



DUKE OF CONNAUGHT



SEPTEMBER 2018

SPOTLIGHT ON THE DUKE

Every month, we want to highlight some of the incredible people here at the Duke. This month, it's our new Principal, Carol Shea:

Q: How are you settling in at the Duke?

Every day, the Duke feels more like my second home! I really appreciate the warm welcome from everyone that I have received and the people who have popped in to introduce themselves. I am excited to be here and look forward to learning about our students, staff and community, during the coming months.

Q What stands out for you so far?

There is an energy and level of enthusiasm that you can feel as you walk the school yard and spend time in our building. I am thrilled to see the number of people who are willing to step up and say 'yes' to new opportunities and shared experiences.

Q What's one thing you would like people to know about you?

I have a great love of PEI – my family is from the Island and I go back to visit often. I enjoy walking with my two Labradors along the beach, listening to the waves and the wind on Northumberland Strait. I especially love the long sunsets and the gentle pace that comes from Island living.

Q What do you do when you're not at Duke?

I enjoy time in my garden and cooking for friends and family. I'm an avid Toronto sports fan, especially our Toronto Maple Leafs and our new team, the Toronto Wolfpack!

Q: What are your hopes for the future?

I'm looking forward to the upcoming exciting learning opportunities and other fun adventures at the Duke.



Future Dates:

October 1	Orange Shirt Day
October 3:	Cross Country at Ashbridges Bay
October 5	PA Day
October 1-5	Grade 3 Universal Screening
October 8	THANKSGIVING
October 10	Grade 5/6 Boys Soccer Tournament at the Duke
October 10	Ghanian drumming workshops with Kwasi Dunyo (Ms. Kelford and Mme Adam's classes)
October 23	SAC Meeting
October 24	PIZZA LUNCH
October 25	Grade 8 Choices for 9 Evening

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Due to some unforeseen delays in our construction at the front entrance of our school, we ask that parents and visitors continue to use our temporary access point at Door 5 until mid-October. Once work is closer to completion, we will share a further update about that, as well as subsequent access to Doors 7 and 8. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

SAC

Greetings from your School Advisory Council Executive,

Welcome back to Duke! We hope that everyone's first few weeks back at school have been successful! The current SAC Executive would like to thank everyone who supported last year's SAC events, either through volunteering or by coming to enjoy the fun! The enthusiasm of our school community is what ensured our success throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

Whether you are new to Duke or have been part of our community for a few years, we want to remind you that ALL parents are members of the School Advisory Council (SAC) [and we saw many of you at our first SAC meeting on Tuesday Sept. 25th](#) in the Cafeteria. Elections for the new executive were held and the first official SAC meeting followed. Here is your new Duke SAC for 2018/2019:

Co-Chair, Beverley Grondin

Co-Chair, Tanya Barrett

Treasurer - Daniela Fermo

Secretary - Margie Akins

Ward Rep - Kelly Ackerman

Parent Reps -

Darcy Jones

Stacey Iseman

Lisa Casino

Dan Torrance

SAC's Need To Read (NTR) newsletter contains updates, school info, and important dates. If you are not receiving the NTR, visit the SAC website to sign up:

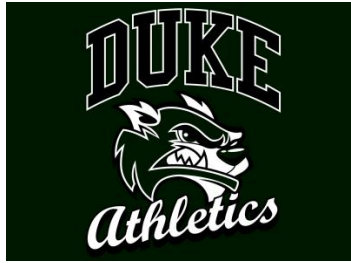
www.dukesac.ca

Want to help out next year with SAC events or volunteer in general? Then please get your police check done ASAP. This way you hit the ground rolling! Remember this process does take a while. More details about the process and how to apply can be found on our SAC website.

Street Safe is Street Smart!

The curve at Highfield and Kerr next to the passage and stairs to the school coming from the north is a busy place in the morning. Pedestrians – please cross at **Highfield and Dundas** or at **Hertle and Kerr** in order to be on the side closest to the school. Avoid crossing between parked or moving vehicles. Safety first!





