

Dorothy Dalglish School

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June 2023

Message from the Principal

Dear DDS Families,

As the summer season approaches and the end of the school year draws near, we are excited to bring you our June newsletter filled with important updates, upcoming events, and highlights from the past month. It's been a remarkable year filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences, and we are immensely proud of our students' achievements.

It is that time of year when we have one foot in the current school year and one in the next. June is a busy time with field trips, special events, learning and finishing up curriculum. At the same time we, as a staff, are working on our school plan for next year. We will be sharing our 2023-2024 School Plan with parents and guardians at our June 5th School Council Meeting. All are welcome to attend! This month, we find ourselves bidding a fond farewell to a beloved teacher who has left an indelible mark on her students and welcoming new teaching staff to our school family.

Are you ready? ☐ After many years of dedicated service, Mrs. Grandmont, our esteemed Kindergarten teacher, is retiring. Her warm smile, nurturing nature, and the profound impact she has had on generations of learners will be forever cherished. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Grandmont for her invaluable contributions to our school and wish her a well-deserved retirement filled with joy, relaxation, and new adventures.

We also want to wish our Grade 6's all the best as they transition to Picture Butte High School in the fall. We know that wonderful adventures and new opportunities await them! The Grade 6 Farewell ceremony has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 27th at 10am.

As we finish out the year, I would like to pass along my appreciation to the parents who have supported the learning all year long, our community volunteers who enhance everything we do at the school, and our staff who have gone the extra mile everyday to support students. A final thank you to the students who have made learning their job while also practicing the character virtues we so deeply value here.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer!





Yours in Learning,
Mrs. McGregor



Teacher Staffing 2023-24

Kindergarten: **Miss Elyse Mastel**
Grade One: **Mrs. Nish and Mrs. Ashley McLeod**
Grade Two: **Ms. Giesbrecht**
Grade Three: **Mrs. Gurr**
Grade Four: **Ms. Ashley Angenent**
Grade Five: **Ms. Mohrmann**
Grade Six: **Ms. Milne**
Music and Learning Support Teacher: **Mrs. Neufeld**
Administration & Learning Support Teacher: **Mrs. McGregor**

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bike Safety KONA Ice	2 Grade 2—Park Lake	3
4	5 Api'soomahka Visit Parent Council Meeting	6 "Go Girls" Swimming 12:15- 2:15 	7	8 Grade 1-6 Track & Field 	9 Kindergarten Friday Assembly "DDS Blue Day"	10
11	12	13 "Go Girls"	14	15 Gr 1 & 2 Calgary Zoo Swimming 1:00—3:00 	16 PD DAY No School for Students 	17
18	19 Swimming 1:00—3:00 	20 Grade 6 PAT ELA Part B Kindergarten Bowling	21 Grade 3 & 4 Frank Slide Last day for ELP—M/W	22 Grade 6 PAT Math Part A KinderGrad 2:00PM Last day for ELP—T/Th	23 Grade 6 PAT Math Part B Kindergarten Friday Assembly "Tie Dye Day"	24
25	26 Grade 6 PAT Social Studies 	27 Grade 6 PAT Science Grade 6 Farwell Last day for Students	28 Division PD Last day for Staff	29	30	



Student of the Week

May 12 2023

- Grade 6 Yahya
- Grade 5 Wyatt
- Grade 5 Talia
- Grade 4 Rhys
- Grade 3 Hunter
- Grade 3 Zaria
- Grade 2 Breanne
- Grade 1 Maxwell
- Kindergarten Lee



GOOD JOB!



SPLASH AWARD

Hyrum
Reuben



CONGRATULATIONS!



Spirit Cup Winners

The Grade 3 class
rocked the "DDS Blue"
and won the
Spirit Cup !





Mother's Day Tea
Our Kindergarten
through Grade 3
students celebrated
their Moms for
Mother's Day.
Thank you to
everyone who
made this
celebration
perfect!



A special THANK YOU to
Shaughnessy Greenhouse
for donating all the flowers for our
Mother's Day Tea



School Council News

School council will have its final meeting of the year on Monday, June 5 at 3:45pm in the computer lab. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We held our AGM on May 15 with our board members remaining the same heading into this coming year. We've had a busy year with much to celebrate and be thankful for. Thank you, parents and staff, for supporting council over this past year. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Michelle at jmmarti@shaw.ca if you'd like to be involved with council.

