



Dundana Elementary School

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November News

Exciting Times Ahead!

With two months of school already completed, it is exciting to see the student learning that is going on in the classrooms, in the gym, in the library and on the playground. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher during interviews this week and get to know more about his/her specific successes, learning and next steps.

There have been some exciting changes in the last month. We have had some new staff join the Dundana team: Mme de Graaf is our new F12 teacher, Mrs. Schwendiman is our new 45B teacher, Miss Blain is our new 45A teacher, Miss Smith is a DECE in JSB, and Mme Juteau is our newest addition as the permanent teacher now in F1A. We are happy to have all of their expertise supporting our students this year.

November brings some new adventures as well. We are pleased to welcome JungleSport to our gym November 7 to 10 to expose our students to new climbing challenges. If you would like a chance to try out the climbing options yourself, we have limited space on Wednesday November 9 for families and their Dundana students to come out as well. This offer is a first come, first served sign up, so don't miss out! Forms get returned to the school and payments are made using Cash Online by Friday, November 4. To see what Junglesport is all about, go to: <http://www.junglesport.ca/>



Outgrown Winter Wear? Pass it On

If you have any gently used winter coats, snow pants, boots, gloves or mittens that your children have outgrown, we would love for you to drop them off at Dundana School during the month of November. All donations will be given to Lake Avenue School in the east Hamilton/Stoney Creek area. Donations can be brought to the office. Thank you.

Dundana Spirit Wear

It has been several years since Dundana Spirit wear has been offered, so we decided it was time to bring it back! If you would like to see sample sizes before ordering, please see Mme Komar or Miss MacDonald in the PE office. If you are at the school this week for interviews or next Wednesday evening for Junglesport, please stop by and find your size.

Sweet Treats for Unicef

Thanks to Mme Godley's industrious Grade 5 students, the Hallowe'en Spooky Bake Sale raised over \$300. The students in Mme Godley's class researched appropriate organizations to donate funds raised to and determined that Unicef was an organization that best met their expectations. The students impressively organized donations, arranged the details of the sale, kept us entertained and informed with regular announcements and baked sweet treats to share with everyone. Thank you to all of the family members who supported the students in their fundraising efforts!

Emergency Response Drills

As part of HWDSB's Secure Schools protocol, schools are required to hold a number of emergency drills each year to ensure staff and students are aware of the procedures we follow in an emergency. In September and October, we successfully conducted our three fire drills, as required. Other drills we will participate in are: Hold and Secure, Shelter in Place, Lock Down and Bomb Threat. In November, we will conduct a Hold and Secure and Bomb Threat Drill. A



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notification will be put on the school website in advance of the actual drills. For information about the board's policies around these drills, please go to: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Secure-Schools-Protocol.pdf>



Remembrance Day

We will be working on an altered schedule on November 11 so that we can hold our Remembrance Day assembly over the traditional 11 a.m. time period. On this day, the school schedule will be as follows: Period 1: 8:55-9:45, Nutrition Break 1: 9:45-10:25, Period 2: 10:25-11:15, Period 3: 11:15-12:05, Period 4: 12:05-12:55, Nutrition Break 2: 12:55-1:35, Period 5: 1:35-2:25, Period 6: 2:25-3:15. Our assembly will begin promptly at 10:50.

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In an effort to reduce the number of paper notifications that are sent home, we are trying to rely more heavily on notifying parents of upcoming events and school news using our school website. To ensure you don't miss a single update, please consider subscribing and you'll receive a notification each day new items are posted. To subscribe, go to the school site at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dundana/> and click on the blue "subscribe" tab. You can choose to either receive notifications from Dundana only, or from Dundana and the HWDSB sites.

Upcoming November Events

November 2	School Council Meeting, library, 6:30. All are welcome!
November 2	Favourite/Wacky Hat Day
November 3	Photo Retake Day
November 3 & 4	Parent Teacher Interviews
November 4	PA Day (no school for students)
November 7 to 10	Junglesport Adventures, K-5
November 9	Family time at Junglesport Adventures, 5:30 and 6:30
November 11	Remembrance Day Assembly, begins at 10:50 a.m.
November 16 & 23	Lunch Wizard
November 3, 11, 18, 25	Pizza Days
November 23	Deadline for Spirit Wear ordering
November 24-30	Milk orders available (online) for December
November 25	Celebration Assembly, 9:10 a.m.