



Darwin Dolphin Dive: Sunday, June 16, 2024

Darwin School Families,

We hope that students enjoyed their long weekend and took advantage of the beautiful weather on Friday!

The Darwin School staff would like to thank the **Darwin Parent Association** for the incredible breakfast provided for our final Professional Learning Day on Friday morning. It was a great way to start our day and we are grateful for your support.

We have 10 school days remaining in the 2023-2024 school year. Please read through the Important Dates to Remember as we have some special events taking place in our final two weeks.

Darwin School Pride Parade

Please find attached an updated letter outlining our plans for the second Darwin School Pride Parade which will take place on **Wednesday, June 19, 2024, in the morning**. The members of the Darwin Social Justice Council would like to extend an invitation to any members of our school community that would like to join us for the parade. We will be meeting in the gym at 10:15am.

We are also excited to be hosting a Grade 5-8 session between 2:00pm – 3:00pm with **Dene Guillas, School Equity & Inclusion Coordinator from the Rainbow Resource Centre** to continue our learning about inclusivity.

Darwin Parent Association Year End Event + Culture Day 2.0

We are hoping to see as many families as possible join us on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, for the year end Darwin Parent Association Year End Event from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Please see additional information from the DPA attached re: bouncy castles, free freezies, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, soccer, etc.

This year, we are combining forces with the DPA event to share some incredible work that students have prepared for **Culture Day 2.0**, and we are inviting families to attend a presentation as part of the evening. The presentations are 15 minutes, and we are going to run them all at the same time from 7:00pm – 7:15pm. It would be fantastic if we could have an audience made up of our Darwin School families. This is an incredible opportunity to learn a little more about the countries and cultures that many members of our school community are directly connected to.

Country / Culture	Presentation Location	Time:
Bangladesh	Room #17 {Mr. Vince}	7:00pm
Canada {Indigenous Culture}	Room #8 {Ms. Wotton}	7:00pm
China	Room #2 {Ms. Beaudry}	7:00pm
Great Britain (England, Ireland, Scotland & Wales)	Room #19 {Ms. Harrison}	7:00pm
Hong Kong	Room #15 {Ms. Chmilowsky}	7:00pm
Israel	Room #7 {Ms. Lawrence}	7:00pm
Pakistan	Room #13 {Ms. Yun}	7:00pm
Peru	Room #18 {Ms. Bachinski}	7:00pm
Syria	Room #12 {Ms. Neunendorff}	7:00pm
Ukraine	K-6 Music Room {Ms. Roscoe}	7:00pm
Vietnam	Room #6 {Ms. Pellerin}	7:00pm

The DPA Year End Event is a great opportunity for students to hang out together in the evening before summer break officially starts on Friday, June 28, 2024. It is also an opportunity for parents to connect with each other to make plans for kids to stay connected over the summer break. If you have any questions for the Darwin Parent Association, please do not hesitate to contact DPA Chairperson, Mike Andersen, at darwinparentsassociation@gmail.com

Important Dates to Remember

Monday, June 17, 2024	Darwin Social Justice Council K-8 PRIDE Presentations
Wednesday, June 19, 2024	Darwin School Pride Parade & Festival {10:15am – 11:45am} Grade 5-8 Presentation by Dene Guillas, School Equity & Inclusion Coordinator from the Rainbow Resource Centre
Thursday, June 20, 2024	Grade 7&8 Year End Field Trip to Assiniboine Park K-5 Field Day AM led by Grade 6 Student Leaders
Friday, June 21, 2024	Grade 5&6 Field Day with Minnetonka School & Dr. D.W. Penner School Tea & Teachings Year End Luncheon + Beading Session
Tuesday, June 25, 2024	Darwin School's Folk Dance in the Field K-6 AM Darwin School Culture Day 2.0 PM DPA Year End Event 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday, June 26, 2024	Grade 8 Farewell 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Thursday, June 27, 2024 Grade 5&6 Camp Manitou Trip
Term Three Provincial Report Cards Distributed

Friday, June 28, 2024 Last Day of classes ... Early dismissal at 2:30pm

Public Education in The News – Please find attached an article titled, *Standing against hate*, that appeared in the Winnipeg Free Press on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. It is written by Nathan Martindale, President of the Manitoba Teachers Society. It sends a strong message to the teachers in Manitoba about the importance of their role. To quote, Martindale “*We are witnessing an alarming increase in attempts to control the educational narrative, suppress truth, and undermine efforts towards equity and inclusion. This trajectory is dangerous. We must confront it with unwavering resolve.*” We must ensure our schools are safe spaces for ALL students to learn and grow, feel seen, valued and know they are protected.

If you have any questions, concerns or need clarification on anything included, please let us know.

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