

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are an extension of the school program. In all cases a permission form will be sent home in advance, to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school. To earn the privilege of going out of the classroom to any of the above experiences, a student must:

~consistently follow the Donald Young School Code of Conduct;

~keep daily school work up to date and at a level of performance consistent with the pupil's ability.

A teacher may, in consultation with administration, exclude a pupil from an activity if his/her behaviour and classroom work are not acceptable.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Councils are advisory bodies to the school principal and, where appropriate, to the School Board. Elected parents form the majority of the Council. Meetings held on a regular basis with date and time advised through a newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

BUSSING

The school bus is considered to be an extension of the school, and the "Code of Conduct" applies to students who ride the bus. *While on or waiting for the bus, students must act in a responsible manner and follow all directions given by the driver. The bus driver will inform the Principal of misbehaviour.* Bussing arrangements made at the beginning of the school year **cannot** be changed on a day to day basis. Please notify the school of any essential changes at least 3 days prior to the change.

DRESS CODE

Students are expected to conform to a reasonable dress code appropriate to the school environment. School dress, when appropriate, should not jeopardize the health and safety of anyone in the school. Clothing which advertises alcohol, tobacco, drugs, has sexual reference or is offensive in any way is not allowed. Students are to dress appropriately for weather conditions.

SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Donald Young School Code of Conduct is attached to the Parent/Student Handbook. Please review the Code of Conduct with your child/ren.

SIGN IN/SIGNOUT

Students leaving the school before the regular dismissal times must be signed out at the office by a parent/guardian before leaving. A note, a phone call or a personal visit to the school office is required to provide the reason for the early dismissal and the length of absence. Students returning from appointments, as well as those who are late, must be signed in at the office.

STUDENT USE OF SCHOOL TELEPHONES

Students will be allowed to use the office telephone for unexpected school situations or illness that requires communication with a parent. Messages for students should be left at the office to avoid classroom disruption. **Requests to use the telephone for social activities will not be permitted.**

SCHOOL STAFF

Principal	Lucinda Meyers
Vice Principal	Leslie Barr-Kellar
Junior Kindergarten	Vicki Loney
Senior Kindergarten	Rod Enns/Julie Taylor
Grade 1/2	Diane Carlson/Wilma Kooistra
Grade 2/3	Kim Olson/Vicki Loney
Grade 3/4	Bev Wilson
Grade 4/5	Lisa McCart
	Wilma Kooistra
Grade 6/7	Andrea Lee/Michelle Veldhuisen
Grade 7/8	Sherri Allan/Leslie Barr Kellar
Reading Recovery	Rod Enns
Primary Prep	Julie Taylor
Special Education	Leslie Barr-Kellar
French	Tara Capenter
Ojibwe Language	Bev Wilson
Speech Communication Assistant	Rachel McQuaker
Library Assistant	MarieAnn deGroot
Educational Assistants	Pam VanHeyst, Sue Radual, Tina McGinnis, Ruthann McGinnis, Patty McNally, Irene White
Secretary	Beryl Pocock
Custodians	Ruth Siemens Donna Rogers

The School Day

Yard Supervision Starts at 8:30 a.m.

Warning Bell	8:40 a.m.
School Starts	8:50 a.m.
Nutrition Break	10:20 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
Nutrition Break	1:05 p.m.- 1:45 p.m.
Dismissal	3:20 p.m.

DONALD YOUNG SCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK 2007/2008

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

P.A. Day	September 4, 2007
First Day of School	September 5, 2007
Open House/Book Fair	September 20, 2007
Terry Fox Walk	September 27, 2007
P.A. Day	September 28, 2007
Picture Days	October 1 & 2, 2007
Thanksgiving Day	October 8, 2007
P.A. Day	October 29, 2007
Remembrance Day Assembly	November 9, 2007
Report Cards 1st Term	December 7, 2007
Christmas Concert	December 13, 2007
Christmas Break	Dec. 24—Jan 4
School Starts	January 7, 2008
P.A. Day	January 30, 2008
Valentine's Day Activities	February 14, 2008
Report Cards 2nd Term	March 28, 2008
March Break	March 10—14, 2008
Good Friday	March 21, 2008
Easter Monday	March 24, 2008
P.A. Day	April 21, 2008
Victoria Day	May 19, 2008
Grade 8 Graduation	June 19, 2008
Reports Home	June 25, 2008
Last Day for Students	June 25, 2008
P.A. Day	June 26, 2008

Dates are subject to change

ATTENDANCE/SAFE ARRIVALS PROGRAM

In the interest of student safety and effective programming, it is important that student absences are accounted for in all schools of the Rainy River District School Board. If a student is to be late or absent, parents/guardians are asked to call the school. Parents may leave a message on the school telephone voice-mail system stating their child's absence. Phone: 482-2271 Extension

If the school has not been notified that the student will be absent from school, the school will call and check on daily student absences. Notes are requested for lates or absenteeism, or early dismissal for an appointment or for permission to be picked up by someone other than parent/guardian. Identification may be requested. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Visitors to School

As part of the Safe School Policy all visitors to the school are asked to please sign in at the office.

