

April 4, 2025

# ÉCOLE DOROTHEA WALKER ELEMENTARY

## APRIL NEWSLETTER



Ms. Lebbon's class experienced quite the April Fool's joke when Mr. Sparrey called their class for a "Flood Drill" on April 1<sup>st</sup>!

# HAPPY EASTER

### ROBOTICS CLUB

Mr. Nicholls will be running a morning Robotics Club to prepare for the SumoBot competition on May 22. This will be starting this upcoming week for Grade 4 / 5. We will be meeting on Tuesdays from 11:10-11:35 and Thursdays, from 7:50-8:20 in Room 16. For those who wish to join, please contact Mr. Nicholls.



### Upcoming Events

- **April 4** - DWE Spirit Day (wear your DWE gear or school colours)
- **April 8** - Author Visit, David Bouchard, in the DWE Gym
- **April 10** - PAC Meeting 6:30 DWE Library
- **April 10-14** - Sexual Health Education Lessons Grades 4/5
- **April 11** - DWE Spirit Day
- **April 15** - Music Dress Rehearsal
- **April 16 / 17** - Musical Performances (see page 2 for more information)
- **April 18** - No School (Good Friday)
- **April 21** - No School (Easter Monday)
- **April 24** - Battle of the Books at Casorso
- **April 25** - Lebbon's and Nicholls' classes to Museum and Rotary Center for the Arts
- **April 25** - KLO visits to King's and Johnson's classes
- **April 25** - SPRING DANCE (Thank-You, PAC!)

### TRACK AND FIELD UPDATE

Students in Grade 4,5,6 will be participating in the upcoming Apple Bowl Track Meet on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Carly Newell will be looking for parent volunteers. If interested, please contact her at [carly.newell@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:carly.newell@sd23.bc.ca)

Students can expect to be outside for PE in the coming weeks and should be prepared for changing weather.

For those who qualify, the District Track Meet will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Apple Bowl.



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# A NOTE FROM MADAME HUGHES

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am thrilled to share with you the heartwarming experiences and reflections from my first week at École Dorothea Walker Elementary School. As a new member of our school community, I have been overwhelmed by the warmth and enthusiasm of our students and staff.

I have had the pleasure of receiving artwork and written work from students in several classes. These creative pieces beautifully capture what they each love about our school. From colourful drawings to heartfelt letters, each submission made me smile and appreciate the wonderful aspects of our amazing school community.

One of the most striking themes in the students' work was their expression of kindness, care, and enjoyment for their school. It is evident that École Dorothea Walker Elementary is a place where students feel valued and supported. The sense of belonging and camaraderie among the students is truly inspiring.

Our dedicated staff play a crucial role in fostering this positive environment. They work tirelessly to ensure that every day is fun and meaningful for each student's individual learning journey. Whether it's through engaging lessons, creative projects, or supportive interactions, our teachers and staff are committed to making École Dorothea Walker Elementary a place where students can thrive.

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be part of this wonderful community. Meeting so many kind and caring students has been a highlight of my week. Their enthusiasm for learning and their genuine love for their school are a testament to the strong foundation that has been built here.

As I look forward to the future, I am excited about the many experiences and memories we will create together. I am committed to contributing to the continued growth and success of our school, and I am confident that with the support of our amazing staff, students, and parents, École Dorothea Walker Elementary will continue to be a place of joy, learning, and community.

Thank you for welcoming me into your school family. I look forward to being here for a long time and sharing in the wonderful journey ahead.

Warm regards,



Christey Hughes  
Principal / Directrice  
École Dorothea Walker Elementary School



# Half Marathon Run Club or Run for Fitness & Fun Club



D.W.E. would like to invite any **grade 4, 5, and 6 students** who are interested in being fit and healthy to come out and run in either the Half Marathon Run Club or the Run for Fitness & Fun Club.

**Half Marathon Run Club:** This is for students who would like to reach the goal of completing an *accumulated total* of 21 km over the course of our spring season (by running 3 km each Run Club Day). Students do not need to be an athlete but do need to be able to run 3 km and have perseverance and willpower to work towards their goal.

