



Dundas Central School News

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From the Principal's Desk
"Good things happening at Central."

HAPPY OCTOBER!!

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Happy Fall! What a busy and exciting first month of school we have had this September. I hope that everyone has settled in and is ready for a great year.

Congratulations to our 3 Pitch teams. Thank you to Mr. Verschoor and Mr. Gardner for coaching this year.

Thank you to Mrs. Venus for organizing our Terry Fox run this year. Unfortunately since it was raining, we rescheduled for next Thursday, October 6th. We will gladly accept donations all next week.

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For Your Information

Reorganization

Our numbers have changed slightly since we left in June, however, we also had a few families move out of the Dundas Central catchment area. Therefore, we will not be reorganizing this fall. We currently have 410 students enrolled at Dundas Central.

Absences/Lates:

Please remember to call the office if your child will be late or absent. When leaving a message please leave your child's name, teacher and the reason for the absence/late. If you forget to call a synervoice message will be made to the phone numbers we have on file. Please confirm you have received this message and call the school with the reason so we can update our computer records.

Safety sign-in:

The safety of our children is our number one concern. When visiting the school, please use the Main entrance (off the playground). **Once you have been buzzed into the school please report immediately to the office to sign in and borrow one of our visitor nametags.** Please remember to sign out when you are leaving.

If you are picking up your child for an appointment please report to the office and we can call your child down if they are not already waiting. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please call the school or use the agenda to book an appointment.

Peanuts/Treenuts + Axe Spray:

Dundas Central is a peanut and treenut safe school. We respectfully ask for the co-operation of parents and guardians within the school community to avoid sending nuts of any kind to school. We have a number of people in the building who have potentially life threatening allergies. Similarly, we ask that students not use their Axe body spray in the hallways or change rooms as this can cause breathing difficulties for people who have fragrance allergies and sensitivities.

Lice:

From time to time, we have reported cases of pediculosis or head lice in the school. We have already had a few cases this year. We respectfully ask that if you discover your child has contracted a case of head lice, that you contact the school so that we may notify the other families in the class. If your child has signs of eggs, nits or live lice your child will bring home a letter to notify you. We ask that you treat your child, complete the form and return it to the school. Thank you to the small but mighty team of volunteers who have taken this job on. If you have time, and would like to volunteer, please let me know. I will connect you to the Lice Squad. For more information <http://old.hamilton.ca/phcs/Teachers/Docs/FactsOfLice.pdf>

Home and School

October News from Dundas Central Home and School Association

Wow! That went fast! It is hard to believe that September is already a memory and October is here.

There is so much to look forward to in the month of October.

The next Home and School meeting will be on Tuesday October 11, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Staff Room. The doors will open at 6:30pm. We will broach several topics, such as the year ahead and what is to come. We will discuss fundraising and home and school community building priorities and activities.

It is also time for the annual executive elections. Please come out, listen and learn about Home and School and provide your input.

If you would like to be updated on what is happening in our school and receive notices and reminders about upcoming meetings and events, please sign up to be on the Home and School email list. Send an email to dcps.hsa@gmail.com to subscribe.

We also have a Facebook page and if you like the page and set your notifications to the highest priority you will see all of the posts made to the page. Our website is currently under construction.

Important Dates

October 5, 2016 - IWalk - IWheel to School Day
October 6, 2016 - Come and see us at Meet the Teacher Night
October 11, 2016 - Home and School Meeting 7:00 pm start, doors open at 6:30 pm
October 13, 2016 - Fresh from the Farm fundraiser orders due
October 18, 2016 - Santa's Helper fundraiser orders due
October 24, 2016 - Pita Pit Monday

HELP WANTED!

Movie Nights were a fun and popular event last year, but we have not yet set a date for our first one this year. If you would like to help with Movie Nights, please email dcps.hsa@gmail.com as soon as possible and we can get started as soon as possible.

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