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January 2015 Newsletter

I'm hoping everyone has had a great start to 2016, please join me in welcoming Ms. Love to our staff. She is filling in for Mrs. Douglas who has begun her maternity leave, no baby as of yet. As well I would like to welcome back Mme Eastwood, and thank Mme Ogilvie who was at Dundana during her absence.

The students and staff were entertained this month by the Tribal Vision dance company who performed for our entire school their "Visions of Turtle Island" performance. Not only did the students enjoy their costumes and dances they learned about Canada's Aboriginals and Native Americans. Thank you to our school council for supporting this performance. Please note that April 15, 2016 is now a PA day.

Registration for 2016-2017

Registration for 2016-2017 begins February 1st for students entering the FDK program or students who are registering for Grade 1 French Immersion program. Please bring proof of birth and proof of address (utilities bill – gas, electric, water). (for families who are registering for G1 French Immersion please let your home school know)

Out of Catchment

Please note that Dundana is closed to Out of Catchment, therefore we will not be accepting any applications for the 2016-2017 School year.

Drills for 2016

Each year school must perform the following Drills.

Please note that there will be no access to the school during these drills

Lock down – Feb 1st @ 10:00 am

Hold and Secure – Feb 11 @ 10:00 am

Shelter in Place – Feb 18 @ 9:30 am

School Safety – Office Check-In

Just a reminder that all caregivers must check in at the office when entering the school. Please do not enter the school to drop off your child or to pick up your child without checking in at the office.

Thank you in keeping all of our student's safe at Dundana.

We are a Nut Sensitive School

Parent and/or students are asked to carefully read labels of all food items that are brought to school to ensure that they **have no traces of nuts or nut products**. Many products now carry a clearly marked "Nut Free" logo.

Dressing for the Weather

Just a reminder that students will be going outside unless there is extreme cold or rain. Students may go outside during these days for a shortened period of time. Please remember to send your child with appropriate clothing:

-hat, gloves, boots, snow pants, winter coat, raincoat etc.

Temporary Excusal from School

Just a reminder that if you will be on an extended holiday and your child will be off for an extended time, please come into the office to complete a Temporary Excusal from School form.

Pets on School Grounds

Please do not bring any pets onto school grounds. We need to ensure the safety of all of our students, staff and community. Thank you for your cooperation.

Anaphylactic Management Plan

If you have not completed the appropriate paper work to ensure the safe administration of epinephrine please pick up a form from your child's teacher or the office. Once your Dr. has completed this form your son/daughter's Anaphylactic Management Plan will be completed. **These plans must be updated each school year.**

Parking Lot

Just a reminder to all parents, if you are dropping your child off at school we ask that you do not park in the parking lot or stop in the emergency stopping zone. This is becoming a safety issue for our students. All students should be picked up and dropped off on the playground where students are supervised with staff members. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

Regular attendance and punctuality are very important habits and routines for all students. There is a direct correlation between regular school attendance, positive work habits and enhanced student achievement. Consistent with the Safe Arrival Check Policy of the HWDSB, it is the parent's responsibility to inform the school when a child is going to be late or absent. Please call and leave a message at any time (905-628-2622) with your child's name, teacher, grade and the reason for their absence.

School Cash Online

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is pleased to offer School Cash Online, an online service that allows you, as parents/guardians, to pay for your child's school fees and purchase items related to their school experience in a secure and convenient way.

Our school is enrolled with School Cash Online. In order to help us improve the service for families, HWDSB would appreciate feedback from you by completing a short survey, which can be found on our school website.

The survey is *voluntary* and should take about 5 minutes to complete. All survey responses are anonymous and will be reported on in a summarized format.

The survey will remain open until the end of the day on **February 12, 2016**.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Carrie Salemi, Manager of School Support / Compliance, at 905-527-5092, x 2461 or csalemi@hwdsb.on.ca

Agendas

All students in grades 1-5 will receive a Dundana Agenda. This is a great tool to help keep the communication between home and school open. Agendas should be taken home and returned to school every day. Please take a few minutes to review these pages with your child(ren).

Milk Sales

White and Chocolate Milk is for sale every day during second break in the gym.

Cost \$0.65 each or student can purchase tokens for:

5 for 3.25, 10 for 6.50, 15 for 9.75, 20 for 13.00, 30 for 19.50

French Immersion Information Sessions

Families across the Hamilton are being invited to learn more about French Immersion as an option for their child.

Because every student is unique in their learning, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board staff provides programs that help all students reach their full potential. French Immersion is one such program.

French Immersion is a proven way of acquiring excellent French language skills. At HWDSB, French Immersion is specifically designed for parents who do not speak French, but want their children to speak both official languages. The program is open to all students in Hamilton-Wentworth starting in Grade 1.

Families can attend an information session to learn about French Immersion as an option for their child:

Information Session for A.M. Cunningham and Glen Echo parents

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 3 at A.M. Cunningham (100 Wexford Ave. S., Hamilton)

Information Session for Norwood Park, Lawfield, Michaele Jean and Fessenden parents

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 16 at Norwood Park (165 Terrace Drive, Hamilton)

Information Session for Dundana, Guy Brown, Earl Kitchener and Cootes Paradise parents

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 24 at Dundana (23 Dundana Ave., Dundas)

Parents may choose to attend the location and date most convenient for them. If you can't attend an information session, you can learn more by contacting the principal at one of our French Immersion elementary schools, or by contacting the French as a Second Language (FSL) Consultant at 905-527-5092 ext. 2653 or crees@hwdsb.on.ca.

