

Dundas Central School News

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From the Principal's Desk

Principal's Message

Happy November!

It is unbelievable how quickly the months are flying by. As we move into the chillier months and the days are getting colder, I would like to remind everyone that we go outside every day; please dress accordingly.



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On November 2, 2016 Progress reports for students in Grades 1-8 will be sent home. The progress report is a brief overview of your child's progress to date in academic subjects and an indication of progress in the Learning Skills area. Teachers will be available on Thursday November 3, 2016 in the evening and on Friday November 4, 2016 in the morning for interviews. Please contact your teachers directly to organize interviews.

Information Items:

- The safety of your 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 your child up for an appointment please report to the office and we can call your child down for you if they are not already waiting.
- 2. Our students are outside throughout the day for Phys-ed and DPA. Often they warm up by running around the perimeter of the school. We ask that if you are driving around the school, especially near the parking lots, you pay special attention to our students who are often running in the area.
- 3. 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

We had our annual elections at our October meeting. Congratulations and welcome to your new Executive for the coming year.

Kim Preston - President

Andy Johnson - Vice-President

Stacey Lewis - Co-Treasurer

Bethany Foster - Secretary

Past President - Liz Hunter

School Council - Bethany Foster (interim until January - Michelle Chin)

Thank you very much to last years executives and all of the supportive members, whose efforts contributed to a very successful year. We are still looking for someone to take on the Co-Treasurer role with Stacey. This can easily be a behind the scenes role if you are not able to make the monthly meetings. Please contact me or Stacey if you would like to know more.

Our next Home and School is on Tuesday November 15th, 2016 in the staff room. Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm. We will use part of our meeting time to set up the Winter Clothes Closet. This annual winter clothes swap is a wonderful way to get rid of your children's outgrown clothing and ensure all of our students are appropriately dressed to enjoy the outdoors this winter. Start gathering your donations now and please come out to the meeting to help us set up.

Thank you all for your support of the Fresh from the Farm and the Santa's Helper/Food for Thought fundraisers. We will let you know the delivery dates as soon as they are confirmed.



Home and School Cont'd

It is hard to believe, but we are already looking ahead to decorating for the holidays! Wreath and Poinsettia order forms were sent home last week and are due back on November 8, 2016. The quality last year was outstanding, so make sure you get your order in on time!

Important Dates:

Tuesday November 8, 2016 - Wreath/Poinsettia order forms due

Tuesday November 15, 2016 - Home and School Meeting - Clothes Closet Set up

Thursday November 17, 2016 Free Winter Clothes Closet Open 3pm-5pm



Monday November 21, 2016 - Pita Day



Help Wanted

If you are able to donate a few hours during school hours, we desperately need help with lice checks. This parent led program helps contain the spread of lice in our school. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are able to help.

We are still hoping to resume our hugely popular Movie Nights. If you are willing to assist with one of these fun events, please let me know.

Coming Next Month

Update on our Active Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) certification and new Bike Rack, Home and School Class Representative and Holiday Baskets.

Don't forget, if you would like to stay in touch with 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 be added to our email list. We also have a Facebook page and a website (under construction, and will be up and running again this month).

Warm regards,

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