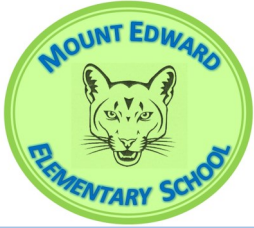


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Please call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system or by the SchoolMessenger App or login to PowerSchool.



LIFE SKILLS FOR FAMILIES

Teaching children how to solve their own problems is a skill that begins in early childhood. When they are little, the problems might be over who gets the blue truck or who has more playdough, but those problems grow into bigger issues as the children get bigger. Teaching them steps to solve problems is a critical lifelong skill.

Teach your child basic problem solving steps such as learning to identify exactly what the problem is, thinking of solutions to the problem, analyzing those solutions for fairness and then trying it out to see if it worked. Help your children work through the steps, but resist the urge to give them the answer. As they get older, encourage them to talk directly with their teacher about forgotten homework or the dentist about the broken retainer. The ability to confront problems head on and deal with the consequences truly is a life skill!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

April brings the prospects of warmer weather, the beginning of Term 3 and a continued focus by staff to meet the learning needs of all students. Term 2 report cards were sent home electronically on March 28th. We had a strong turnout for parent/guardian/teacher interviews on March 30th. If you did not have an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher, you are encouraged to reach out to set an alternate date. As always, we encourage you to discuss your child's progress with them. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Just as a reminder we ask that animals are not brought on school property throughout the school day. Should you have your pet on school grounds during the evening or on weekends, we ask that you pick up after them to ensure we don't have kids coming in contact with your animal's feces.

Students are arriving late to school in record numbers. We would like to once again stress the importance of having students arrive to school on time. Please ensure your child arrives to school each morning between 8:40 and 8:50 and enters the school at their designated doors with their classmates.

Lori Bartkiw, Principal

PARKING/STUDENT SAFETY

Please be advised that no vehicles are to be driving on the school grounds at any time during the day. This includes dropping off and picking up students from Excel at the end of the building and parking in the school driveway that is for emergency/authorized vehicles. We appreciate your support in respecting these parking rules to keep our students safe. Please pass this message along to anyone who may be dropping off or picking up your child.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONCERN PROTOCOL

Parent/guardian concerns related to classroom issues should be addressed with the classroom teacher. If the issue remains unresolved, it should be directed to the school principal. If still unresolved, the parent/guardian may direct the concern to the School Administration Supervisor. Contact information is available through the HRCE website. Every effort is made to respond to concerns within 48 hours after you make the first call. How long it will take to resolve the problem will vary depending on the nature of the concern.

OUT OF AREA REQUESTS

Out-of-area requests for the 2023-24 school year will open on April 3, 2023 at 8 a.m.

Parents/guardians may seek placement for their child in a school outside of the neighbourhood in which they reside under the guidelines of the [Student Registration Policy](#). Out-of-area requests can be made for students in Grades Pre-Primary to 12. **The out-of-area transfer is permanent.**

By accepting an out-of-area transfer, families are responsible for transporting their child to and from school.

To make an Out-of-Area request for the 2023-24 school year, [click here](#).





Diamond Dawgs of Dartmouth

The *Diamond Dawgs of Dartmouth*, a proud member of DDMBA and BNS, would like to announce that baseball registration opens on March 1st, 2023 season. We are open for players from the ages of 5-years to 18-years

REGISTER AT: *iplayball.ca*

Why Diamond Dawgs?

GAMES - Being part of DDMBA, our players, U9 and above, will have weekly practice as well as 1 - 2 games per week against teams in our neighboring communities.

SAFETY - We have a board position dedicated to Risk & Discipline to ensure all coaches and board members have had background checks.

EXPERIENCE - Our board is committed to providing our players and parents with a positive experience to have them a part of baseball for years to come.

Diamond Dawgs will once again host:

Blue Jays Rally Cap Program for players 7 and under.

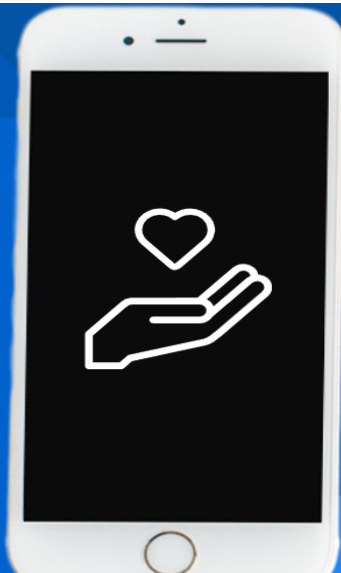
Challenger Baseball Program for Dartmouth.



**NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?
KIDS HELP PHONE CAN BE
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(TOLL-FREE) OR TEXT
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UPCOMING DATES

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| Saturday, April 1st | - | Crafters Market (10 am—2 pm) |
| Wednesday, April 5th | - | Field Trip for P, 1 & 2 Students to Discovery Centre |
| | - | SAC meeting (6 pm) |
| | - | Home and School Meeting (7 pm) |
| Thursday, April 6th | - | Field Trip for 3 & 4 Students to Discovery Centre |
| Friday, April 7th | - | Good Friday (No classes) |
| Monday, April 10th | - | Easter Monday (No classes) |
| Friday, April 28th | - | Backwards Theme Day |
| | - | Ice Cream Sandwich Sales \$1.00 |

