



## Dundana Elementary School

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### May 2016 Newsletter

I would like to thank the entire school community who have supported a number of fund raising events for charities over the last month, it is truly amazing the generosity and the efforts of Dundana's students and staff. Our annual Terry Fox Run raised over \$1400.00, thank you Mme Price for your leadership. The student led bake sale to support the Bee population raised over \$510.00, thanks to all of the students (and the support of their parents) who baked goods. Student also ran a gum day for the families displaced by the forest fires in Fort McMurray and raised over \$400.00 which will be donated to the Red Cross. Finally, our annual Jump Rope for Heart raised over \$6100.00, again a special thanks to Mme Komar and Mrs. MacDonald. A special mention goes out to Zoe in Mme Harpers class who raised over \$1300.00. Thank you to all of our Volunteers to have or will take time from their busy schedule to assist with supervision during class trips. Please remember that June can be very hot and the school becomes very warm and therefore the time students are outside usually increases, please remember to put sunscreen on your child and send them with a hat.

#### 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.

#### Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Dundana School Council is hosting the annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday June 8th during the second nutrition break at 12:55 p.m. We will be especially celebrating the contributions and gifts of departing staff members: Mr. Sawatzky, who retired earlier this year; Mrs. Gallo, who will be retiring at the end of this school year; and Mr. Johnston who will be transitioning to a new school in the fall. To make this event possible, families are asked to donate food and/or their time to help supervise the students during the event. Go to the Dundana school website and link to the online sign-up form.

#### 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

3 Classes - FDK  
1 Class - G1/2

##### English

1 Class - G2/3  
2 Classes - G4/5

##### French Immersion

2 Classes - G1  
2 Classes - G2  
2 Classes - G3

##### French Immersion

1 Class - G4  
1 Class - G4/5  
1 Class - G5

#### Piano Instruction

We've had a wonderful response to the piano instruction program offered at Dundana this year! A small amount of space is available for beginner students from grades 2 to 5 who might want to participate in September 2016. This will be offered on a first come first served basis, with other interested students placed on a waiting list. Please call Mrs. Janssen at 905-627-8075 or email [miriamjanssen@gmail.com](mailto:miriamjanssen@gmail.com) for more information. This is not a board supervised program.

#### 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 – supervision will begin at 8:40 AM  
End of Instructional Day 3:15 PM – supervision ends at 3:30 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.

## **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:  
**-reminder that students will be outside, please remember to put sun screen on your child and to send a hat**

## **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 for the 2016-17 school year. 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). Thank you to our School Council who again supported the purchase of next years agendas.

## 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 Trustee Greg van Geffen will be attending the June 8th Dundana School Council meeting. He will be presenting a trustee update with a focus on the elementary Accommodation Review schedule, the multi-year capital strategy, and the ongoing elementary program strategy discussions – primarily French immersion and how all these subjects effect the Dundana and greater Dundas school communities. The meeting will be held in the Dundana school library from 630 pm until 800 pm. Of you require child minding, please let Pat Gallo know by Friday, June 3rd, so that free child minding arrangements can be made.

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

Spots on the CPF Hamilton executive committee are available for 2016-2017. Come join a fun group once a month! (Meetings are held in English.) Find out about volunteer opportunities and more at [cpfhamilton.ca](http://cpfhamilton.ca)

## 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.

June 8th and 15th

## Pizza Days for 2015-2016

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

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

**Spirit Days for 2015-2016**

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Mismatch Day/Wacky Outfit Day

June 17<sup>th</sup> – 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.