



## Dundas Central School News

### Education is "Central"

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

Wow!! I can't believe that it is December already. The last 3 months have flown by and traditionally December flies by even faster. Please make sure you check your school calendar and your child's agenda for December as activities for students and families continue to be added.

I would like to take this time to thank staff, students and families of Dundas Central for their commitment to teaching, learning and building a wonderful school community.

My wish for each and every one of you is a joyous, safe and relaxing holiday spent with family and friends.

Cheers,  
Mrs. Shanlin



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- ♦ Thank you to Ms. Renaud and her Grade 7 class for promoting Movember and Men's Health. Students held a bake sale and a "mustache" sale raising **\$322.70** for the cause. **Thank you to all who participated!!**
- ♦ 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. Please keep this in mind when holiday treats are brought in. We also ask that students not use scents and fragrances in the hallways, as this can cause breathing difficulties for those who have fragrance allergies and sensitivities.
- ♦ As we enter the winter months, we will continue to play outdoors at different times throughout the day. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Boots, mitts or gloves, hats and winter outerwear are necessary for students to be able to enjoy their time outdoors. It is also a good idea to send extra socks and mittens in an event that they are needed. As always, Principals can use their professional judgement to determine whether students remain inside for the Nutrition Breaks.

♦ **As per the HWDSB Website:**

The decision to cancel School and Board Administrative Operations is often a difficult call to make. Please be assured that the decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of our students and staff in mind. In the event of inclement weather, our Transportation Department advises our carriers to drive predetermined routes to assess the condition of the roads. This is done between 4:00 am and 5:00 am.

The drivers report back to the carriers and HWDSB begins to receive reports between 5:30 am and 6:00 am. In the meantime, our Transportation Department is verifying the weather forecast through our local media outlets as well as contacting the City of Hamilton Works Department to determine where possible, what roads have been cleared or when they are expected to be serviced. The decision to close our schools is made in conjunction with our colleagues at the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board based on relevant information at the time. Please remember, as a parent/guardian you always have the choice whether or not to send your child to school.

**Hotline # 905 521-2535**

**HWDSB will NOT post a weather alert on its website to signal that schools are open.**



Please join us for an afternoon of holiday celebration, students in the band and our primary classes will be performing on Thursday December 21st @ 1:30 p.m.

**Friday December 22nd will be our Spirit Day!!**

Please bring a toonie and/or a non-perishable food item and remember to wear your jammies!!

There will also be a dance for the students in Grade 6 to 8. Ticket sale times to be announced.



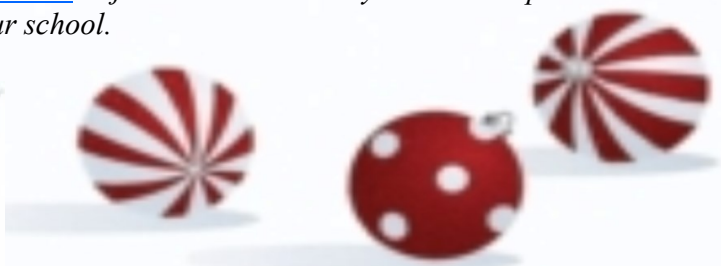
## News from Dundas Central Home & School

Well everyone, we are already in the last month of the year and the Holidays are fast approaching. In the last month we have agreed to sponsor the Grade 1, 2 and 3 trip to the Hamilton Art Gallery and the sales from the gr. 6, 7 and 8 poinsettia sales will go towards this year's grade 8 graduation. We also had a successful Winter Clothing Drive, so a huge thank you to those who contributed their items and to the volunteers who helped coordinate it. Finally, anyone who attended the Holiday Bazaar on November 18<sup>th</sup> knows what a huge success it was. Thank you to the vendors who contributed and those who attended. Lots of excellent gift options for family and friends. If you are looking for information on a specific vendor please contact us and we'd be happy to connect you.

We do have a few fundraisers coming up in the month of December. First, **Poinsettia and Wreath PICK UP** was November 30<sup>th</sup>, if you did not get a chance to get your order please let us know and we'll make sure you're able to get it. We are conducting our annual **Holiday Basket Raffle** - this is where your child's class chooses a theme and each parent who is able to, contributes a \$5 item consistent with the theme. We turn these into lovely gift baskets and these are raffled off at the Holiday Concert on Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>. Each child receives a free raffle ticket and more are available for purchase during the month of December and at the concert. The raffle is held after the concert, at the end of the day on Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>.

We are still hosting Pizza Days every Wednesday for only \$2 per slice and if you haven't ordered your Lunch Box lunches, log on today. We have a variety of lunches available for early purchase online for December 4<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>. We also have some fun events coming up in the new year including a Dance-a-thon, Family Math Night and a Parent Community Workshop. If you're interested in supporting any of these please contact us or come to our meetings!

Finally our next Home and School Meeting will be **Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the staff room. We'd love to see you all out there as it's a great way to actively participate in your child's school and education. If you aren't on our distribution list, please e-mail [dcps.hsa@gmail.com](mailto:dcps.hsa@gmail.com) to join. It's the best way to receive updates on all the exciting events going on at our school.



Dundas Central Staff

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
from our family to yours