

EDU FUN / DIEPSLOOT COMBINED SCHOOL PROJECTS

Thank you for your interest in Edu Fun and our work at the Diepsloot Combined School (DCS) in Diepsloot, South Africa. We encourage you to visit our Edu Fun website at www.edufunsa.co.za to learn more about us. We also have a [Facebook page](#) (Edu Fun SA) where you can see photos and updates about our many activities. Please like our page!

Teaching English to Children in Diepsloot for whom English is a second language.

We utilise the Phono-Graphix method, a straightforward reading and spelling method developed in America in 1996. The method educates learners that letters are pictures of sounds, sounds can be represented by more than one letter or combinations of letters and that combinations of letters can also represent multiple sounds. Edu Fun volunteers are invited to attend Phono-Graphix training sessions throughout the year but anyone who is literate in English is encouraged to join us as a volunteer at DCS!

Grade 3 - Mondays

Volunteers meet for carpooling at the [Dainfern Valley Shopping Centre](#) at 9:00am every Monday during the school term. Lessons are from 09:30-10:45am and classes are divided into 5 groups based on English literacy. There is a lead teacher for each class responsible for lesson design and delivery. Each classroom has 30-45 children and a volunteer works with a group of about six to eight children. The Grade has nearly 200 learners and usually the class size is about 60 per room, so these sessions are an amazing opportunity to give children much needed personalised attention. The teaching materials are provided by Edu Fun.

Grade 2 – Tuesdays

39 students from Grade 2 have been identified as needing additional help with English. Volunteers work with 3 to 4 learners at a time in the library or container classroom. In addition, 21 of the strongest learners from grade 2 are receiving classroom style instruction led by Edu Fun volunteers to build upon their reading, writing and spelling skills. Basic on-site training is given for new volunteers. We meet at the [Dainfern Valley Shopping Centre](#) at 8:30am for carpooling every Tuesday during the school term. The class runs from 9:00am-10:00am.

Contact Jenny for any information about Monday and Tuesday teaching on 082 322 0608 or Email info@edufunsa.co.za



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Health

Health, eye and dental screenings are available to all students at the school. We meet every Tuesday at 8.00am at the Dainfern Valley Shopping Centre returning around 11.00am. It is not essential for volunteers to have medical training. During the screening, children are identified :avoogd6.sa@gmail.com and referred to the appropriate professional for follow-up. For more information, please contact Arlene at

Top Up Mending

The project's main three objectives are to mend school uniforms, provide students with the opportunity to swap uniforms and give students in need new uniforms for free or at a discounted cost. Students who would like to learn to sew are also encouraged to join the project. Volunteers are needed to assist with anything from sewing buttons to helping children line up to have their clothes mended. For more information, contact Karin 076 999 6986 or KarinBlomgren81@yahoo.co.uk

Further Education (FEP)

In 2013, our tenth anniversary year, we introduced FEP to support former learners from Diepsloot Combined School who gain places at varsity. We are now supporting 28 first generation students at university in Gauteng, helping them with everything from clothing, course books and computer equipment to monthly stipends for food and transport. For some, we are even covering the cost of student accommodation. If you'd like to find out more, please contact Jeanne at jeanne.edufun@gmail.com

Food Pantry - Ngangifisa

The food pantry currently supports some of the most vulnerable and child headed households at Diepsloot Combined School. On the last Wednesday of every month 14 families are given a supply of groceries. Regular food donations of non-perishable items are always welcome and greatly appreciated. It costs approximately R4000 to feed all the children in these 14 families on a monthly basis. Contact Meghan on 063 672 0285 or Email ngangifisa@gmail.com

The Baby Club

The aim of this group is to support young mums who are still in school with essentials such as nappies and baby formula as well as critical child care information and support. The baby club is focused on providing guidance and assistance to allow the mums to stay in school and pass their matric exams. Contact Anthea on 062 707 8855 or Email anthea314@gmail.com