Hot lunch will have one final meal for staff and students which will be a barbecue on Thursday June 8, during our track and field day. If you can help serve hamburgers and veggies, please contact Laurell at laurell.greene@gmail.com

Our hot lunch program would like to thank **Schooten & Sons Feedyards**, and **6A Cattle Co.** who each sponsored 9 hot lunches, totaling 2035 individual meals at a cost of \$4930.03 plus beef. We also provided 167 turkey dinners through donations from our student families, and each child will receive a special treat in June.



We would also like to thank all the parents and grandparents who donated their time to cook these meals: Mandy Zeinstra, Roxane Drake, Paige Loedeman, Ashley McLeod, Steph Winch, Brooke Vance, Kailey Jakober, Laurell Greene, Jenae Edmond, Danielle Ross, Kristi Stronks, Michelle Marti, Florence Drake and Shari Barendregt.

Please consider joining the hot lunch committee and get involved in your child's school. We appreciate all of the help and couldn't do it without the help of our amazing volunteers!

We hope you all have a fantastic, safe summer and can't wait to see you in the fall. As for students and staff who are moving on, we wish you the very best in your next chapter!

Hats on for Mental Health

May 3rd staff and students wore hats to remember to keep mental health top of mind.



Classroom Winners!





D.D.S. Library News

The Library is getting ready for
Summer!

All Early Learning library books are due
June 7th & June 8th.

All Students in Kindergarten to Grade
six library books are due the week of
June 19th - June 25th.

Have a fabulous summer! 🕶️

Kindergarten News

June already!! It is hard to believe that the last month of school is here.

In Kindergarten our classroom is buzzing with stories about riding bikes, playing outside, going swimming, and camping. Our Themes for this month are Ocean/Sea



In Language Arts the children will be doing literacy activities that revolve around Ocean stories. As well as writing their own stories.

In Math we will be reviewing all of our math concepts: number recognition, patterns, measurement, as well as 2D and 3D shapes and objects.

In Science we will complete our summer trees and learn about ocean animals.

Important Dates: Our extra Fridays for June are **Friday, June 9** and **Friday, June 23.**

We will be swimming on **June 6** and **June 15.**

Our Bowling Trip will be on **Tuesday June 20**

Our Kindergarten Grad will be on **Thursday, June 22 at 2:00** in the gym.

Last day for Kindergarten is **Tuesday, June 27.**



Thank Yous:

A huge thank you to Mrs. Guenther and Mrs. V. (Mrs. Van Zeggelaar)! You have helped all of us succeed this year in Kindergarten. You are amazing.

Thank you to Home and School for sponsoring treats and activities throughout this year.

Thank you to the Hot Lunch moms for all the delicious lunches.

Thank you to Mrs. Pittman for our wonderful Book Fairs and Library. The children were always excited about the stories you read to them and the library books that they got to take home.

Thank you to Adam for keeping our school clean.

Thank you to everyone on the DDS staff for being amazing!

A huge thank you to all you wonderful parents for sharing your children with me this year. Thank you boys and girls for a fantastic year in Kindergarten!

Have a wonderful, safe summer and enjoy the sunshine.

Hugs,

Mrs. Grandmont



Grade 1 News

And just like that, May is gone, and we are into our final days of Grade 1! The growth both academically and socially in our classroom has been outstanding!



We had a wonderful May with lots of things happening.

We enjoyed two family activities, with the final one of the year being our Spring Flower Delivery in the community. We also had a great time celebrating the grand opening of our outdoor classroom with our Family Dance! Grade 1 wants to send a huge thank you to Kevin and Jena McLeod for working so hard to build our amazing outdoor classroom! It is AWESOME! We LOVED celebrating our moms with our Mother's Day Tea, and it was great to see so many moms come out to spend the time with us! A special thank you to Shaughnessy Greenhouse for donating all the petunias for our moms! They were beautiful!

Grade 1 has been busy continuing their work on their reading and numeracy! They are all ready to move onto Grade 2 in the Fall! I just don't want to let them go!

