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September 2015 Newsletter

Welcome to a new year at Dundana. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are ready for the 2015-2016 school year.

It has been a busy summer for many of our staff members. First, I would like to say a special thanks to our caretaking staff for their hard work over the summer getting the school looking wonderful for September. Secondly, I would like to thank Mrs. Gallo who as always kept the school and myself organized and ready to go for the first day of school.

On Tuesday, September 29, 2014 we will be having our Meet the Staff from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. During this time there will be a volunteer orientations session in the Library at 6:15 PM for anyone wishing to volunteer at Dundana.

At this time I would like to welcome back and introduce you to Dundana's new staff members. Welcome back to Mme Harper and Mme Godley who are both returning from leaves and welcome to Mme Jobe who is taking over Mme Boudreau's grade one French Immersion class for this school year.

I'm looking forward to seeing all the smiling faces return to Dundana after the summer holidays. Welcome back to our entire Dundana Community.

***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 UPDATES FROM THE SCHOOL'S WEB SITE IF YOU WISH.

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 students 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.

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. This is becoming a safety issue for our students. All students should be picked up and dropped off on the playground where students are supervised with 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.

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. Included in the start of the agenda are a number of important pieces of information. Please take a few minutes to review these pages with your child(ren).

School Council News

First School Council meeting will be on Monday, September 28th at 6:30 in the library, this will include elections for the 2015-2016 school year.

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>

Transportation—2015-2016

Those who are not eligible for transportation may apply for **courtesy transportation**. However, courtesy transportation **will not be granted until October 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year**. Where possible the principal may approve this prior to this date.

Bell Times 2014-2015

Dundana's bell times will remain the same for the 2014-2015 school year

Start time: 8:55 AM

End time: 3:15 PM

**please note that supervision on the playground begins at 8:40 am until the entry bell and ends at 3:30 pm after dismissal.

Violin & Cello Lessons

Registration forms for the Strings program are available in your school office or on HWDSB website.

The strings program is only available in selected schools for students enrolled in grades 4 to 8. The lessons take place at school and instruments will be provided for the time students are enrolled in the program. Please check the registration form and the website for more information. Information and registration forms are available at the school office.

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/youth-programs/strings/>

Piano Instruction

Have you always wanted to learn how to play the piano? This year, semi-private piano instruction from an experienced, qualified teacher is available to students in grades two and three through the Itinerant Piano Program. The program is designed to introduce the basics of piano to students in groups of two with one half hour lesson weekly during school hours. If this is something you would like to consider, please call Mrs. Janssen before September 14 at 905-627-8075 for more information. This is not a Board Supervised Programme and will not be supervised by board employees.



Dundas Public Library “Homework Help Club”

The public library offers free homework help Tuesdays at 4:00 and Sundays at 1:30 starting Oct 13th.

Children are matched with volunteers who assist with their homework needs. Students can bring their homework or practice their reading skills with a volunteer. Literacy and numeracy related activities and games for fun learning are also available.

Drop-in participation are welcome. Homework Help Club is open to children who are in Grade 1 to 6. For more information please contact the Public Library.

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

HWDSB 2014-2015 School Calendar

The 2014-2015 school year calendar is available at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/calendar/>

Lunch Wizards

Once again Dundana students will have an opportunity to order Lunch Wizards. Order forms will be sent home in the coming week. Please note we cannot accept late orders.

Pizza Days for 2015-2016

Sept 25
Oct 9, 23
Nov 6, 20
Dec 4, 18
Jan 8, 22

Feb 5, 19
Mar 4, 24
Apr 8, 22
May 13, 27
June 9, 24

Upcoming Dates for 2015-2016

Sept. 2 – PA Day – no classes	Jan. 4th – Classes Resume
Sept. 8 – First day of Classes	Jan. 29 – PA day
Sept 28 – School Council Meeting – Elections (6:30)	Feb. 15th – Family Day – no school
Sept. 29th – Meet the Staff (5:30-7:00)	Feb. 26th – PA day
(Volunteer Orientation in Library at 6:15 for anyone wishing to Volunteer at Dundana)	March 14-18th – March Break
Sept. 30 th Terry Fox Run	March 25 th & 28 th – Holiday – no school
Oct. 8th – School Photos	May 5th – FDK (SK) Grad Photos
Oct. 12th – Holiday – no school	May 13th – Volunteer Tea
Nov. 10th – Photo Retake day	May 23rd – Holiday – no school
Nov. 27th – PA Day – no classes	June 10th – PA Day – no school
Dec 15th – Holiday Lunch	June 24th – Play Day
Dec 17th – Holiday Concert	June 27th – G5 Celebration
Dec. 21st – Jan. 1 – Holiday Break	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 2014-2015

Oct. 31st, Dec. 19th, Feb. 12th, April 2nd, June 19th, 22nd, 24th, 25th

Spirit Days for 2015-2016

September 30th.

September Spirit day will be School Colours– Yellow and Blue or Dundana's Spirit Wear