



# Dundana Elementary School

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## December 2016 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

November was a very busy month at Dundana with lots to celebrate. Progress reports and Parent-Teacher interviews hopefully gave you some insight into how your child is doing academically. We experienced JungleSport this month and it was a hit! Opportunities that allow our students to explore their physical literacy skills in ways that we would not normally be able to provide are so valuable. We really appreciate the support you gave to make that happen and it was great to see so many families come out to experience JungleSport during our evening session. We had a meaningful and memorable Remembrance Day assembly on November 11 and our monthly Celebration assembly on November 25 so that we could come together as a school family to celebrate. For Anti-Bullying week (November 21 to 25), Dundana focused on the positive with our Week of Kindness. Students worked hard all week to be kind and many students were celebrated as our Kindness Ambassadors. We're hoping those acts of kindness will continue all year long. Now we are looking ahead to December, which also promises to be filled with great learning and excitement. I hope you'll be able to join us for some of our community events and celebrate with us!

### Winter Weather and Outdoor Play

With the winter weather approaching, it is important to keep in mind the following HWDSB procedures.

**School Closures** – in case of inclement weather, please watch the local media and the HWDSB website for possible school cancellations. When schools are cancelled, school-based programming (e.g. Umbrella before and after care) is also cancelled. For more information about this process, please see: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/severe-weather/>

**Outdoor Play** – Getting fresh air and a chance to play outside during recess is a priority so that students can do their best learning when in class. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather conditions. If the temperature falls below -15 (-20 with the windchill), students will stay in, but until that point, we will bundle them up and send them outside. If you have a child that seems to find every wet spot or puddle on the playground, keeping an extra set of clothes in the backpack will help reduce those emergency calls home for dry clothing. We do not have supervision to allow students who have been sick to stay in at recess. We kindly ask you to consider if your child is well enough to participate in all school activities (including recess) before sending him/her back to school.

**Bus Cancellations and Delays**- Poor weather also sometimes means transportation delays. In HWDSB, full cancellation of transportation currently also results in full school closure. Check [www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca) for all notifications.

### Festival du Livre

Scholastic is coming to provide students and their families the opportunity to purchase French books. The book fair will be open to families on Wednesday December 7 from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m. Students in FI classes will also have the chance to visit and buy books during class time on Thursday, December 8.

### Winter Concert

Dundana is pleased to present our annual Winter Concert on December 21, beginning at 9:10. a.m. Students from all of the classes will be participating in this annual event. We hope you can join us to help us ring in the new season.

### Thank You For Your Donations!

During the month of November, we have been collecting gently used winter clothing for Lake Avenue School. We have sent approximately 10 huge bags of coats, boots and hats and mitts to Lake Ave! Thank you so much for your donations!

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## **Christmas Toy Basket Raffle**

The students in Mme Eastwood's Grade 4/5 class are planning a toy basket raffle as a student organized fundraiser. All of the proceeds will go towards City Kidz, an organization that feeds, plays with and brings out the full potential of kids in low-income communities. The toys in the baskets will be new or very gently used and donated by the eager fundraisers in Mme Eastwood's class. Students will be able to buy tickets on December 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> for the draw on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be 1 for \$1 or 3 for \$2. Winners will bring home their prizes on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting another student-led fundraiser. For more information on City Kidz, please visit [www.citykidz.ca](http://www.citykidz.ca)

## **Tip Off**

HWDSB is pleased to launch a board-wide initiative to allow anonymous reporting of bullying and other incidents that may lead to unsafe conditions at its schools. Tip Off receives anonymous messages by text, web chat, smart phone app or phone call. The school is then contacted and Board and School protocols are followed to address the issue. For more information, please go to [www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/tipoff](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/tipoff)

## **Milk and Pizza Orders for January**

Milk and Pizza for the month of January will be posted on Cash Online December 19<sup>th</sup> until January 10<sup>th</sup>. Milk and Pizza will both be distributed beginning January 13.

## **Important Dates**

December 1 – F5A to Shrek the Musical  
December 1 – Pizza Day  
December 2 – PA Day, no school for students  
December 7 – School Council Meeting, 6:30, library  
December 7 – Lunch Wizard  
December 7 & 8 – Festival du Livre (Scholastic French book fair), library  
December 9 – Pizza Day  
December 12 – Grade 2 students (from F2A, F1/2A, F23A, 1/2A, 2/3A) to Children's International Learning Centre  
December 15 – Holiday Lunch, gym, periods 3 and 4  
December 16 – Spirit Day – Pyjama Day!  
December 16 – Celebration Assembly, 9:10 a.m., gym  
December 16 – Pizza Day  
December 19 – Skating at Market St. Arena for Grades 1 to 5, p.m.  
December 21 – School-wide Winter Concert, 9:10 a.m. gym  
December 21 – Lunch Wizard  
December 23 – Nutrition Non-Compliance Day (nut safe snacks can be shared with classmates on this day. Please speak to your child's teacher for further direction about any restrictions).  
December 23 – Pizza Day  
December 24 to January 8 – Winter Break  
January 9 – First day back at school