

The Darwell Dragon Digest

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration forms for the 2025/26 school year are available. If you currently have children attending Darwell School and will have a child entering kindergarten next year, please contact the school, and a package will be sent home. To be eligible for kindergarten, your child must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2025. We require a copy of your child's birth certificate, proof of address (ie. utility bill, property tax notice, rental agreement), as well as your rural address sign number. The registration package is also available online. Please return the completed forms and other required documents to the school as soon as possible. If you know of anyone with a child in this age range, please direct them to the school to begin the registration process. Thank you.

Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Bus Driver Appreciation Day is Monday, May 5th. Our bus drivers are an important part of our school, and we appreciate the hard work they do. They are the first people who greet our students and set the tone for each school day. Please take this time to show your appreciation and discuss with your children how they can help their drivers each day they ride the bus.

Book Fair

The Spring Book Fair was a great success this year. We were able to purchase \$500.00 worth of popular books that are already in the hands of our students! A student from each grade was rewarded \$15.00 to spend at the book fair, and we earned \$500.00 in Scholastic dollars to spend on future library and/or classroom purchases. Thank you for your continued support and for supporting the love of reading!

Hats on For Mental Health

On Wednesday, May 7, Darwell School will be participating in Hats on for Mental Health Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a hat to school to raise awareness of the importance of taking care of our mental health. We encourage all students to bring a donation to support this great cause. All proceeds will be sent to the Canadian Mental Health Association.

National Red Dress Day

May 5th is Red Dress Day and the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). Red is thought to be the only colour spirits can see. By wearing red, we hope to call back the missing spirits of our brothers and sisters so that we can honour them. Students and staff are encouraged to wear red clothing to school to recognize this day.

Lunch by the Bunch

The next Lunch by the Bunch days are scheduled for **Thursday, May 8 and Thursday, May 22**. Please be sure to send your child with snacks and a water bottle.

Hot Dog Day

Hot Dog Days for this month are **Thursday, May 1 and Thursday, May 29**. Hot dogs are \$2 each and are ordered with the student's homeroom teacher each hot dog day. Students will also need snacks and their water bottles on hot dog days.

Darwell School Council/Betterment Meeting

Please note that the last Darwell School Council and Betterment meeting for this school year will be held at the school on Wednesday, May 21, at 3:30pm. **This meeting will also serve as the AGM for the School Council.** 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



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Important Dates:

- 1: Hot Dog Day
- 5: National Red Dress Day & Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 6: School Assembly
1:45pm
- 7: Hats On For Mental Health & Family Math Night
- 8: Lunch by the Bunch
-Salt N' Pepper Pizza
- 11: Mother's Day
- 13: Darwell Math Day
- 14: Wacky Hair Day
- 21: School Council AGM & Betterment Meeting
3:30pm-4:30pm
- 22: Lunch by the Bunch
-Meatballs & Rice
- 27-30: Grades 1-7
Swimming
- 29: Hot Dog Day
- 30: Read-A-Thon Ends
- No School Dates:**
- 15: PD Day
- 16: Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
- 19: Victoria Day

available for children 2 years of age and above. If you are attending the meeting and you want your children to stay after school, please contact the office so we can make those arrangements for you.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the school chocolate fundraiser. We made a profit of \$2439.72. This money will be used to enhance student learning, help cover the costs of some student projects and offset some field trip expenses.

The World's Finest Chocolate company donated three huge chocolate bars, and the school donated four \$25 Walmart gift cards for random draws to thank you for your efforts. The three winners of the huge chocolate bars are Vinly A., Averie S., and Ryan P. The four winners of the \$25 Walmart gift cards are Ryan P., Riley P., Luna P., and Mera L. The prizes will be sent home with students on April 29th.

Grade 6 PAT Tests

Provincially, students will be writing field tests for Social Studies and Science instead of the standard tests. These field tests are used to test the quality of questions, not to test the student. Students will write the standard provincial assessments for Language on Wednesday, May 28, and Friday, June 20. Students will write the standard provincial assessments for Math on Tuesday, June 24, and Wednesday, June 25.

Grade 7 Bottle Drive

The grade 7 class is fundraising for their year-end field trip. They will be holding a bottle drive, Sunday, May 25th from 10am to 2pm, here at the school. They would appreciate any bottles you could donate that day!! Please ask friends and family to save bottles as well.

Family Math Night

We are very excited to share that we will be hosting a Family Math Night on Wednesday, May 7th, from 5:00-6:30pm. We will have several stations around the gym featuring various types of math games and activities, allowing you to move around and try as many as you like throughout the night. You will be given a kit with some materials that we are using to play these games, so that you can continue playing them at home. **We know this will interfere with your regular dinner time and plans, so we're bringing in pizza (at no charge) for you and your family to enjoy, so you don't need to worry about making dinner plans afterwards.** We will be sending home an attendance form to RSVP, so that we can plan how much pizza we will need. A huge "Thank-You" to the Darwell School Council and Betterment Association for sponsoring this event!

Darwell Math Day

In continuing with our school-wide Math focus, we have also planned a "Math Day" for our students on Tuesday, May 13. Students will spend their day moving to different classrooms and learning spaces to participate in math-related activities throughout the entire school day. These activities will include exploring how math is integrated into various subjects, examining the different strands of the math curriculum, and demonstrating how we apply math in our everyday lives. It should be a great day and a wonderful learning experience for the students!

ABC Playschool

ABC Playschool is a fully licensed play, learn, and grow preschool, facilitated by Early Childhood Educators, located at Camp Warwa. We are now accepting registration for children 3-5 years; Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 9am-11:45am. Email: abcplayschool@hotmail.ca, Website: campwarwa.org/abcplayschool, Facebook - ABC Playschool at Camp Warwa



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