We would like to thank all the moms for the incredible hot lunches we have enjoyed this year! As well, Ms. Mohrmann, Mrs. Thompson, and the students who help get our Hot Dog lunches together! We have really everything this year.

We are now looking forward to all that June has to offer! Field trips, Track & Field Day, and swimming, just to name a few things ahead of us! Here is to an even more exciting June in Grade 1!

Mrs. Nish



Grade 2 News

Wow! This year has flown by! In May we started our ABC countdown to the end of the year - with a fun activity each day. We enjoyed our family dance and opening of the outdoor classroom, did a community walk to deliver flowers, and made mother's day gifts. In June, keep an eye out for more exciting ABC events, a field trip to Park Lake and Calgary Zoo, swimming, and Track and Field Day. So many wonderful things to wrap up our wonderful year.



Math

This month we will be completing our units on measurement and graphing. We will measure with centimeters, use the calendar to measure length of time, and practice tallying and graphing our data.

Reading

We finished *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, and this story was epic! The class got so into our story, and did a superb job with critical thinking about the plot and making predictions about what could come next. Now, we are reading *The Lemonade War* and picture books.



Writing

Students took home their boxed sets this week with their series books. Now, we are learning how to write information (nonfiction) texts. We have been reading lots of books about animals, deciding what information to keep, and then writing about it in our fact books.

PE

We are practicing lots of track and field events. We are also spending as much time as possible outside, and playing many team games. When we play soccer, we have been discussing fair play and how to make a fun and fair game.

Science/Social

Our butterflies were released, and 37/40 survived! We released them and got to watch them slowly venture out into the world, while getting a close up look. This month we are working on boats and buoyancy. We are building boats that we will take to Park Lake to try and float Miss G! We will also do some nature walks and some First Nations and Metis learning closer to National Indigenous Day.



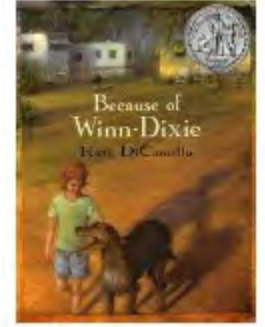
This last month is bittersweet - I am so excited for all of the fun activities we will do but it is also our last month together. Time flies when you're having fun!

Miss Giesbrecht

Grade 3 News

I can't believe we're heading into June already! I'm not sure where this school year went but I have really enjoyed working with the Grade 3 students this year!

In Language Arts we are finishing the novel Because of Winn-Dixie, focusing on the characters as well as the "story mountain" that we typically see in books. Next we will be exploring poetry with students reading poems as well as writing different types of poems. They will be working at incorporating figurative language into their written pieces as well. To celebrate the end of our poetry unit each student will share his / her favourite poem. In true "slam poetry" fashion we will show our appreciation by snapping our fingers (instead of clapping) for our fellow poets!



Our last math units of the year are time and geometry, which will include learning about 2D and 3D shapes. This year has been a challenge for the grade 3 students with the new curriculum but I am extremely proud of how hard they worked. Overall, this class has been tenacious, never giving up and always keeping a positive attitude towards the math concepts they were learning! Way to go, grade 3s!

Our final unit in science is animal life cycles and students are learning about animal classification, habitats and specific life cycles of various animals. In social studies we will learn about India as well as how we can be responsible global citizens in our world.

Reminders:

On June 21, the grade 3 and 4 classes will be going on our field trip to the Frank Slide Interpretive Center and Bellevue Mine in the Crowsnest Pass. Please refer to the list that will be sent home as a reminder of what your child needs to bring along on this day. Please return the permission forms as soon as possible and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

We will be going swimming a few times in June. Watch for a permission form as well as details in the near future!

Thank you's:

Thanks to the Home and School Council for the awesome staff lunch in May! It was delicious and we appreciate all that you do at DDS!

Thank you to all of the families who came out for the DDS dance. A special thanks to Blair Ross, Molly Ross, Maddyn Ross and Amanda Burke who stayed after the dance to help clean up! We enjoyed the dance very much and we really appreciated the extra help!

Thank you to Mrs. West who will be driving the bus for us on our field trip! You rock!

Thank you to all of the grade 3 families for your support. I have loved working with your children and your kindness throughout this school year has been greatly appreciated!

