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April 2016 Newsletter

The school year is quickly moving along, and the months of May and June will be busy, full of many activities, from our Terry Fox run, Jump Rope for Heart to many year-end trips that are being planned. Dundana's School Council held a movie night that was a great night that was full of popcorn and pizza and fun for our entire community. A special thanks to all of the volunteers. As well, our School Council ran a successful parent information with Jackie Stachon from People for Education. A reminder that our Grade 3 students will be writing EQAO May 23rd to June 8th. If anyone is available who can scribe for students during EQAO in French or English please contact Mrs. Johnston our Learning Resource Teacher.

Volunteers

Just a reminder that anyone who volunteers for trips, events or working in the school must have an up to date Police Check and have completed the Volunteer Orientation. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Pizza Help

We are looking for a Volunteer or Volunteers to run our pizza program next year, if you are interested in assisting in the program please contact the school. I would like to send out a special thanks to Mrs. Wheaton who has been running the pizza at Dundana for a number of years, it wouldn't have happened without her support.

School Organization for 2016-17

Here is Dundana's class organization for the 2016/17 School Year, teacher's assignments will be announced at the end of the school year. Please note that our organization could change in September if there is a significant change in enrollment at Dundana.

English	English	French Immersion	French Immersion
3 Classes - FDK	1 Class – G2/3	2 Classes – G1	1 Class – G4
1 Class - G1/2	2 Classes – G4/5	2 Classes – G2	1 Class – G4/5
		2 Classes – G3	1 Class – G5

Bike to School Week – May 30th – June 3rd

Spring is coming! HWDSB is encouraging your students to participate in Bike to School Week, a celebration of cycling and active transportation from May 30 to June 3, 2016. School boards, public health offices, municipalities, regions and non-government organizations across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) are supporting activities to promote and support cycling to school.

Mother's/Father's Day Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to assist students during Nutrition breaks who are interested in making a card or small craft for Mother's and/or Father's day. If interested please contact the school. Please remember all volunteers need to have completed the Volunteer Orientation with a valid police check.

Bell Times

Our bell times will remain the same for the 2016-2017 school year.

Start of Instructional Day 8:55 AM

End of Instructional Day 3:15 PM

Meeting with Teachers

Please book an appointment with your child's teacher if you wish to speak with them. Once instructional time has begun (bell has rung) teachers are not available to meet/talk to parents.

Lost and Found

Due to Fire regulations our Lost and Found can no longer be displayed on tables in the front foyer. Please check the lost and found bin if your child has lost any items. Any items that are left at the end of each month will be donated to a local charity.

School Cash Online – What happens next year?

The end of the school year is only a few weeks away. Rest assured, any unused funds in your School Cash Online MyWallet account will continue to be available to make purchases at the start of the school year in September. For parents/guardians who have already registered on School Cash Online, you will not need to re-enter your child's PIN codes after the initial setup, even if your child is moving on to another HWDSB school. Not receiving emails about items available to purchase? Upon your next login to School Cash Online, check the "My Account" tab and that you have consented under "Manage Email Notifications" to receive payment notices and reminders. Need help? Call the Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803.

Out of Catchment

Please note that Dundana is closed to Out of Catchment, therefore we will not be accepting any applications for the 2016-2017 School year.

School Safety – Office Check-In

Just a reminder that all caregivers must check in at the office when entering the school. Please do not enter the school to drop off your child or to pick up your child without checking in at the office. Thank you in keeping all of our student's safe at Dundana.

We are a Nut Sensitive School

Parent and/or students are asked to carefully read labels of all food items that are brought to school to ensure that they **have no traces of nuts or nut products**. Many products now carry a clearly marked "Nut Free" logo.

Dressing for the Weather

Just a reminder that students will be going outside unless there is extreme cold or rain. Students may go outside during these days for a shortened period of time. Please remember to send your child with appropriate clothing:
-hat, gloves, boots, snow pants, winter coat, raincoat etc.

Temporary Excusal from School

Just a reminder that if you will be on an extended holiday and your child will be off for an extended time, please come into the office to complete a Temporary Excusal from School form.

Pets on School Grounds

Please do not bring any pets onto school grounds. We need to ensure the safety of all of our students, staff and community. Thank you for your cooperation.

