



## Dundas Central School News

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## From the Principal's Desk

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**Happy May!** Hopefully the warm weather will be here soon. May is already shaping up to be a very busy month. Please check the calendar to keep all the dates organized.

Thank you to all of the parents for the wonderful Staff Appreciation luncheon. It was absolutely delicious and enjoyed by everyone. We are so very lucky to be working in such a wonderful school with great kids and families.

### Celebrations:

1. Please join us on Wednesday May 4, 2016 or Thursday May 5, 2016 to see the Dundas Central production of Hansel and Gretel, at 7:00pm. Tickets will be for sale at the door for \$4.00. Thank you so much to Mrs. Ashcroft-Shupe, Mr. Bell, Mr. Swackhammer, Mrs. Joudrie and Mrs. Shupe-Bowen for all of their time and effort, energy and enthusiasm in developing and working with the students of Dundas Central. It is sure to be a fantastic production, please mark your calendars.
2. On Thursday April 14th, our school hosted a breakfast to thank the extraordinary volunteers who assist our school. It was well attended by parents and staff who were available. Many thanks must be extended to the staff committee who organized the event. Our staff is extremely happy and appreciative for all the support and assistance the school community provides. We are very fortunate to work with such a supportive environment where parents work as a team with us to provide the best for our students. Thank you to the Dundas Central School community!

### Information:

1. **School Organization for September**  
Our school organization has been approved by senior administration. At this time, we will be staffed for the organization and classes outlined below.  
Our **TENTATIVE** organization is as follows:

#### 2 FDK classes

#### Primary Classes:

Grade 1, Grade 1/2, Grade 2/3, Grade 3

#### Junior Classes:

Grade 3/4, Grade 4/5, Grade 5, 3 Grade 6 classes

#### Intermediate Classes:

2 Grade 7 classes, Grade 7/8, 2 Grade 8 classes

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2. Tentative staffing assignments for next year will be outlined at the end of August. We may have to address retirements, promotions, leaves, moves, placement committee assignments and positions determined by system staffing situations. Over the summer, additional circumstances could come into play where positions could change. We will keep you informed. **At this time, we will not be accepting any individual teacher requests for next year.** However, if you have a sound educational reason for requesting a specific class placement we will be accepting these requests in writing to the office **only until May 9, 2016**. All requests will be considered but are not guaranteed.
3. The end of the school year is only a few weeks away. Rest assured, any unused funds in your School Cash Online MyWallet account will continue to be available to make purchases at the start of the school year in September. For parents and guardians who have already registered on School Cash Online, you will not need to re enter your child's PIN codes after the initial set up, even if your child is moving on to another HWDSB school. Not receiving emails about items available to purchase? Upon your next login to School Cash Online, check the "My Account" tab and that you have consented under "Manage Email Notifications" to receive payment notices and reminders. Need Help? Call the Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803
4. This year the EQAO testing for grades 3 and 6 will take place during the weeks of May 25 through June 8, 2016. If you have students in these grades we ask that they be present and on time during the testing period. Students participating in the testing will be bringing home individual notices closer to the end of May.
5. This is a friendly reminder that Dundas Central is a nut free school. Please refrain from sending nuts and nut products to school as we have many people who have very serious allergies. Similarly, we ask that students not use their Axe body spray in the hallways as this can cause breathing difficulties for people who have fragrance allergies and sensitivities.



## Home and School News

### Reminder!!! An Evening Out at The Shed



Dundas Central Home and School along with Scotiabank are hosting a FUNdraiser to put new Ipad's in your children's classroom. **Scotiabank is generously matching up to \$5000.00 towards our cause.** This event features tapas from Jonny Blonde kitchen, tastings of Shed's beers-brewed on site, a silent auction, live music and prizes!

**This is a community event, so feel free to bring friends!**

**Purchase tickets directly from the SHED Brewery (Hatt Street in Dundas)**



## Playground Community Build Phase 2

We had a great April 25/26 weekend. We aerated and over seeded the grounds, cleaned mulch out of the interpretive wetland and planted 24 native trees! We now have several watering teams to make things green.

Sincere thanks to Heather Bancroft, Adam & Jill Bienenstock, Adam Watson, Phil Hendricks, Darlene James, the Hunters, Gillards, Gills, Coombes, Hutchison/Shipcotts, the Brophy/ Walmsleys, Joe Pachioli, the Suichies family and everyone who pitched in to make it happen. Special thanks to Windmill Power Equipment who continue to support our school.

**We are now planning for the Community Build Weekend which will be held on May 23/24 (the weekend after Victoria Day). Please save the dates and come help us to beautify our school.**

Some plans include:

- additional shrubs and plants to complete woodland, biodiversity, and wetland gardens
- extra seating and tables for the outdoor classroom/ amphitheatre and SE corner
- message boards at the three entrances
- art and music installations
- raised bed gardens (after the formal portable site is remediated)



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