



Deroche Elementary Bear Nation Weekly Bulletin

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Hello loved ones, guardians and supporters of Deroche Elementary:

I would like to warmly welcome everyone back to the 2023-2024 school year at Deroche Elementary! Thank you to the many parents who have stopped by to re/introduce themselves and welcome me as Deroche's Principal. It is my absolute pleasure to continue working with our amazing students, community, and staff and I look forward students experiencing new programming opportunities and learning in our newly built second outdoor learning space! This week, it's been wonderful to see our 92 students; their smiles and eagerness for the months to come! In addition, staff are enthusiastically developing relationships and classroom routines which will scaffold students throughout the year. We are very fortunate to have most of our staff returning this year and I would like to welcome back Mrs. Laughlin and Mrs. Bucchiotti who are working with our grade 5 and 6 students in Division 1. The office has some new cool fish friends who will be joining us this year too!

On Monday, September 11th at 8:15-8:45am, Deroche will be welcoming families to join their child(ren) for breakfast during our Meet and Greet morning. Please come and see your child's classroom, informally meet staff and enjoy a coffee and muffin! Again, please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any concerns or questions throughout the year as my door is always open to support students and families.

With many thanks and appreciation, *Ms. Hennessey - Principal*



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT MR. ABERCROMBIE!

We would like to take this opportunity to honour "Mr. A" for his years of dedication as Principal at Deroche. Thank you for helping us all learn and grow and encouraging us to always be the best version of ourselves. Your connection with kids and the school community was special and we wish you all the best. May you feel joy as you continue to teach part-time and enjoy some extra time with your family & friends.

HAPPY RETIREMENT PRINCIPAL

Always bringing your wisdom and timeless sense of humor with you each and every day. You will be missed.

Best Wishes Mr. A

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PAC NEWS: Hello parents and welcome to another school year! Our school PAC welcomes you and encourages you to get involved as it is a great way to know what is happening at the school. All parents and guardians of children attending Deroche Elementary are automatically PAC members and can vote. We invite you to attend meetings to keep updated on what's happening and to share your input. Suggestions are welcome at any time as we value your ideas and support. Messages can be left in the PAC mailbox, at the school office, or you can contact your PAC Executive via email at gobearspac@gmail.com.

*The first **PAC Meeting** will take place September 15th at 2:30 in the school library*

PAC FUNDRAISING: Our first fundraiser will be the **Great Little Coupon Book**. A flyer will be coming home today and order forms will be sent out next week. If you have any fundraising ideas please let us know. We also have our **ongoing Bottle Drive** – you can either drop off returnable cans/bottles to the school or take them directly to the Recycling Depot in Mission. A flyer will also be coming home today with further details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

K-Gradual Entry: continues next week as shown in the “Dates to Remember” column. A warm welcome to our new K students!

Meet & Greet: We’re hoping you can join us on Monday from 8:15 to 8:45 for our “Mug ‘N Muffin” Meet & Greet. You’ll have a chance to meet our staff and mingle with other families. See you then!

Strong Start: will resume with Ms. Laura on September 19th and run every Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:30 to 11:30.

School Volunteers: Don’t forget that volunteer forms need to be completed each school year if you are interested in volunteering at the school. Please inquire at the office.

Student Verification Forms: will be sent home today. Please verify that the information on the form is correct & return it to the school. It’s important that we have current information on file for your child.

Dental Screening: is available for students born in 2015 to 2018. An information package with consent forms will be sent home with students. Please complete and return forms by Sept 21st if you are interested. Thank you Leq’a:mel Health Center for this service.

Community Events: Watch for flyers for 2 events including ticket information. The first is the Harvest Dance at the Deroche Community Hall on Oct 14th and the second is a Backpack Fundraiser on Oct 19th.

BEAR HUGS: To Lacey Construction for building and putting their quality touches on our new outdoor structure. To the Sasquatch Lions Club for their donation for the purchase of a new washer and dryer for the school. To the Deroche Store and Lesa Lacey (Isthmus) for the weekly supply of food for our meal programs. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept 11 K’s attend 8:15-11:00
- Sept 11 Meet & Greet 8:15-8:45
- Sept 12 K’s attend 8:15-11:00
- Sept 13 K’s attend 8:15-11:00
- Sept 14 K’s attend 8:15-1:00 pm
- Sept 15 K’s attend 8:15-1:00 pm
- Sept 15: PAC Meeting at 2:30
- Sept 19 K’s begin full time hours
- Sept 19 StrongStart begins
- Sept 21 Dental forms due back
- Sept 22 Norden the Magician is here
- Sept 25 Dental Screening pm
- Sept 28 Orange Shirt Day
- Sept 29 No School – PRO-D
- Oct 2 STAT-Truth & Reconciliation
- Oct 3 School Photos
- Oct 9 STAT-Thanksgiving
- Oct 14 Deroche Community Dance
- Oct 16 Dental Screening pm
- Oct 19 Backpack Fundraiser
- Oct 20 No School – PRO-D
- Oct 24 School Photos - Retakes
- Nov 13 STAT – Remembrance Day
- Nov 24 Non-Instructional Day
- Nov 29 Gr 6 Immunizations