Anaphylactic Management Plan

If you have not completed the appropriate paper work to ensure the safe administration of epinephrine please pick up a form from your child's teacher or the office. Once your Dr. has completed this form your son/daughter's Anaphylactic Management Plan will be completed. **These plans must be updated each school year.**

Parking Lot

Just a reminder to all parents, if you are dropping your child off at school we ask that you do not park in the parking lot or stop in the emergency stopping zone. All students should be picked up and dropped off on the playground where students are supervised by staff members. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

Regular attendance and punctuality are very important habits and routines for all students. There is a direct correlation between regular school attendance, positive work habits and enhanced student achievement. Consistent with the Safe Arrival Check Policy of the HWDSB, it is the parent's responsibility to inform the school when a child is going to be late or absent. Please call and leave a message at any time (905-628-2622) with your child's name, teacher, grade and the reason for their absence.

Milk Sales

White and Chocolate Milk is for sale every day during second break in the gym.

Cost \$0.65 each or student can purchase tokens for:

5 for 3.25, 10 for 6.50, 15 for 9.75, 20 for 13.00, 30 for 19.50

Agendas

All students in grades 1-5 will receive a Dundana Agenda. This is a great tool to help keep the communication between home and school open. Agendas should be taken home and returned to school every day. Please take a few minutes to review these pages with your child(ren).

Personal Electronic Devices

Students may use their personal electronic devices outdoors during nutrition breaks. At all other times, these must be turned off and put away. **Taking pictures or video using any electronic device is strictly prohibited, unless part of instructional program under the guidance of a staff member.**

Students may only use these devices outside, or if a teacher asks students to use them for instructional purposes only.

Please note: The school is not responsible for loss or damage to any personal electronic devices.

It is a parental choice to allow their child to bring an electronic device to school.

School Council News

School Council meeting dates for the 2015-2016 School Year:

March 9th

May 11th

April 13th

June 8th

Dundana's School Council has started up a Face book page and Twitter account. Please take a moment to visit both areas.

<https://www.facebook.com/DundanaSchoolCommunity>

<https://twitter.com/dundana4ourkids>

Canadian Parents for French

The annual general meeting will be occurring in May 2016, please see the web site for details.

<https://cpfhamilton.wordpress.com/join-cpf/>

Busing

If you have a question if a bus is running late please contact the carrier listed below for your child's bus.

Routes 6102 and 6157 (Bus 1) - Attridge-905-690-2632

Routes 6219 and 6166 (Bus 2) - Attridge-905-690-26323

Route 6132 (Bus 3) - Attridge-905-690-2632

Route 6017(Bus 4) – Sharpes - 905-679-0001

Route 5006(Bus 5) – Sharpes - 905-679-0001

Lunch Wizard

Once again Dundana students will have an opportunity to order Lunch Wizards. Please note we cannot accept late orders.

May 11th and 18th

June 8th and 15th

Pizza Days for 2015-2016

May 13, 27

June 9, 24

HWDSB 2016-2017 School Calendar

The 2016-2017 school year calendar is available at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/plan-for-school/calendar/>

Upcoming Dates for 2015-2016

April 13th – Day of Pink

April 15th - PA day – no school for students

April 19th - Jacqui Stachon Parent Presentation at night

May 3rd – Open House 5:30-7:00 BBQ (Harveys)

May 5th – FDK (SK) Grad Photos

May 6th – Terry Fox Run

May 13th – Volunteer Tea

May 19th - Talent Show

May 23rd – Holiday – no school

June 10th – PA Day – no school

June 24th – Play Day

June 27th – G5 Celebration (11:00 AM)

June 29th – Last day of Classes

June 30th – PA day

Please see Dundana's Web site <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dundana/> for additional dates throughout the school year.

Nutrition Policy Non-Compliance Days for 2015-2016

April 2nd, May 3rd, June 19th, 22nd, 24th, 25th

Spirit Days for 2015-2016

May 20th – Mismatch Day/Wacky Outfit Day

June 17th – Canadian Colours or Canadian Clothes Day

***PLEASE NOTE THAT MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEB SITE AND HARD COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE IF NEEDED. TO REDUCE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT NO HARD COPIES WILL BE SENT HOME. YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR EMAIL FROM THE SCHOOL'S WEB SITE IF YOU WISH TO BE INFORMED OF UPDATES.