



# SEPTEMBER 2017

## From the Principal's Desk...

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### Welcome Back to Dundas Central

I hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing summer, although it was cooler and rainier than usual I truly hope that everyone is rested and ready for a great year!

Thank you to our caretaking staff for their hard work over the summer to get Dundas Central ready for another great year.

We have a number of new staff members to welcome to Dundas Central this year!

- \*Mrs. Rhonda Ellison in FDK
- \*Mrs. Amanda Guyatt-Dunne in FDK
- \*Mr. John Parente - Prep Coverage
- \*Ms Nikolina Tisma - Gr 2/3 LTO for Mrs. Bloom
- \*Mrs. Linda Fleming - Reading Specialist
- \*Mr. Tim Powell - EA

A BIG welcome back to Mrs. Venus and Ms Maret.

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 entire message and confirm you have received it.

Fostering independence and building daily routines are a necessary and important practice at school. We respectfully ask that you allow you 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.**

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

Over the summer, the school playground received much care and several significant improvements! The lawn was seeded, aerated and watered throughout the summer. You will also notice in the wetland area that there are three willow trees added, as well as boulders, new logs and flagstone. Gravel was also added along the paths. We would like to thank the members of our school community who volunteered this summer.

### **Watering Volunteers:**

Jill Bienenstock, Sue & John Flatt, Kate Preston & Peter Heyblom, Laurel & Mike Wypkema, Aaron Vanderwal, Sara Miller, Sarah Brophy & Peter Walmsley, Adam Watson, Elizabeth Hutchinson, and Heather Bancroft

### **Playground Work:**

Adam & Jill Bienenstock, Adam and Susannah Watson, Ella McIntosh and Heather Bancroft, Ryand and Emily Gillard, Geovanna Longo, and Jack and Rob Bell.

We would like to express a very special thank you to Adam and Jill Bienenstock for their generous and ongoing donation of materials, organization and expertise.

THANK YOU



FOR BEING AWESOME!

~ 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.

~ Please ensure that your child arrives on time for school each day. Important skills are learned and practiced daily as the 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.

~ 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 (entry is 8:40) and must be picked up before 3:15 each day.

## School Cash Online

*Pay for Student Items Online*

### Benefits:

- ✓ *Convenient: Make payments Anytime...Online!*
- ✓ *Easy to Use: Fill a shopping cart and check out.*
- ✓ *Safe: No more need to send Cash to school.*
- ✓ *Save Time: It takes Less than 5 minutes to register.*

**You no longer need a PIN to register your child for school cash online.**

**We are hoping that the few parents that have not yet joined School Cash Online will do so to make paying for trips and events run much more efficiently.**

**We will be sending home a flyer to all new JK students and all students new to our Board so parents can sign their children up.**

**Payments can be made by e-cheque, myWallet, Visa or Mastercard (including prepaid ones)**

**Please help us by signing your child up ASAP. This is the preferred method of payment.**

### **Dates to remember**

September 19, 2017 - Home and School/School Council meeting @ 7pm

September 22, 2017 - PA DAY - No School for students

October 3, 2017 - Photo Day

October 5, 2017 - Meet the Teacher 5:30-7:00pm

November 27 & 28 Grade 7 boys & Girls immunizations

## **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, or out for lunch during the second nutrition break. 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.**

