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Dundas Central School News



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Education is "Central"

Holly Shanlin, Principal



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

Welcome Back Dundas Central

I hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing summer - it already feels like summer was a long time ago!

We have had a busy first couple of weeks of school.

Thank you to Mrs. Powell, Mr. DeJong, Ms. Cole and Mr. Delaney for their hard work over the summer to get Dundas Central ready for another great year.

I'd like to welcome our new grade 3/4 teacher, Mrs. Harper to Dundas Central and I'd like to welcome back, Ms. Smith in our FDK class for this year.

Please make sure you call the school (the answering machine is on 24/7) to report your child's lates and absences. If we are unaware of why your child is late or absent, it is entered as unexplained in the system. Computer generated calls are made for all unexplained absences. If you do get a call you will need to listen to the message and confirm you have received it.

Fostering independence and building daily routines are a necessary important practice at school. We respectfully ask that you allow your children to practice carrying their belongings and enter the school on their own. Please remember if you are in the building you must check in at the office. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please book an appointment via the agenda or school office.

Thank you so much to Adam and Jill Bienenstock and to all the parents for all of the hard work and watering that was put into the playground this summer. The staff and I truly appreciate all your hard work, it looks fantastic.

If you have any changes to phone numbers, emergency contacts or medical information please send a note to the office.

For Your Information

1. As always at this time of year, we send our enrollment numbers to the Board. Our numbers are fairly stable at this time, however re-organization is always a possibility. We will keep you informed over the next few weeks of any changes that may affect our classes at Dundas Central.
2. Please ensure that your child arrives on time for school each day. Important skills are learned and practiced daily as students arrive, and independently organize and start their day. If your child is going to be late, we ask that you call the school to report their late or absence and the reason for it.
3. Please note that playground supervision starts at 8:25 and after school supervision ends at 3:15. Therefore children can be dropped off at 8:25 and must be picked up by 3:15 each day.



School Cash Online

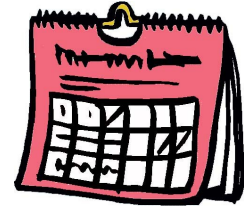
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To participate in using this service, your child must obtain a one-time PIN code from the school for our secure registration process. If you require a PIN code, please contact the school office. Newly registered JK/SK students will receive their PIN codes a few weeks into the school year.



Dates to remember

- **September 20, 2016 Home and School /School Council meeting at 7:00 pm**
- **September 20- 21st, 2016 SLO-Pitch Tournament**
- **September 23rd, 2016 - PA DAY - NO School for students**
- **September 29th, 2016 - Terry Fox Run**
- **October 3 -4, 2016 Hep B Vaccinations Grade 7 Boys and Girls and HPV Grade 8 Girls**
- **October 6th, 2016 - Photo Day and Meet the Teacher at 5:30pm**

Nutrition Breaks

This year we will again offer two nutritional breaks. The first is **10:18 a.m.** to **10:58 a.m.**, and the second break will run from **12:44 p.m.** until **1:24 p.m.** At each break, students will go outside for 20 minutes and eat their lunch in their classrooms for the other 20 minutes. Half of the school eats while the other group is outside and then exchange half way through the break. Gr. 1- 4 will eat the first 20 minutes then move outside. Students in Gr. 5-8 will go outside first then eat. However, at 2nd Nutrition Break the children switch and Gr 1-4 will go outside first and then come into eat and Grade 5-8 will eat first and then move outside. Intramurals, school teams and activities will also run during these breaks.

Students in Gr. 6-8 may wish to go home for lunch during this time. As you can imagine, it is extremely difficult to supervise students that leave the property so we are asking for your assistance.

We request that **all students remain on school property during the first break.** Please complete the Nutrition Break Plan in the information package and forward this form to your child's teacher. On that form, you are indicating whether your child will remain at school or go home / leave the school during the second break. **You must notify the school in writing for any exception to this routine.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Also, just a reminder that Dundas Central is a **Peanut and Tree Nut Free school.** Please ensure that your child brings only peanut and tree nut free food items to school.

Parents, we are asking for your support to remind your children about appropriate behaviour while out in the neighbourhood, as well as safe and appropriate use of scooters, bikes and skateboards while off Dundas Central property for lunch.