Mrs. Gurr



Grade 4 News

May was such a fun month and we're looking forward to even more fun in June!

Here's a quick glance at what we have been learning:

- In Writing, students completed their Historical Information books. Everyone did AMAZING and their writing growth was really showcased. We also began writing some poems for our poetry books!
- Students have been working hard on multiplying 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. Ask them to teach you the box method, it will blow your mind! We have also been working on adding and subtracting decimals.
- We wrapped up our LAST Social Studies unit of Grade 4 this month. We talked about the challenges and celebrations in Alberta's past and present. We also talked about collective identity and began a final Social Studies project about our own individual and collective identity.
- In PE, we took advantage of the lovely warm weather and played lots of outside games. We also got a start on practicing some of our track & field events, like high jump!
- In Health, we wrapped up our Second Steps program that we had been working on throughout the year. It's been great hearing and seeing students putting their calming down and problem solving strategies to work.

Special Notes & Reminders:

- June will be a quick & busy month! Make sure to refer to the school calendar and our Seesaw chat to stay up to date on all the activities.
- Thank you to everyone who was involved with setting up our outdoor classroom! We are looking forward to using it over the next few weeks.

Thanks so much,
Miss Mastel



Grade 5 News

In June we will be completing our final writing unit of the year, poetry! Throughout the month of June students will be creating their own poetry anthologies, or collections. We will learn about different techniques for improving word choice, such as alliteration, figures of speech such as similes and metaphors, and many other strategies for creating imagery and strengthening voice. Students will also be able to choose a theme for their poems and we will integrate artwork when publishing our poems.



In reading, students will be finishing up their study of the synthesizing comprehension strategy which requires readers to put together all the pieces to make meaning. Often this involves determining the importance of different details or information, in order to get the gist of a text. Students will read several nonfiction articles to practice this skill. Synthesizing also relies on making connections to prior knowledge about topics.

In math the class is finishing up the month of May with our study of Transformations. Students are expected to identify and perform single-step transformations to 2D shapes including rotations, reflections, and translations. Our final unit of the year will be Statistics and Probability. This unit involves a lot of games of chance so that students are able to describe single outcomes (when you roll a die there is only one outcome that occurs), and compare the likelihood of two outcomes.

BIG Thanks to...

- the families who encourage reading at home as well as practice with multiplication/division facts - it really helps your child be successful!
- Mrs. Pittman for being the best librarian around:)
- Parent Council for all your support for DDS staff and students
- all the hot lunch volunteers
- Mrs. McGregor and Marnie for our morning nutrition program
- Miss Wiebe for all she does to support student learning



Ms. Mohrmann



Grade 6 Newsflash

Congratulations to Grade 6 students for completing their first (and arguably most difficult) PAT. Students performed very well on this arduous writing assessment, and many students were exhilarated by the experience.

We send out a big thank you to PBHS for hosting a day and a half long transition event so that students could experience lockers, have a tour of the high school and meet their Grade 7 teachers. We enjoyed picking up chickens and many students are already looking forward to the Agricultural programming that PBHS has to offer.

Also, our Grade 6 Farewell will take place at 10am, Tuesday, June 27th for Grade 6 students and their families, so please save the date!



In Language Arts, we are reviewing figurative language: similes, metaphors, idioms, onomatopoeias, synecdoches, similes, alliterations and allusions, and analyzing poetry. We are engaged in daily reading comprehension activities to bolster stamina and understanding in preparation for our Provincial Achievement Tests.



We continue to study 'Geometry: 2-D and 3-D Shapes' in Mathematics. We are currently working on finding the area of parallelograms, triangles and other polygons. We are also investigating the properties of angles and their relationship to polygons. We will begin 3-D shapes next week with introduction to using volume formulas and understanding liquid capacity and fluid measurement.



In our Science Evidence and Investigation unit, we will be culminating this study with a CSI criminal investigation. Students will be presented with a crime scene, and a number of clues. They will use their investigative skills to narrow down the list of suspects and determine the culprit. |

In Social Studies, we are finishing up our Democracy in Ancient Athens unit. We are reviewing the social structure of Athenian society, their political assembly, courts and council, as well as their class system that is completely foreign to our Canadian political sensibilities.