Duke of Connaught P.S. offers many extra-curricular sports teams. These include Gr. 1-8 Cross Country, Gr. 5-8 Girls' and Boys' Soccer, Gr 7/8 Girls, and Boys Football, Gr. 5-8 Girls' and Boys' Volleyball, Gr. 5-8 Girls' and Boys' Basketball, Gr. 5-8 Girls' and Boys' Badminton, Gr. 4-8 Girls' and Boys' Swim Team, Gr. 5-8 Co-Ed Ice Hockey, Gr. 6/7/8 Co-Ed Cricket, Gr. 7/8 Co-Ed Ultimate, Gr. 5-8 Girls' and Boys' Slo-pitch and Gr. 4-8 Girls' and Boys' Track and Field. Please note that additional sports may be offered such as Rugby or Borden Ball. Teams are determined as the season approaches. Please stayed tuned and check out the Duke of Connaught Athletics Page on our website.

Current Sports Opportunities

Gr. 1-8 Running Club/Cross Country - Mme May, Mme Chan, Mme Kittask and Mme Adams

Gr. 5/6 Girls' Soccer - Mr. McIntyre

Gr. 5/6 Boys' Soccer - Ms. Hodgins and Mr. Aishford

Gr. 7/8 Girls' Soccer - Mr. Misner

Gr. 7/8 Boys' Soccer - Mr. St-Pierre

Gr. 7/8 Girls' Football - Ms. Oliveira and Mr. Aishford

Gr. 7/8 Boys' Football - Ms. Oliveira and Mr. Aishford

Please have your child check the Phys. Ed. bulletin board by the SH Gymnasium for information and practice schedules.



Terry Fox: Honouring a Hero

We will be staging our annual Terry Fox event this Friday, September 24 from 12:45 – 2:45. It will begin with a mass warm-up in the back field led by Toronto schools on the Move. With the help of Police, Fire, school staff and parent volunteers, we will then proceed on our neighbourhood walk. A bake sale and a "Toonies for Terry" jar are helping to raise funds in honour of Terry's Marathon of Hope.

News from the Pool

Welcome back to another exciting year in the Duke pool. Swim Club has started on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 7:45am. This is for students who are in the shallow end. A new program being offered is Duke Distance Swims, which will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:45am. This is for students who are in the deep end. I look forward to another exciting year of swimming here at the Duke! Hope to see everyone in the pool!

Mr. Aishford



Soccer Tryouts



Football Hopefuls!

Orange Shirt Day: October 1st

The Duke of Connaught will observe Orange Shirt day on October 1st. Orange Shirt Day grew out of *Phyllis' story* of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the St. Joseph Mission residential school in B.C, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion of residential schools happening annually. It is celebrated now because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.



Reading Club for K-3 kids starts Sept. 27!

ReadUP Reading Club provides support for children who are learning to read. We have two clubs, one in English and one in French, both running at the same time every week in the school's library. It is free to join:

Thursdays 3:15-4:15 (starting Sept. 27)

Duke Library

Just show up to sign up any Thursday during the school year.

*** Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

ReadUP is run by a qualified teacher and dedicated volunteers who will help to support your children as they learn to read. It's a drop-in format, so come any time during the first half-hour. You can expect to spend about 20-40 minutes at the club (depending on whether your child attends one or both clubs within the hour) while your child is matched with books at his/her ideal reading level and reads with a volunteer—then the books are taken home to practise reading during the week. We also lend picture books for toddlers and chapter books for older children.



www.readup.ca

Around the School



Walking Across Canada in the Library: students are using a giant interactive map of the country to learn about important geographical features.



Early Years learning in one of our Kindergarten classes!

Eco Schools Update: our 2018/2019 program is getting underway. We look forward to another year of collaboration with our entire community as we aim for a fifth straight year of Platinum status! Our regular Thursday recycling program is in full swing. Watch this space for more news on how we intend to keep getting greener at the Duke! We are always looking for ways to improve and for community volunteers to help run the program. Please contact Mr. Gambacort with suggestions or if you would like to lend a helping hand – no experience necessary!

