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March 2017 Newsletter

Principal's Message

I know Thanksgiving is in the fall, but as I began to put together this newsletter, I reflected on how many people have worked so hard to ensure our Dundana students have wonderful learning experiences. It is very rewarding to get to work in a school where we are surrounded by families, staff, volunteers, students and organizations who care enough to make this such an amazing school. Read on to find out some of the things I am thankful for here.

Dance-a-thon Success

It just wouldn't be Valentine's Day around Dundana without the Dance-a-thon! This year, Dundana students raised a record-setting **\$5171** while having a great time dancing with their friends. Thank you to all of the family members and friends who sponsored our students. These funds will provide additional arts programming for our students. Thank you as well to the fabulous School Council who took the time to organize and run the event, decorate, solicit donations and distribute prizes. Your efforts really made the event the exciting occasion it became!

We also are very thankful to the individuals and businesses who generously offered donations to allow students the chance to win prizes for their efforts. Thank you to:

Crock a doodle	Barely Bent Books	Maison Fritz
Beanermunky	Picone's	GiftEd Books
Baskin Robbins	Feathering Quilt shop	Barbara Hourigan
Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra	Royal Botanical Gardens	Wild WaterWorks
Art Gallery of Hamilton	Dundana Parents and Council members	

Twins and Movie Day

On March 10, class 45B and 23A have organized a Spirit Day and fundraiser to kick start our March break. Students can dress up like twins or triplets (or more!). "Twins" will be judged and prizes awarded to participants from each class. During 1st nutrition break, bags of Kernels popcorn will be sold for \$2 a bag. Students will be able to munch on this treat during our Movie madness in the middle block. Then, we'll end the day with a Staff vs student basketball team (featuring our own gr 4/5 Basketball team!). It promises to be a fun and action-packed day. All funds raised from the popcorn sale will go to support the Dundana friends team in the upcoming Walk for CF.

CF Walk

A Dundana Friends team has been created for this year's CF Walk on Sunday, May 28, 2017. The team was created in support of a Dundana student and family. If you are interested in joining the team or supporting the walk, please go to:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/LocationHome.aspx?eventid=204057&langpref=en->



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[CA&locationID=204060&Referrer=http%3a%2f%2fwww.cysticfibrosis.ca%2fwalk%2ffind-a-walk-location](http://www.cysticfibrosis.ca/walk-location) Click "Join a Team" and enter "Dundana Friends".

Thank You, HWDSB Foundation!

Dundana staff and students would like to acknowledge and thank the HWDSB Foundation for awarding our school with a \$1000 grant which will help support Makerspaces and open inquiry in the Learning Commons. This year, students have had the opportunity to build curriculum connections and improve their learning skills through designing, creating, building, inventing, and exploring in the Learning Commons, through the use of various materials and forms of technology. The funds generously provided by the HWDSB Foundation will go towards the purchase of other engaging materials that will be highly beneficial to the students and to the Makerspaces program. Thank you! If you would like to learn more about the HWDSB Foundation, please visit www.hwdsb.on.ca/foundation

Skating Day – Don't Forget Skates and Helmets!

March 6 is our second skating trip to Market St. Arena for grade 1 to 5 students. Please remember to bring your skates, helmet and good skating clothes.

Milk and Pizza Sales

Milk tickets will be available on Cash Online March 1 – March 8. Tickets will be distributed March 9. Tickets will not be on sale again until the end of April.

Pizza will be available on Cash Online March 8 – 21. This is for the period from March 24 to May 5.

Please note that once milk and pizza is closed on Cash Online on these dates it will NOT be reopened. **Late orders will not be accepted due to the added administration factors.** Thank you you're your understanding.

March Important Dates

March 1 – School Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
March 2, 10, 24, 31 – Pizza Days
March 3 – PA Day
March 6 – Skating Trip to Market St. Arena, Grade 1 to 5
March 7 – Grade 3s to Crawford Lake
March 8 – Grade 5s to Eco House
March 10 – Spirit Day – Twins and a Movie Day
March 13 – 17 – March Break



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March 21 – Kindergarten to Westfield Heritage Site

March 22 & 29 – Lunch Wizard

March 23 or 30 – Grade 3 trips to Dundas museum (see trip form for class-specific date)

March 31 – Celebration Assembly, 9:00, gym