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May 2017 Newsletter

Principal's Message

You'll see from the Important Dates section that we are definitely getting into a busy season at the school, which won't let up until we say goodbye on June 29th. It is very exciting to celebrate our time together with trips and special events but it is also thrilling to see the hard work the students produce to demonstrate the culmination of their learning.

Planning for 2017/2018

Although the current year has yet to end, we have already started planning for the 2017/2018 school year. School staff and board support staff work hard in the spring to plan for as seamless and successful a transition to the new school year as we can. Here is some information that may answer some of your questions about this process.

Registration: Registration for JK, SK, students new to the catchment area and grade 1 French Immersion students (in our FI catchment area) have been accepted for the last few months. We strongly encourage anyone who has not yet registered but intends to do so to come in soon. *Please note that the board has closed Dundana to ALL out of catchment requests.* Registrations that happen in late spring or late summer will still be accepted, however these additions affect class sizes and often create situations where re-organization is required at the end of September.

Class Building: Another important component of planning for next year is class building. While staff are well informed about student strengths and needs, we know that parents have additional information about their children that may benefit our decision making. If there is particular information that you would like us to consider in placing your child, please advise me through email. ***Please note***



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that if you are forwarding information about your child that it is strictly about his/her learning needs. Please do not request specific teachers as these requests will not be considered. We will work hard to create the best learning environment we can for every student.

If you do have specific considerations for your child, please send them to kkeerybi@hwdsb.on.ca by June 1, 2017. These will be brought to our class building discussions.

Combined Grade Classes: Please note that we will continue to have many classes with combined grades next year. This is a reality of caps to class sizes, but it is also encouraged as a positive practice from both the Ministry of Education and our school board. With newer approaches to learning that incorporate inquiry, student-directed learning, differentiated education and student-specific goal setting and feedback, our teachers are well versed in providing the best learning opportunities for their students, even in combined grades.

Re-Organization: If our classes grow too large or too small in September, re-organization of classes may have to occur at the beginning of October. This process happens every year and is dictated to us from the board in order to meet Ministry standards regarding class size. If re-organization is required, students affected will be moved to new classes in early October. Please be aware of the possibility that your child may have to move to a new class in October.

Food Drive Success!!!

Thank you to all of our families who donated to our Food Drive. We collected a significant amount of food to provide to Neighbour to Neighbour for their programs! A generous and anonymous donor in our community was encouraged by the school's giving spirit and decided to donate a reward to all of our students for their efforts. So, on Friday, May 5, students will be given a frozen yogurt treat



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to thank them for supporting the food drive. *If you have any concern with your child receiving frozen yogurt, please alert your child's teacher.*

Movie Night Fun

A huge thank you to our hard-working School council for the fun Family Movie Night on April 7. The gym was packed with movie watching, popcorn-crunching, friend-visiting Dundana families. What a great family event!

Important Dates to Remember

May 2	Dufflebag Theatre Presents Snow White, K-5
May 3	Gr 2 F.I. trip to Dundas Museum
May 3	School Council Meeting, 6:30, library
May 4	School Council Drum Fit Night, 6:30 – 8:30 *sign up required*
May 4	Kindergarten Grad Photos day
May 4	Mme Godley's class to Dundas museum, a.m.
May 5,12,19,26	Pizza days
May 12	Dundana School Talent Show, 11:15 a.m.
May 18	Gr 5s (English) to Dundas Museum, a.m.
May 18	New to Kindergarten Orientation, 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
May 18	Open House (BBQ, Book Fair & class visits), 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
May 22	Victoria Day – no school
May 23-June 2	EQAO for grade 3 students
May 24, 31	Lunch Wizard
May 25	Jump Rope for Heart
May 25	Mme Eastwood's class to Dundas museum, a.m.
May 26	Volunteer Tea, 1 p.m.
May 30	Gr1/2 (English) trip to Dundas Museum