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April 2017 Newsletter

Principal's Message

All year long, we have focused school-wide on setting high expectations for students' character development in addition to academics. We have focused heavily on four principles: be kind, be respectful, be responsible and be safe. This month, all schools in the HWDSB will work together on April 12 to participate in the International Day of Pink. This is an anti-bullying initiative that was originally started several years ago in Nova Scotia by some high school students who wanted to send the message that "anyone can bully, any can be victimized by bullying, but together we can stop it." On April 12, we will encourage all of our Dundana students and staff to wear pink to show our solidarity in working towards a bullying-free environment. It is one more opportunity for all of our students to practice our four "be" rules as well.

As well, don't miss out on the opportunity to join the Dundana community for a fun family event planned by the School Council. Come to the Dundana Movie night on Friday, April 7 to see Trolls! The doors will open at 6 p.m. with the movie starting at 6:30. Popcorn, pizza and other treats will be sold.

Congratulations, Abby!

We are so pleased to offer Abby P., a grade 5 student in Mme Eastwood's class congratulations. Abby represented Dundana at the HWDSB Concours Oratoire after winning first place in the school's competition in late February. Abby's speech on Why to Have a Pet met with the board judges' approval too and led to a First Place win for her at this level of competition! Concours Oratoire representatives tell us that Abby is the first Dundana student to win this event.

Congratulations on your success, Abby, and for being such a fine representative for Dundana.

A Reminder About Personal Device Use at School

Students are welcome to bring their personal electronic devices to school with parent permission, but need to use them responsibly. Students are responsible for the use and storage of their devices at all times. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal electronic devices. Students may only use these devices outside (for game playing only) or if a teacher asks students to use them for instructional purposes during class time. At all other times, these devices must be turned off and put away unless given permission to use them by the teacher. **Taking pictures or video using any electronic device is strictly prohibited, unless part of an instructional program under the guidance of a staff member.** We encourage families to discuss these expectations, as well as your own, with your child before sending him/her to school with a personal electronic device.

Spring Food Drive

Mme Leroeye's class is supervising a school-wide Food Drive for Neighbour to Neighbour. Each class will be collecting donations from April 3 to April 13. The class that brings in the most donations will win a pizza party! Some of the most needed items include: oatmeal, peanut butter, low sugar cereals, canned fish and meats, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, whole grain crackers, powdered milk, fruit juice,



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unsweetened apple sauce, granola bars, rice, barely, grains, peas, lentils, beans, legumes, dried fruits, baby formula, diapers and toiletries. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Donated Sporting Equipment Could Have New Life at Recess

Dundana School Council and staff liaisons are currently assembling recess bins of sporting equipment to encourage purposeful play opportunities at recess. If you have gently used equipment at your home gathering dust that you would like to donate, we are looking for some safe items such as: soccer balls, basketballs, Frisbees, tennis balls and hacky sacks.

Successful “March Madness” Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis

Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Schwendiman’s classes did a wonderful job organizing our “March Madness” fundraiser prior to March break. Students enjoyed a movie day with Kernels popcorn, a Twin day spirit event, and got to watch a staff vs students basketball game. The sale of popcorn, plus generous donations, netted a grand total of \$370! This money will be put towards the Dundana Friends team that will be walking in May’s Walk to End CF. To make your own donation, or to join the walk team, please go to: <http://www.cysticfibrosis.ca/walk/>

Trip and Activity Forms

Spring is often a busy season of trip and activity forms that come home. To help you manage these, one hard copy will be sent home with students. If you misplace this form, forms will be made available on the school website for you to print out, fill out and return.

Important Dates in April

April 3 – 13 -	Food drive donations collected for Neighbour to Neighbour
April 5 -	School Council, 6:30, library
April 7 -	Family Movie Night “Trolls”– doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts at 6:30
April 7, 13, 21, 28 -	Pizza days
April 12 -	Pink Day – wear pink to stand up to bullying
April 14 -	Good Friday, no school
April 17 -	Easter Monday, no school
April 19, 20	Grade 2s – Scientists in the Schools
April 19, 26 -	Lunch Wizard
April 20 -	Dental Screening for JK, SK, Grade 2 students
April 21 -	Spirit day – Wear your favourite Jersey/Team Colours
April 26 -	Choirfest for choir members
April 28 -	Celebration Assembly