ILLNESS/MEDICATION

When a student becomes ill at school, the office will contact the parent/guardian or emergency designate and request that the student be picked up. Please make sure that the school has all current information re: telephone numbers, emergency contact, etc. We **must** have an emergency contact!

Board policy does not permit school personnel to administer any medication without proper authorization. Medication forms providing the required authorization and information necessary to ensure proper use of the prescribed medication are available from the school office. All medication is to be stored at and administered through the school office.

NUTRITION BREAKS

Students enjoy a break from the morning and afternoon routines during which time they can get some fresh air and enjoy unstructured time with their friends. All of us are better able to work after a short break and a healthy snack.

Students who return after a brief illness also benefit from outdoor activity. Fresh air and exercise are not detrimental to individuals recovering from the flu or a cold, especially when a student is properly dressed for the weather. Exceptions to this practice will be made in very special cases (i.e., a child recovering from a physical injury) but we do expect our students to participate in outdoor breaks. During inclement or extremely cold conditions we will conduct indoor recesses.

All students who eat lunch at school during the two nutrition breaks remain under the supervision and jurisdiction of the school for the entire break.

You can boost the learning power of your child(ren) by providing nutritious food for lunch. Milk is sold every day. Canteen will be provided Tuesday through Thursday at first nutrition break. Order forms for the canteen are available every two weeks and cost is \$2.00 a day. Microwaves are available in each classroom.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

The cost of maintaining school buildings and supplies is assumed by the taxpayer. Any additions created by deliberate acts of vandalism are, if the guilty person is undetected, also assumed by the taxpayer. School custodians are hired to maintain the school building, to keep the school free from litter, vandalism and graffiti. This can be achieved by refraining from littering, reporting incidents of vandalism and removing graffiti and litter whenever possible. Food and beverages must be consumed in designated areas. Smoking is not allowed on School Board premises.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Academically, students are expected to achieve the expectations identified at each grade level by the Ontario Curriculum. Modifications and accommodations will be made to support those students who demonstrate difficulty in meeting grade level expectations. Behaviourally, students are made aware of the expectations identified in the Classroom Discipline Plan. A copy of this plan is available from the classroom teacher. The Donald Young School Code of Behaviour outlines school expectations and consequences for inappropriate behaviour.

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Classroom time is allotted for the completion of assignments. If homework is assigned, it will be for one of the following reasons:

- ~the assignment was not completed in the time period allotted in class
- ~the assignment was missed due to absence;
- ~the work is assigned for practice, review or for test preparation.

Other students may be required to complete independent or group assignments as part of their program. Some time may be required out of school to complete this work.

AWARDS

Grade 8:

- * Emo Chamber of Commerce Awards - Top Female
- Top Male

To receive this award students must maintain an overall average of 70% or greater. In the event that the overall average is less than 70% - the award will not be presented.

- * Ontario Principal's Award - Presented to a Grade 8 student who demonstrates leadership skills

- * Dorothy Bonot Award - Female Athletic Award
- * Donald Young Male Athletic Award
- * Donald Young Citizenship Award

If students do not meet the criteria for the above awards-they will not be presented.

Grade 3:

- * Grant Shine Award

Snow Throwing

There will be **NO** throwing of snow or snowballs on the playground.

Stone Throwing, Pea Shooting, Etc.

Due to the seriousness of possible results from these practices, they are not to be tolerated in any form at any time. The shooting of any "pea like" object by use of any projection is not to be tolerated.

Gum

Gum chewing is not allowed in the school building.

Play fighting

Play fighting, rough housing, pinching, hitting and shoving are considered physical violence. They are not tolerated.

See the Code of Conduct for more information.

School Boundaries

Students are to stay on school property unless they go home for lunch.

Bus students must have a note from parents to leave the grounds at lunch and the note should be given to the classroom teacher.

The boundaries for the playground are:

- the curling rink on the south
- the embankment on the east
- the tree line on the north
- the street's ditch on the west

SCHOOL DANCES

School dances for grade 6, 7 & 8 students are a privilege.

They are intended to encourage and enhance friendships in a positive social environment. Students who regularly have chosen to break school rules, been negligent in their school work or who have been involved in physical or mental abuse of others will not be permitted to attend school dances.

