



Deroche Elementary

Bear Nation Weekly Bulletin

MAY 30/25

BULLETIN #36

Monday June 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Assembly in Gym @ 8:45am
Tuesday June 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy in Motion on site for one-on-one reading support Sewing Club Recorder Club @ Lunch for grades 4-6 Boys Club 8:30am – 10am Games Club @ Lunch for grades 4-6 Grade 5/6 Vape Presentation @ 10:30am
Wednesday June 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewing Club Jane – Circle of Friends
Thursday June 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorder Club @ Lunch for grades 4-6 Drum Group @ Lunch Deb Bonsfield here @ 1pm
Friday June 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Games Club @ Lunch for grades K-3



Special Thanks

We would like to say a special thank you to all the Teachers, EA's and Volunteers we have had over the last little bit. Numerous field trips and events couldn't happen without your help! You are greatly appreciated!

A Message From Our Principal

Good afternoon parents, guardians and loved ones,

When I was awarded the opportunity to join Deroche Elementary in May 2023, I wasn't entirely sure what to expect. Over the last two years, here's what I have come to learn. As Principal, I have been blessed to be surrounded by Deroche's inspiring teachers, dedicated support staff, amazing clerical support, loving parents, tireless PAC and impactful students. Without a doubt, Deroche Elementary is a resilient building that is filled with heart and perseverance and who's students are endearing, empathetic and above all, genuinely kind. Throughout my time on-site, my days have revolved around collaborating with staff, navigating highs and lows with students and being welcomed each day by warm greetings, support, smiles, laughter and frequent requests to "visit with the fish" in the office. Admittedly, I have been incredibly fortunate to be a small part of the Deroche's history, community and sincerely, thank you all for that opportunity.

At this point, you might be thinking it sounds like I will be leaving and as of June, that will be the case. Please know that I have been made better by working in this building, with Deroche's staff, students and families and appreciation is simply more than I can express. It has been my absolute privilege and honour.

In my place, I would like to welcome Mr. Balakrishnan who will be stepping in as Principal as of Sept 2025. Mr. Balakrishnan is currently Vice-Principal at Hatzic Middle School and is looking forward to the months ahead. I wish him, Deroche students and families all the best for the school year to come!

With much gratitude, best wishes and appreciation,

Kelly Hennessey

Loved Ones Raffle – June 13th, 2025

We are holding another Loved Ones Raffle. The tickets are \$1 each and books of 15 tickets. Draw will be held Friday June 13th. Please have all tickets returned by June 13th at noon at the latest. Tickets will be sent home and more are available at the office. All proceeds are going towards year end activities for the students.

Important Library Dates

The last day for library book exchange will be Tuesday June 10th. All library books are to be returned to the library by Tuesday June 17th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

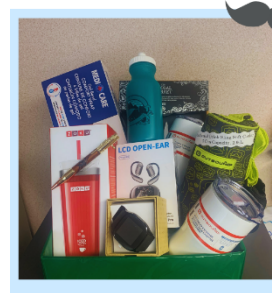
- June 12 Indigenous Awards Lunch
(Families Welcome)
- June 13 PJ's & Pancakes @ 9am
Welcome to Kindergarten
- June 19 Grade 6 Year End Celebration
- June 20 Sports Day
Indigenous Peoples' Day
Celebration
Pasta Bar Lunch
- June 23 Grade 6 Whonnock Lake
- June 24 Movie Day @ Theatre
Grade 6 visit Hatzic Middle
- June 25 Beach Wear Day
- June 26 Last Day of School!
Report Cards Sent Home



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Enter to Win **A GIFT BASKET!**



PAC is holding a gift basket fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards year end ACTIVITIES for the students. The draw will be held on Friday, June 13th.

Entry tickets are \$1 each, and booklets are being sent home with students. More will be available at the school office. Please return them, with cash payment, to the school on Friday, June 13th. Basket is on display at the front of the school.

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