

looks like:  
friendly classroom

In my opinion a Welcoming Classroom LOOKS Like a Classroom that Listens to you Respectfully. A Welcoming Classroom feels like a Place Where People are Ready to Speak and be good Friends With me and other People in the Classroom

### What does a Welcoming Classroom...

Look like: A classroom that is Comfortable & a learning room with a helpful community

Feel like: Home (a little), & a relaxing place to study/work whilst not being worried.

looks like:  
a second home to  
you.

Feels like:  
a place you want  
to stay.

A welcoming class  
looks like a diverse  
pool of people and it  
feels warm and if  
you want to come  
back everyday.

looks like -  
very colourful and  
classroom

Feels like -  
a happy and respectful  
classroom

Look

- laughter - smiles - inclusion  
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Feel

- It should feel welcoming  
- It should feel like wanted or  
excited to be there



A welcoming classroom looks  
colourful and fun. A lot of  
diversity and inclusiveness.  
It feels cozy and happy.  
There's drive and hardwork  
but also fun and comfort.

# Our Amazing Staff

## Our Kindergarten Team

B. Turner and A. Matthews-Smith

S. Williamson and L. Edwards

A. Visor and L. Taruffi

## Our Primary Team

K. Burns Grade 1

M. Chappell Grade 1 / 2

S. Thompson Grade 1/2

L. Underwood Grade 2 / 3

R. Montaigne Grade 3

## Our Junior Team

L. Bonser Grade 4/5

M. Webb Grade 5/6

B. MacDonald Grade 5 /6

T. Powers Grade 6/7

## Our Intermediate Team

J. McCrorie Grade 7/8

J. Brown Grade 7/8

## Other Staff

J. Carberry Teacher Librarian

S. Mahendrarajah French

A. White Gym

## Inclusive Service Team

A. Stanley SERT

V. Bullock E.A.

I. Acquah E.A.

## Custodian

C. Ibanez

## Administrative Assistant

K. Rodriguez



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

- students who loaned computers and chargers for virtual learning last year, 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





Need help with logging into your child's computer or Google Classroom?

Instructions for students and parents can be found on the [Digital Learning page](#) of ddsb.ca.



# How to login to your child's chromebook account:

Students are now able to utilize the following functions to reset or recover their password:

## **Lost Password:**

- **Students under 16 years of age** – Students are able to recover their password using their Parent1 or Parent2 email address. Instructions can be found here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d92ANNqIF9wHRWm2bw2W5CHzhtg51Ta2ze8B4YX5ZRw/#heading=h.f19p7wcj35eb>
- **All students** – Students are able to register for password recovery using their own personal email address or mobile phone number (SMS) for password recovery. Instructions on how to register for password recovery can be found here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d92ANNqIF9wHRWm2bw2W5CHzhtg51Ta2ze8B4YX5ZRw/#heading=h.ggha9z5qrzw0>

## **Change Password by Student:**

- Any student who wishes to change their password (and who know their current password) are able to use the Self-Service Password Change Tool to update their password. Instructions can be found here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y8KWWktqVnHt-oBDXm159aZ5ikUcwn7ULmFd1QSw6cU>

# Parent Involvement Committee

Now accepting applications for **Parent/Guardian Representatives** and **Community Representatives** from all areas for a two year term.

**For more information visit:** [engagement@ddsb.ca](mailto:engagement@ddsb.ca)

\*Applications will be accepted up to 4:00 p.m., September 22, 2021

## Common COVID-19 Symptoms

- Fever (temperature of 37.8°C or greater)
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath
- Changes to sense of taste or smell
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain

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/malaise/myalgias, delirium (acutely altered mental status and inattention), unexplained or increased number of falls, acute functional decline, exacerbation of chronic conditions, chills, headaches, croup, conjunctivitis, and multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children.

Source: <https://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19-testing.aspx#symptoms>

Students in Grades 1-12 are required to wear masks and any adult on school property.



Kindergarten students are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.

**If your child accidentally forgets to bring a mask to school or if a new one is needed, students can obtain one at the office.**



# Pop-up **WALK-IN** **COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**

**Open to all Durham residents 12+  
(including youth born in 2009)**

**Sinclair Secondary School  
380 Taunton Rd., Whitby**

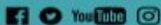
**No appointment necessary.  
Proof of residence required.**

**1st & 2nd doses -  
Pfizer & Moderna  
vaccines.**

**September 15  
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.**



**Vaccine strong Durham**  
[durham.ca/vaccineappointment](https://durham.ca/vaccineappointment)



**Roll Up Your Sleeves  
Durham...**



Students are encouraged to  
bring a refillable water bottle  
each day





This year due to the pandemic we will be doing a **“Virtual Meet the Teacher Night”**. It will be held on **Thursday, September 23rd between 6:00 and 7:00 pm.**

This will give all our parents an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher. Please remember this is an opportunity to find out what your child will be learning this year. This is not a parent interview where you discuss your child’s academic progress. We will be using Google Meet to meet with all our parents. Two links will be sent to all parents. The first link will be a meet with the Principal and the second link will be a meet with the classroom teacher. If you have multiple children in the school you will be sent other links as well.

# Medication and Allergies



Please contact the school immediately if your child takes medication at school. Be sure that the '**Request for the Administration of Oral Medication**' form is filled out and returned to the school. A Parent can obtain the form from the Office. The school cannot administer any medication without this form.



**As well, please let the school know if your child has any severe or life-threatening allergies as soon as possible.**

# ALLERGY AWARENESS NOTICE

Durham District School Board



**PEANUTS, TREE NUTS &  
ALL NUT PRODUCTS**

**SEVERE ALLERGY ALERT**



# Allergy Awareness

E.A Fairman is a safe and healthy environment. Our school has implemented guidelines and policies that we ask all parents, students, and staff to review carefully.

Some school community members are highly sensitive and cannot be in direct contact with the foods listed below. This includes being in the same lunch or classroom. To help ensure every child is safe, please do not send the following items for snack/lunch:

- Wow butter
- Peanuts
- Nuts
- Treenuts
- Cashews
- Sesame seeds





## Parent Engagement

The first SCC meeting of the school year will be held on **Monday, September 28** at **6:00 p.m.** A Google meet link will be sent out to all our parents that have registered their child for in person learning. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the new council and elect from those members positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Please see the attached note and nomination form. Nomination forms are due by September 28th.

[School Council Parent Nomination Form](#)

Please email the forms to [sandra.makris@ddsb.ca](mailto:sandra.makris@ddsb.ca)

# Motivational Corner

HEALTH  
IS ABOUT MORE  
THAN WHAT  
YOU'RE EATING.  
IT'S WHAT YOUR  
THINKING,  
SAYING, AND BELIEVING.

make  
yourself  
a  
**PRIORITY**

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If you have any motivational quotes, please forward to [leanne.osbornefloyd@ddsb.ca](mailto:leanne.osbornefloyd@ddsb.ca)

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

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