



Dundana Elementary School

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May 2018 Dundana Newsletter

Principal's Message

The arrival of spring brings with it fresh blooms, green grass and a flurry of activity in our school! Our wonderful staff have planned a wide array of curricular and extra-curricular activities to help our students demonstrate their year of learning and celebrate their successes. Please take a look at the calendar below to keep up with all of the important school dates for the month of May. Individual classes, clubs and teachers may also communicate with you of other upcoming dates for specific groups. As well, there is a considerable amount of information below regarding the processes we will go through in the next few months to plan for next year.

Information Regarding the 2018/2019 School Year

School Information

Dundana will continue to operate in the 2018/2019 school year with bell times of 8:55 and 3:15, with two nutrition breaks at 10:35-11:15 and 12:55-1:35 daily. One change to our schedule will see our students going outside each nutrition break before coming in to eat. If you are eligible for bussing, you will receive notification in August from the Transportation department. **Those not eligible are welcome to submit courtesy rider requests, however, these are not guaranteed and will not begin until later in the fall.** Courtesy rider requests will be available in the school office in June and in September if you wish to fill one out. Decisions about accepting courtesy riders will depend on space and rider needs.

Registration

We are still accepting registrations for JK and SK students in our English catchment area. We are also able to accept Grade 1 to 5 students to our English catchment program if they live in this catchment area, and grade 2 to 5 French Immersion (FI) students transferring directly from another FI school program and are within our French catchment area. Students wishing to be registered in Grade 1 FI will need to register centrally at www.hwdsb.on.ca/fi For specific questions about the FI registration process, families are encouraged to contact fi@hwdsb.on.ca Please note that we are unable to accept any registrations that are from outside of our catchment area. If you are unsure about which school you are in catchment for, please go to www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/ and submit your address, or contact the school and we can run that information for you.

Class Planning

We have begun our planning already for the next school year to ensure successful transitions for all of our students. Later this spring, we will be building our classes for the year ahead. The staff collectively make these decisions as they have a wealth of knowledge about individual student strengths and needs, as well as student combinations that best enhance learning for all. We know that parents and guardians may also have additional information about your child that could contribute to our decision making. If there is particular information that you would like us to consider in placing your child (e.g. a student's particular strengths or needs, pairings of students that either are beneficial or detrimental to your child's learning), please advise me via email at kkeerybi@hwdsb.on.ca Please note that requests for specific teachers cannot be accepted and will not be considered. Submissions are requested on or



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before May 31st to be considered, but cannot be guaranteed. We will endeavour to create the best learning environment we can for every student.

Combined Grade Classes

Please note that, like other schools around the province, 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 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.

Planning for Re-Organization

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

HWDSB Launches Parent Voice Survey to Gather Input for Improvement

The Hamilton Wentworth District School Board invites parents, guardians and caregivers to participate in a Parent Voice Survey to share what you think HWDSB is doing well and how might HWDSB improve its education services. Parents, guardians and caregivers play an important role in HWDSB and we value your opinion. Your feedback helps us make decisions about how we deliver school services for students. HWDSB has made a commitment to partner with its parent/guardian and caregiver communities, and to work together to help students learn and grow to their full potential. This survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers. All data collected in this survey is anonymous and combined as a group. You can find the survey online at

<http://bit.ly/HWDSBParentVoice>

If you would like to learn more about how we use the data and maintain your privacy, please go to:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/privacy-and-access/>

Thank you for taking the time for this survey and helping HWDSB with your feedback.

Dundana Food Drive Success

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Food Drive in April. We were thrilled to be able to collect over 1300 much-needed items for the Dundas Salvation Army food bank. Great job giving back to your community, Dundana!

Calendar of Events

May 3	Kindergarten Photo Day
May 4	Price, Leroeye and Clarke classes to RBG
May 4, 11, 18, 25	Pizza Days
May 7, 14, 22, 28	Lunch Lady Days
May 7, 14	Gr 3 Swim days



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May 8	Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly, 9:10
May 11	NED show performance, 9:30
May 15	Talent Show, 11:15
May 16	Choirfest, p.m. Sir William Osler
May 18	Spirit Day – Hat day
May 18	Grade 3 classes to Crawford Lake
May 21	Victoria Day – no school
May 22-June 1	EQAO, grade 3 students
May 24	Jump Rope for Heart, 1:35-3:00
May 24	New to Kindergarten Orientation, 4:30 – 5:15
May 24	Open House, 5:30-7:00
May 24	New to French Immersion Grade 1 Orientation, 7:00 – 7:30
May 24	Scholastic Book Fair, all day
May 29	Hawley, Ruiu and Clarke’s gr 2s - Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts
May 30	de Graaf, Strong, Sheldrick – Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts