



Dundana Elementary School

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October 2016 Newsletter

Re-Organization News

As regularly happens at the end of September, Dundana School has recently undergone a re-organization of some of our classes. This is due to a difference in the enrollment numbers in the spring and the enrollment numbers in mid-September. This year, it was our French Immersion primary classes that have been affected. We were able to open a new French Immersion Grade 1/2 class, and alter a Grade 2 class to become a Grade 2/3 class. This has allowed our primary classes to have lower numbers, keeping with Provincial standards. With these changes, we welcome some new staff to the Dundana team. Mme. de Graaf will be teaching F12A, Mrs. Fisher will be teaching some library and Phys Ed classes, and Mme Bromhead's class will now be F23A. We are also sad to let you know that Mrs. Stewart, who has been teaching 45A in the English stream, was given a permanent teaching job in another school due to re-organization. We look forward to welcoming a new teacher soon into this position.

Upcoming Events

Meet the Teacher – Please come and join us for Meet the Teacher on Thursday, October 6 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The School Council is pleased to offer a school BBQ from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for our families to join us for dinner as well. Please remember to also stop by the gym for the Scholastic Book Fair and find some new favourite reads for your children. Mrs. Strybosch will be here during Meet the Teacher in the office if you would like help to set up your Cash Online account.

School Photo Day – Thursday, October 6 is also school photo day! Bring your smiles.

Terry Fox Run – Friday, October 7, beginning at 1:35. Bring your toonie for Terry or donate online at www.terryfox.org

Celebration Assembly – Friday, October 28 at 9:10 a.m. Come celebrate this month's award winners with us!

Pizza Days, Milk, School Trips – How to Pay This Year

Payments for these events and sales will be posted to School Cash Online, an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online.

Why Use School Cash Online?

Convenience: Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home.

Easy to Use: Online shopping with various payment methods.

Safe: Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school.

Saves Time: Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place.

We are asking that all payments be made using school School Cash Online. Please contact Debbie Strybosch in the office at 905-628-2622 if you have misplaced your pin number and/or have reservations regarding using this method to make your payments. To register, please go to <https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Lunch Wizard Returns!

Lunch Wizard paperwork will be coming home soon for our upcoming lunch dates on October 19 and 26.

We are still looking for pizza day volunteers on Friday afternoons to help distribute pizza. Without that help, we can't get started. Please contact the office if you are available to help.

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School Council News

We had a great turn out for our first School Council meeting of the year. If you missed the first meeting, you are still welcome to come out and attend any of our future meetings. New members are always welcome! We meet at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Here are the dates for our upcoming meetings:

October 5	November 2	December 7
January 11	February 1	March 1
April 5	May 3	June 7

If you are unable to attend meetings, but would like to be kept up to date, minutes are posted on the school website in the school council section monthly.

Anaphylaxis Updates

We are required to have up to date information each year on any children with medical needs and anaphylaxis plans. If you have not completed the appropriate paperwork for this year to ensure the safe administration of epinephrine or other medication, please pick up a form at the office or request one through your child's agenda. Once your doctor and you have completed the form, the anaphylactic management plan will be complete. It is important to ensure that the medication your child needs is right at hand at all times. Students are strongly encouraged to wear their epipen, using a fanny pack or small purse. Please also ensure that any medication that is provided is not expired.

Have Your Say

The HWDSB is looking for your input in the consultation phase of two important policies that affect your children. For more information about the Elementary Program Strategy and the French Immersion policy or to provide your input, please go to:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/hwdsb-seeks-input-on-elementary-program-strategy/>

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/hwdsb-seeks-input-on-french-immersion/>

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found box is already overflowing! Please stop by and search for any lost treasures before October 14. At that time, unclaimed items will be boxed up and donated to an inner city school. We will also give students reminders on the announcements. If they are able to recognize a missing item, please encourage them to come down and search the box as well. The lost and found is a large box located just to the left of the front doors.