

The Darwell Dragon Digest

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration forms for the 2024/25 school year are available. If you currently have children attending Darwell School and will have a child entering kindergarten next year, please contact the school and a package will be sent home. To be eligible for kindergarten, your child must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2024. We require a copy of your child's birth certificate, proof of address (ie. utility bill, property tax notice, rental agreement) as well as your rural address sign number. The registration package is also available online. Please return the completed forms and other required documents to the school as soon as possible. If you know of anyone with a child in this age range, please direct them to the school to begin the registration process. Thank you.

Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Bus driver appreciation day is Monday, May 6th. Our bus drivers are an important part of our school and we appreciate the hard work they do. They are the first people who greet our students and set the tone for each school day. Please take this time to show your appreciation and discuss with your children how they can help their drivers each day they ride the bus.

Hats on For Mental Health

On Wednesday, May 8, Darwell School will be participating in Hats on for Mental Health Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a hat to school to raise awareness of the importance of taking care of your mental health. We would encourage all students to bring a donation to support this great cause. All proceeds will be sent to the Canadian Mental Health Association.

National Red Dress Day

May 5th is Red Dress Day and the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). Red is thought to be the only colour spirits can see. By wearing red, we hope we can call back the missing spirits of our brothers and sisters so we can honour them. Students and staff are asked to wear red clothing to school on Monday, May 6th to recognize this day.

Lunch by the Bunch

The next Lunch by the Bunch days are scheduled for **Thursday, May 9th and Thursday, May 23rd**. Please be sure to send your child with snacks and a water bottle.

Hot Dog Day

Hot Dog Days for this month are **Thursday, May 2nd and Thursday, May 30th**. Hot dogs are \$2 each and are ordered with the student's homeroom teacher each hot dog day. Students will also need snacks and their water bottles on hot dog days.



May 2024

Important Dates:

2nd: Hot Dog Day

6th: National Red Dress Day & Bus Driver Appreciation Day

8th: Hats On For Mental Health

9th: Lunch by the Bunch -Fish & Chips; Gotcha Assembly 2pm

12th: Mother's Day

14th: School Council/ Betterment Meetings (AGM's) 3:30pm

15th: Wacky Hair Day

23rd: Lunch by the Bunch -Tri Village Pizza

30th: Hot Dog Day

31st: Read-A-Thon Ends

No School Dates:

16th: PD Day

17th: Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews

20th: Victoria Day

Darwell School Council/Betterment Meeting

Please note that the last Darwell School Council and Betterment meeting for this school year will be held at the school on Tuesday, May 14th at 3:30pm. **This meeting will also serve as the AGM for both organizations.** Please arrive after 3:25pm so that the buses will be out of the parking lot so you will have room to park. Babysitting will be available for children 2 years of age and above. If you are attending the meeting and you want your children to stay after school please contact the office so we can make those arrangements for you.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the school chocolate fundraiser. We made a profit of \$1981.77. This money will be used for classroom funds that are used to enhance learning for the students, to help cover costs of some student projects, and to offset some field trip costs.

The World's Finest Chocolate company donated three huge chocolate bars and the school donated four \$25 Walmart gift cards for random draws to thank you for your efforts. The three winners of the huge chocolate bars were Aliyah, Autumn and Teddy. The four winners of the \$25 Walmart gift cards were Avery J, Matthew, Adriaan and Aliyah. The prizes were sent home with students on April 25th.

Grade 6 PAT Tests

Provincially, students will be writing field tests for Language Arts and Math instead of the normal tests. These are used to test the quality of questions, not to test the student. Students will write "normal" provincial assessments for Social on Wednesday, June 19 and Science on Thursday, June 20.

Jersey Days

During the month of May we will have jersey days whenever the Oilers are playing a game. Students can wear a jersey from any sport and any team.

Grade 7 Bottle Drive

The grade 7 class is fundraising for their year-end field trip. They will be holding a bottle drive, Sunday, May 25th from 10am to 2pm, here at the school. They would appreciate any bottles you could donate that day!! Please ask friends and family to save bottles as well.

ABC Playschool

ABC Playschool at Camp Warwa is a licensed play-based preschool which operates Tuesday and Thursday mornings from September - June. Registration for the upcoming school year for those born in 2020/2021 will open in May. Please visit campwarwa.org/abcplayschool for more information.

Gotcha Assembly

These assemblies are a great way to see school spirit in action. Parents, guardians, and the general public are welcome to come out and join us as we celebrate our students who were "caught in the act" of doing something good last month!!!