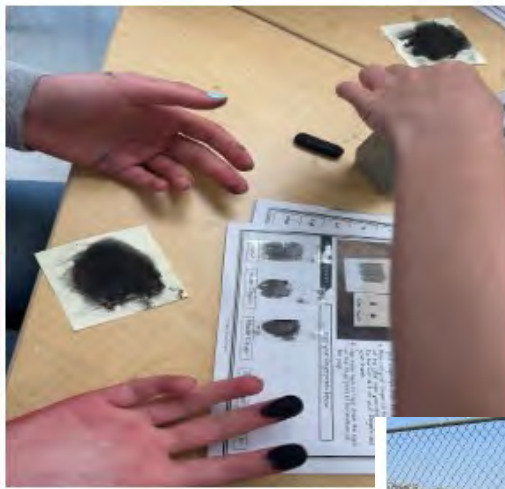
A few Reminders...

- Continued at-home reading is really encouraged at this time of year as PATs approach.
- Lots of sleep and nutritious eating leading up to PATs will help students give their very best.

Hooray for June!

Ms. Milne

Date	PAT Subject
Monday, June 19th	Grade 6 Science
Tuesday, June 20th	Grade 6 English Language Arts - Part B
Thursday, June 22nd	Grade 6 Math - Part A
Friday, June 23rd	Grade 6 Math - Part B
Monday, June 26th	Grade 6 Social Studies





Evidence & Investigation

Grade 6 at PBHS



Music Class News

May has been a beautiful month of sun, fun, singing, strumming, and celebration!

“Here comes the sun, and I say, It’s all right.” The Beatles

This past month, the Division 1 classes did an AMAZING job performing their songs for the Mother’s Day Tea. I was so impressed how each group brought their “A” game to the performance. It shows just how important these special people in our lives truly are! Thank you to all of those who came to celebrate with us and for those of you who were not able to attend, I hope you were able to spend some quality time together outside of school and that you each know how much you are loved and how special it was helping the children prepare for this celebration! Below is a picture of the Kindergarten class practicing for their performance...so much fun being on the stage!



The Division 2 classes all began learning to play the ukulele. Again, a big thank you to the Betterment Society of Picture Butte for their generous donation towards a class set of ukuleles! While we have had many sore fingers, it seems most of the children have enjoyed learning the beginning chords and strumming along to some fun songs. Ukulele Club will continue on Thursday’s during the lunch recess until June 22 as long as there is interest.

“Spring: the music of open windows” Terri Guillemets

Keep Singing!
Mrs. Neufeld





Family Dance





Thank you to the Alberta Teachers Association Palliser Local 19
for providing the cake for our
Outdoor Classroom Grand Opening
on May 18th!





Student of the Week

May 26 2023

Grade 6	Mckenna
Grade 5	Carlene
Grade 5	Jamie
Grade 4	Kensley
Grade 3	Jake
Grade 2	Inas
Grade 2	Zara



GOOD JOB!



SPLASH AWARD

Molly
Maddyn

CONGRATULATIONS!



Word of the Month: **PERSEVERENCE**

Perseverance is **continuing to work toward a goal even if there is a delay in getting it, or a difficulty in achieving it.** In this case, you set a goal for yourself and you worked hard for it.



Bike Safety

Thank you to the **Picture Butte Emergency Services Team** for putting on the Bike Safety Clinic for our students.

You are a great team and we appreciate all you do! ❤️





Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your teachers are excited to offer the opportunity to purchase quality standardized school supplies through School Start for the 2023/2024 school year. This process will save you both time and money.

YOU CAN ORDER ANYTIME; however, THE EARLIER YOU ORDER THE MORE YOU CAN WIN!!!

✓ ORDER by June 13, 2023:
✓ **BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$500 GROCERY CARD! x2**




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**Order by June 13, 2023 and you will be entered into both draws. Two winners per draw.*

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You can also access the 2023-2024 School Supply Lists on the school website

[Dorothy Dalgliesh School](http://www.dorothydalgliesh.ca)



The School office will re-open on August 28,2023

First day for students: September 5, 2023

The Staff & Students
of Dorothy Dalglish School
wish you a
wonderful summer!