

Ecole Dufferin Public School

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Thank you to our teachers and students for a fun Halloween day from the costumes, to the parties, activities, and the dance. This is a great way to show school spirit and have fun together.

This month, the board's character trait is RESPECT. Respect is something everyone should give and receive. To help your child understand this, model respect and remind your child of the Golden Rule. Emphasize the importance of treating others the way you would want to be treated.

We have a very busy November ahead of us with report cards, parent-teacher interviews, our Cinnabon fundraiser, the start of our yoga classes, Remembrance Day, Apple Crunch Day, Dairy Queen Fundraiser, Anti-bullying awareness week, and our Accessibility Awareness Day.

This year, our school will have an added sport to the many extra-curriculars. In November, we will begin training our wrestling team. We invite any boys or girls from grades 4-8 to participate. Practices are Friday nights from 3:20-6:20.

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 7th	Apple Crunch Day
Nov. 8th	Parent Council 6:30
Nov. 10th	Remembrance Day Assembly 11:15
Nov. 13th	Report Cards Home
Nov. 16th	Picture Re-Take Interviews 3:15-9:00
Nov. 17th	PD Day - NO SCHOOL Interviews 9:00-12:00
Nov. 23rd	Dairy Queen Fundraiser
Nov. 20th-24th	Anti-Bullying Awareness Week
Nov. 24th	Accessibility Awareness Day Assembly 2:00
Nov. 30th	Last Day for Fundraiser



STUDENT ABSENCES

- If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call the school and leave a message. The answering machine is on twenty-four hours a day. Call 519-752-8232.
- If your child has an appointment, please call the office in advance or send a note with your child in the morning so their teacher can dismiss them when required. This will help to eliminate calls to the office and class disruptions.

We have a very busy office so please minimize the calls to our office for urgent circumstances only. Our administrative assistants cannot deliver personal messages to classes as it is a disruption to student learning. After school arrangements need to be made with your children in advance !!!

Thanks for your assistance !!

Nut Allergy Alert !!!

Some students have **severe allergies** to nut products that could cause death. **We continue to encourage parents not to pack Nut Products in their children's lunches.**

The families of those students with these allergies have asked that you please closely read labels !!!



Thank you !!

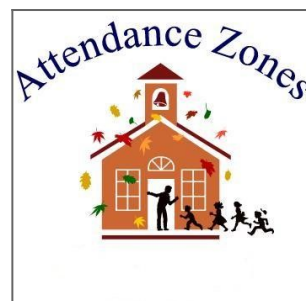
Thank you to our wonderful Ecole Dufferin staff for organizing the many fun events this week for Halloween. We got to decorate pumpkins, had a parade, dance, and a fun day of activities.

Enjoy the pictures of our day !!!

Attendance at School

Being in school every day and on time is key to your child's academic success. Are you supporting your child's attendance habits ?

- ♦ Have you told your child that you expect them to go to school every day ? If you tell them it's important to you, it will become important to them.
- ♦ Do you ignore weak excuses ? Not feeling like getting out of bed is not a good reason to stay home. It's a rule that they must go to school.
- ♦ Do you only keep your child home if they are sick ?
- ♦ Do you try to schedule medical appointments and family trips outside of school hours ?
- ♦ Do you help your child set the alarm clock earlier if they have trouble getting to school on time ?



Snow Day Advisory

As we approach winter, we would like to remind parents that our school is in **Zone 4**.

Listen to your local news station or check www.granderie.ca for school closures.



As The Cold Weather Approaches



Pretty soon, we will have much cooler weather. Students go outside at recess twice a day for twenty minutes and it is important they dress appropriately.

Please make sure your children are coming to school with a warm coat, mittens, and a hat. We want our students to enjoy the outdoors and be warm.

School Website

Please make sure to check our school website, www.granderie.ca/schools/dufferin



Each teacher has their own classroom area, where newsletters and/or blogs are posted. There are also all school newsletters posted as well as other pertinent information.

Ecole Dufferin in Conjunction with
BRANT FOOD FOR THOUGHT is participating in



CRUNCH DAY

in support of Brant United Way
Tuesday, November 7th at 10:15
We will all be Crunching Down !!!

Suggested Donations: \$0.25 - \$1.00 per student/staff

Your Crunch Day donation
Gives Back to our Nutrition Program!!
Top Three Schools in the Board
Win Gift Cards for Our Nutrition Program !!!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR NUTRITION PROGRAM !!!

On November 23rd, our school has the opportunity to earn 10% of all sales at our Dairy Queen stores in Brantford. All you need to do is go enjoy an ice cream at Dairy Queen and tell them you are supporting Ecole Dufferin in their Dairy Queen Day !!

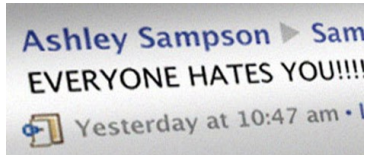


We are now in our last month of Cinnabon Fundraising and we hope that everyone has been selling to family and friends to support this event. All orders are due on November 30th !!!

Cyber-Bullying



Bullying has unfortunately expanded its wings to cyber-bullying. Bullying now includes the use of any physical, verbal, electronic, written or other means. Bullying by electronic means includes such behavior as: creating a web page or a blog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person; impersonating another person as the author of content or messages posted on the internet; and communicating material electronically to more than one individual or posting material on a website that may be accessed by one or more individuals.



Research has found that the internet has not just taken bullying beyond the school yard; it has created new bullies. 21% of students surveyed said they were bullied online, 35% said they bullied others, 19% said that rumours had been spread about them online, 28% saw online bullying but did not intervene, and only 8% of students said they would inform their parents of online bullying. Our goal as parents and educators is to tell our children that they will not be in trouble by telling us and that we will help them. As educators, we will promote ethical behavior online, encourage empathy and common sense, promote netiquette and cyber-kindness as per our board policy.

If your child is a victim of cyber-bullying, they should be encouraged to:

- ◆Not reply to messages from cyberbullies.
- ◆Not erase or delete messages. E-mails can be traced to a specific computer.
- ◆Make copies of all messages and pictures.
- ◆Not be a digital bystander. If you know people are being hurt, let them know you support them.
- ◆Save the e-mail address
- ◆Save the date and time received
- ◆Save copies of relevant e-mail, with full headers
- ◆Save nickname of offending person
- ◆Save name and URL of chat room

If the cyber-bullying is threatening:

- ◆Change your e-mail address, account, username or phone number.
- ◆File a detailed complaint with the school.
- ◆File a complaint with the Website, Internet provider or cell phone company.
- ◆Contact the police if conduct appears to be criminal.

We are hoping that this information will be useful to you as parents as we work together to keep all students safe and promote healthy relationships.