**Run for Fitness & Fun Club:** This is for students who do not wish to reach the 21 km goal and who only need to be able to run 2 km. They just want to come out for the fun, fitness, and social aspects of running. They still need to be committed to come out and run at all sessions.

**When?** We will be running **Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch (play time)**. We will begin with a short stretch, then start our run. Upon the completion of their run, students will record their kilometers, then stay outside to play for the remaining lunch hour. Run Club will last for approximately 4 weeks.

All students wanting to participate must have completed a consent form signed by a parent or guardian before going on a run and **must have proper running attire (runners and shorts/track pants)**.

If you have any questions about our Run Clubs, please contact Ms. Peters ([mariah.peters@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:mariah.peters@sd23.bc.ca)).

**\* First run is Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> \***

# Music Performance



## School Musical Theater Performance Dates!

We are excited to announce the dates for our spring musical theater show, I Love Rock and Roll. Performances will take place in the school gym on two different days in April. Please join us in the gym to see your child perform.

The dates and times are as follows:

Doors will open at 9:15 a.m.

The show will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will last approximately one hour.

Cast 1 will be on Wednesday, April 16th. The following classes are in Cast 1:

Ms. Peters, Mme Light, Mme Rode, Mme Mondor, Mrs. Jensen, Mme Johnson, and Ms. Rivet.

Cast 2 will be on Thursday, April 17th. The following classes are in Cast 2:

Mrs. Diadio/Lebbon, Mme Light, Mme Morden, Mme Mondor, Mr. Nicholls, Mme Macdonnell, and Mme King.

Please note that Mme Light's class and Mme Mondor's class will perform their piece on both days!

Students are asked to bring items from home to wear for their costume and details will be sent home from your child's teacher about costumes. We ask that students wear their costume to school for the dress rehearsal on Tuesday, April 15th, as well as on the day of their show. To help keep costume parts organized, please ensure that any accessories and costume pieces are placed in a labeled bag with your child's name on it.

Thank you for your support!

Joanna Ball



# PAC News for the week of March 31-April 4, 2025

## Hot Lunch - Volunteers Needed!

We need hot lunch volunteers or we will be forced to cancel the program. Please sign up here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1giRP4jfwOZ3GtWa7oTjAaQimvDOxMqK8h51uLaa5Vfk/edit>

## Yearbook Cover Art Contest

Looking for students to create the art cover for our 2024-2025 yearbook! Show off your creativity. This year’s theme is “Growing, one grade at a time.”

First place design will be the front cover of the yearbook and second place will be on the back. Winners get a FREE Yearbook!

Entries must:

- be on a 8.5”x11” sheet of paper (vertical/portrait)
- include “École Dorothea Walker Elementary”
- include “2024-2025”
- express/illustrate the yearbook theme (Growing, one grade at a time)
- be created by DWE student(s) (individual or group entries allowed)
- -include on the back of the design your: name, age, and classroom teacher
- be aware that about 1 inch of the borders will be cut off

Please submit designs to the office by Monday, April 7, 2025 at 2:30 pm.

## Spring Dance

Save the date - April 25  
More details to come, including volunteer sign up!

## PAC Meeting

April 10, 6:30pm in the school library  
This will be our first PAC meeting with our new principal!



## Helping Our Students Head to Camp Return Your Empties

As you do your spring cleaning, clean out your garage, or your monthly trip to the recycling depot, please consider helping our students who will be heading to Gardom Lake Camp in May to celebrate the conclusion of their years in elementary school. We have set up an account with Return-It Express Depot. All you need to do is bring your bagged recyclable drink containers to one of the depots, print out the number of labels you need at the kiosk (one label per bag) using the school phone number 2508705138 as the account number, stick the label(s) on the bag(s), leave the bag(s) in the designated area, and the money generated by your returns will be deposited into our account. These funds will be used to help offset the costs to spend two nights and three days at camp for our senior classes. We thank you in advance for any contribution. For more details visit: <https://www.return-it.ca/express/>



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