



Deroche Elementary Bear Nation Weekly Bulletin

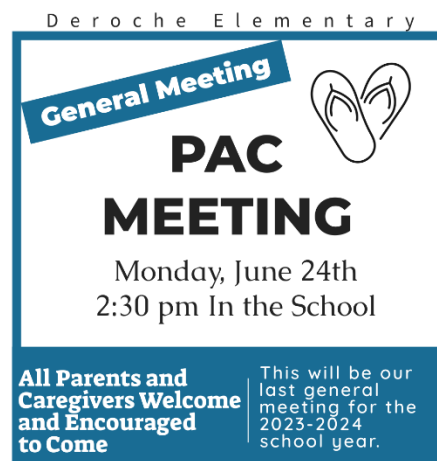
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BULLETIN #33

Hello, loved ones, guardians, and supporters of Deroche Elementary:

I would like to begin this newsletter by apologizing to all our families for the inconvenience of having our wifi and phone lines inoperable this week. Sadly, the building was victim to some unfortunate evening vandalism that impacted our communication lines. In addition, apologies for Wednesday's bus malfunction. I greatly appreciate this both these events caused inconvenience to our community and appreciate the understanding and patience that families have shown.

This week, our Deroche community welcomed many new faces into the building. On Wednesday, Ms. MacIntosh, Mrs. Destanie, PAC, The District's Early Learning Team and I hosted our 10 newest kindergarten students who will be joining our community of learners in the fall during our annual Welcome to Kindergarten breakfast. Our Pre-K's enjoyed meeting over a pancake buffet and we certainly look forward to welcoming our newest bears in September. Throughout the week, I have also been providing tours to incoming grade 1-6 students and families to introduce them to our wonderful staff and students in preparation for their September arrivals. As we have walked the halls, families were amazed by the care, dedication and support staff provide to all students. Many have applauded and expressed excitement to participate in our numerous staff supported activities, be it sewing a ribbon skirt, tending to the spinach and strawberry gardens, receiving a dental screening, participating in weekly book club, enjoying a healthy lunch from the lunch trolley, exploring our outdoor classrooms or reading one on one with one of our reader volunteers. Deroche Elementary is truly a special place and I continue to be very grateful for our amazing staff, students, parents and supporters who contribute to our community so richly.





Next week, our halls will continue to be a buzz of activity. Tuesday will be one of our last freezie days; donations are certainly welcome. On Thursday, June 20th, our 16 grade 6 students will be celebrated during our annual Grade 6 Family Dinner. A special thanks to Mrs. Laughlin, Mrs. Destanie, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Danielle and PAC for planning such a special event in recognition of this special group of students; they will certainly be missed in the fall as they begin grade 7 at Hatzic Middle School. Sports Day will be on June 21st with families welcome to attend to cheer on their child and celebrate the day at 9 to 10am. Many thanks to our staff, PAC and Div 1 students who will be supporting the day. Please find the schedule below:

Time	
9-10am	Grade 6 facilitated sports day activity stations for all students (4 different relays)
11:20am	Sasquatch Search (primary- big field, intermediate- outdoor classroom)
11:35am	Hot Dog lunch in the large field learning space
1:30pm	Annual tug of war competitions and freezies

With the potential for next week, and more specifically Sports Day on Friday June 21st, to be quite sunny and hot, this is a friendly reminder to please be prepared with sunscreen, hats, water bottles, etc.

Finally, a reminder to families 2024-2025 school year bus registration is now open at mpsd.ca. Please be sure to register your child if you would like them to ride the bus to/from Deroche or Hatzic Middle School (for our departing Grade 6s).

Best wishes for a restful weekend to all our Deroche Bears and families,

Kelly Hennessey

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bus Registration is now open for the 2024-25 school year. Registration is required for ALL new and returning students. Attached is a copy of the 2024-2025 bus registration form, please return the completed registration form to Mrs. Jenna in the office or register on-line using the following steps:

- o Go to – www.mpsd.ca
- o Click on the **Transportation icon**
- o Click on **Registering to Ride a Bus**
- o Complete the **2024 - 2025 Form and Submit**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 18 Freezie Day Fundraiser
- June 20 Gr 6 Grad Dinner 5:00
- June 21 Sports Day/Indigenous Day
- June 24 PAC General Meeting 2:30pm
- June 24 Gr 6 Field Trip to Whonnock Lake
- June 25 Movie at Silvercity
- June 26 Gr 6 visit Hatzic Middle School

Student Transportation Request Form (2024 - 2025)



Parent Information

Date: _____

Surname: _____

Primary Phone: _____

First name: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ P. Code: _____

Email: _____

Students being bused from this address:

Surname	First Name	School	D.O.B. (D/M/Y)	Grade	Gender (M/F)	Preferred Gender M/F or Other	X Boundary
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

Student Medical Alert:

Child's first name: _____

Diabetes Epilepsy Anaphylactic Allergy to: _____

Wheelchair Other Mobility issue _____ Other (ie. Special Needs): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Transportation Department Authorization Only: Eligible No seat available

AM
Route # _____ Bus# _____ Time: _____ P/Up: _____

AM Transfer
Route # _____ Bus# _____ Time: _____ Transfer: _____

PM
Route # _____ Bus# _____ Time: _____ D/off: _____

PM Transfer
Route # _____ Bus# _____ Time: _____ Transfer: _____

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1. Be respectful to all other riders, the bus driver, pedestrians and motorists.
2. Only registered riders shall ride the bus and must ride their assigned bus.
3. Any willful damage and costs related to the repair of such damage to the bus by a student shall be the responsibility of the student and/or their parents/legal guardian
4. The District Code of Conduct (Policy #19) and Student Conduct Standards and Behaviour Management (Administrative Procedure #114) apply to all students while on the bus and at a bus stop. The policy and the procedure may be viewed at www.mpsd.ca

Waiting for the Bus

1. Be at your assigned stops five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Stay off the road, and do not throw things in the bus stop area.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the door is open before boarding.

Boarding the Bus

1. Form a single line as you walk onto the bus.
2. Respect personal space between yourself and the student ahead of you.
3. Go to your seat and sit down. Students may be assigned to a specific seat.
4. Small items may be carried onto the bus which must be carried on your lap. If the driver thinks an item will block the aisle or seat it will not be allowed.
5. Any objects deemed to pose a safety risk by School District staff are not allowed on the bus.

On the Bus

1. Follow the bus driver's instructions.
2. Sit facing forward with your back against the seat. Keep your legs, feet, and personal belongings out of the aisle. Do not sit sideways or turn around in your seat.
3. Put your backpack or book bag on your lap.
4. Keep your belongings inside your backpack or book bag.
5. Use the garbage can, not the floor.
6. Do not put anything outside the window. This includes your hands and head.
7. Use a quiet voice when talking to other riders.
8. Do not eat or drink on the bus.

Leaving the Bus

1. Cross at a marked street crossing or intersection where possible.
2. Students leaving the bus may cross the road in front of the bus if the vehicle is stationary and the RED LIGHTS ARE FLASHING.