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October 2015 Newsletter

October has been a busy month as some of our students settle into their new classrooms and new teachers. At this time please join me in welcoming our new DECE Miss Charters who is working with Ms. Sklarchuk's FDK class. Our students had a wonderful time during our Halloween parade on Oct. 30th. A reminder that important dates are listed at the end of newsletter.

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.

Cars Idling

Please help out with the air quality around Dundana, if you have stopped at the school please remember to turn off your vehicle.

Communication with Your Child's Teachers

If you have questions in regards to your child please don't hesitate to write a note in their agenda and have your child share the note with their teacher. Some teachers use other forms of communication (email, websites,...).

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.

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

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:

Nov. 11th

Dec. 9th

Jan. 13th

Feb. 10th

March 9th

April 13th

May 11th

June 8th

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

Find out more about what CPF is and what CPF does at cpfhamilton.ca In the resources section, click on *What is CPF?*

Want some help in finding French items at the HPL? cpfhamilton.ca In the resources section, click on *French Resources at HPL*

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 10th, 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! **The Hamilton-Wentworth chapter of CPF is also Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest.**

Looking for more events and activities in French?

Here's a calendar of local events happening in French: <http://hamiltonenfrancais.ca/evenement/>

Le Centre Français Hamilton recently released their schedule of concerts and events for 2015–2016. Follow them on Facebook or visit centrefrancais.ca

The Alliance Française in Toronto offers a wide variety of cultural events: www.alliance-francaise.ca/en/

Bell Times 2014-2015

Dundana's bell times will remain the same for the 2014-2015 school year

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

Pizza Days for 2015-2016

Nov 6, 20

Dec 4, 18

Jan 8, 22

Feb 5, 19

Mar 4, 24

Apr 8, 22

May 13, 27

June 9, 24

HWDSB 2014-2015 School Calendar

The 2014-2015 school year calendar is available at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/calendar/>

Upcoming Dates for 2015-2016

Nov. 10th – Photo Retake day
Nov. 27th – PA Day – no classes
Dec 15th – Holiday Lunch
Dec 17th – Holiday Concert
Dec. 21st – Jan. 1 – Holiday Break
Jan. 4th – Classes Resume
Jan. 29 – PA day
Feb. 15th – Family Day – no school
Feb. 26th – PA day

March 14-18th – March Break
March 25th & 28th – Holiday – no school
May 3rd – Open House 5:30-7:00
May 5th – FDK (SK) Grad Photos
May 13th – Volunteer Tea
May 23rd – Holiday – no school
June 10th – PA Day – no school
June 24th – Play Day
June 27th – G5 Celebration
June 29th – Last day of Classes
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 2014-2015

Oct. 30th, Dec. 19th, Feb. 12th, April 2nd, June 19th, 22nd, 24th, 25th

Spirit Days for 2015-2016

November 26th – Hat Day

December – 11th – PJ Day

January 8th – Beach Day

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 UPDATES FROM THE SCHOOL'S WEB SITE IF YOU WISH.