You can also learn about French Immersion and other programs for elementary students at hwdsb.on.ca/fi or by talking to your principal.

Personal Electronic Devices

Students may use their personal electronic devices outdoors during nutrition breaks. At all other times, these must be turned off and put away. **Taking pictures or video using any electronic device is strictly prohibited, unless part of instructional program under the guidance of a staff member.**

Students may only use these devices outside, or if a teacher asks students to use them for instructional purposes only.

Please note: The school is not responsible for loss or damage to any personal electronic devices.

It is a parental choice to allow their child to bring an electronic device to school.

School Council News

School Council meeting dates for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Feb. 10th

May 11th

March 9th

June 8th

April 13th

Dundana's School Council has started up a Face book page and Twitter account. Please take a moment to visit both areas.

<https://www.facebook.com/DundanaSchoolCommunity>

<https://twitter.com/dundana4ourkids>

Canadian Parents for French

FRENCHAPALOOZA, Tuesday, February 23rd from 6:30 to 8pm, at Dundana Elementary School This is an annual event for all Hamilton families with children learning French (core, extended, immersion), and organized by the Hamilton-Wentworth chapter of CPF. We will have guest speakers, a French book sale, and French games & activities for children! Members and non-members welcome. Dundana has a small parking lot; please be courteous regarding parking in the neighbourhood.

DUNDANA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for FRENCHAPALOOZA to help this event run smoothly. Find out what's involved at a brief **meeting Wednesday, February 10, from 6-6:30pm in the library.** Contact Claire at cpfhamilton.membership@gmail.com

Next CPF chapter meeting: Tuesday, February 9th, Hamilton Public Library, Terryberry branch (Mohawk & West 5th), 7-9 pm. The Hamilton-Wentworth chapter meets every second Tuesday of the month. Join us, everyone welcome! cpfhamilton.ca

For helpful info about language learning and to find out more about the Hamilton-Wentworth chapter of CPF, visit us:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/cpfhamilton

Twitter: www.twitter.com/cpfhamilton

Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/cpfhamilton

Lots of **French-Language events** coming up in Hamilton at Le Centre Français centrefrancais.ca

Bell Times 2015-2016

Please remember that instructional time begins with the bell, please have your child at school prior to the bell.

Start time: 8:55 AM

End time: 3:15 PM

**please note that supervision on the playground begins at 8:40 am until the entry bell and ends at 3:30 pm after dismissal.

Mabel's Labels

Just a reminder if you are ordering Mabel's Labels for your child(ren), please indicate that you are associated with Dundana School.

Busing

If you have a question if a bus is running late please contact the carrier listed below for your child's bus.

Routes 6102 and 6157 (Bus 1) - Attridge-905-690-2632

Routes 6219 and 6166 (Bus 2) - Attridge-905-690-26323

Route 6132 (Bus 3) - Attridge-905-690-2632

Route 6017(Bus 4) – Sharpes - 905-679-0001

Route 5006(Bus 5) – Sharpes - 905-679-0001

Lunch Wizard

Once again Dundana students will have an opportunity to order Lunch Wizards. Please note we cannot accept late orders.

February 17th and 24th

May 11th and 18th

March 23rd and 30th

June 8th and 15th

April 20th and 27th

Pizza Days for 2015-2016

Feb 5, 19

Mar 4, 24

Apr 8, 22

May 13, 27

June 9, 24

HWDSB 2015-2016 School Calendar

The 2015-2016 school year calendar is available at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/plan-for-school/calendar/>

Upcoming Dates for 2015-2016

Feb. 15th – Family Day – no school	May 13th – Volunteer Tea
Feb. 26th – PA day	May 23rd – Holiday – no school
March 14-18th – March Break	June 10th – PA Day – no school
March 25 th & 28th – Holiday – no school	June 24th – Play Day
April 15 th - PA day – no school for students	June 27th – G5 Celebration
May 3rd – Open House 5:30-7:00	June 29th – Last day of Classes
May 5th – FDK (SK) Grad Photos	June 30th – PA day

Please see Dundana's Web site <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dundana/> for additional dates throughout the school year.

Nutrition Policy Non-Compliance Days for 2015-2016

Feb. 12th, April 2nd, June 19th, 22nd, 24th, 25th

Spirit Days for 2015-2016

February 12th – Red and Pink Day

March 11th – Crazy Hair Day

April 13th - Day of Pink – Anti Bullying Day

May 20th – Mismatch Day/Wacky Outfit Day

June 17th – Canadian Colours or Canadian Clothes Day

***PLEASE NOTE THAT MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEB SITE AND HARD COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE IF NEEDED. TO REDUCE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT NO HARD COPIES WILL BE SENT HOME. YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR EMAIL FROM THE SCHOOL'S WEB SITE IF YOU WISH TO BE INFORMED OF UPDATES.