

# The Darwell Dragon Digest

## Remembrance Day Ceremony

Please join us on Wednesday, November 6th, at 1:30pm for our Remembrance Day Ceremony. As this event will begin promptly at 1:30pm, please arrive before 1pm as the doors will remain closed so as to not interrupt the ceremony.

## Picture Retakes

Student photos were sent home on October 17th. If you are ordering from those pictures, the deadline to send your order to the school is October 28th. You can also order online. The information is on the proof page you received on October 17th.

Retakes will be taken on Wednesday, November 6th, at 9am only for those who request retakes. If you would like your child to have retakes, you can return their proof page that you received on October 17th with an "X" in the retake box and send the page to the school prior to November 28th, call the school at 780-892-2478, or email [terri.stark@ngps.ca](mailto:terri.stark@ngps.ca) and we will add them to the list. If your child was absent on picture day, they will already be on the list for retakes, so you do not need to contact the school.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be offered in-person, or by telephone. They will be held on Tuesday, November 26th, and Thursday, November 28th, from 4pm-7pm each evening. We are using the same School Interviews program where parents/guardians can book their appointments online. This is a proactive approach to achieving student success. Discussions will focus on how your child is doing academically and socially. Teachers will share specific information about assessments completed and will present any behavior concerns that may be affecting the student's success in school. Parents and students in turn will have the opportunity to express any concerns they may have. If these dates do not work for you, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher to make other arrangements.

Please note: You will receive an email from the school with the link to book your appointment(s) using the School Interviews website the first week of November. This program has worked very well for us in the past, and it makes it easier for parents/guardians to book interviews using your phone, tablet, or computer. If you do not have access to technology, you can contact the school, and we will book your interview for you.

**Reminder:** The Scholastic Book Fair will be happening during school hours for students to purchase items from November 25th-November 29th. Students will have time allotted during their regular school schedule to view and purchase items in person. The book fair will also be available during Parent Teacher Interviews in the evenings on November 26th & November 28th from 4-7pm for parents and families to view and purchase in person. Payment accepted during the fair will be cash, cheque or debit/credit. Please take the time to discuss with your child the types of purchases you approve of prior to them coming into the book fair (ie. pencils, erasers, fidgets, types of books, etc.).

One student was chosen from each grade and awarded a \$15 gift certificate to spend at the book fair. The winners are: K- Colter, 1- Adriaan, 2- Arielle, 3- Nathan, 4- Ryleigh, 5- Owen, 6- Teddy, and 7-Jayden.



**November 2024**

### Important Dates:

5th: Grade 7 Field Trip

6th: Picture Retakes 9am;  
Remembrance Day  
Ceremony 1:30pm

14th: Fundscrip Orders  
Due & Lunch by the Bunch

20th: School Council &  
Betterment Meeting  
3:30pm-4:30pm

21st: Hot Dog Day

26th: Parent Teacher  
Interviews 4-7pm & Bring  
a non-perishable food item

28th: Lunch by the Bunch  
& Parent Teacher  
Interviews 4-7pm

### No School Dates:

7th: PD Day

8th: Day in Lieu of Parent  
Teacher Interviews

11th: Remembrance Day



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### **Darwell School Council/Betterment Meetings**

Please make note that the next Darwell School Council and Betterment meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20th from 3:30pm-4:30pm. 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 planning to attend, please contact the school so that we will be sure your child does not go on the bus home.

### **November 27th - Bring a Food Item**

To kick off our Christmas food drive in December, we will be asking students and staff to bring non-perishable food item(s) to school on Tuesday, November 26th. The class that brings in the most items will get bonus "special" gym class with Mr. Muir.

### **Winter Weather = Winter Clothing**

All students should have the appropriate clothing for the bus ride to school and to go outside for recesses: snow pants, mitts, touques, and coats.

### **School Bus Service Cancellations Due to Weather and/or Road Conditions**

If weather and/or road conditions are bad or predicted to be bad, the Director of Student Transportation for Northern Gateway Public Schools, in consultation with some local bus drivers, the Superintendent of Schools, and Environment Canada, will make a decision whether to cancel bus operations. The decision is made with consideration for student safety being given top priority. Based on the best information available, the Director of Student Transportation makes a decision whether the buses will be running or not. From here, the bus drivers are notified, and the fan-out lists are engaged. You should receive a phone call from your bus driver's fan out on these occasions. Please contact your child's bus driver if this does not occur. If buses run on a day when parents feel they should not, it is always the parent's choice to keep their children at home. If your child/ren are not in the busing area, please check our school division website at [www.ngps.ca](http://www.ngps.ca) or our school website at [www.darwellschool.ca](http://www.darwellschool.ca) for details.

A bus driver can also make the decision that their bus will not be operating based on weather and road conditions. They will notify the Director of Student Transportation and begin their parent fan out list to inform you. If buses are not running, ALL field trips and special activities will be postponed.