**February 2017 School Newsletter**

**Principal’s Message**

In our January assembly on January 31st, I had the students reflect on the fact that we were now officially half way through our school year. I shared with them that this is hard to believe because it seems to have zoomed by. But on the other hand, when I get the opportunity to see what students have learned since September and how far they have come in those five months, I know how hard they have worked for this first half of the year. Ask your child to identify something that he/she has learned this year. What is he/she proud of? What is he/she hoping to learn before the end of the year? Helping our students reflect on their learning is a key component of their learning experience and may give you some additional insight into how your child sees himself/herself as a learner.

**School Registration**

Is your child in Senior Kindergarten? This is the time to consider if you would like your child to attend Grade 1 in an English stream class or a French Immersion class. Please contact the office for more information. As well, if you know other families in our French catchment area who are interested in Gr 1 FI registration, they may come and register now. Ideally, the board is hoping to have most FI registration complete by February 28.

Registration for new students entering Junior Kindergarten or Senior Kindergarten for 2017/2018 opens at the school on February 6, 2017. You will need to show proof of address, immunization record, record of birth and fill in the registration form in the school office. A Kindergarten orientation will be held in the spring to help you and your child prepare for their entry into school.

***Please note the HWDSB policy does not allow us to register students who are not in our catchment area, including the kindergarten-aged siblings of FI students at the school if their home school is not Dundana. For more information about catchment areas and this board policy, please go to:*** <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/#tabs-112>

**February 14th Dance-a-thon**

Dundana’s annual Dance-a-thon fundraiser is back! Students will be bringing home pledge sheets this week in preparation for this fun event. All students who participate in raising money will be eligible to win a long list of prizes, generously donated by businesses, individuals and organizations in our community. Dancing will occur on February 14th and prizes will be distributed on February 15th. If you are interested in helping out with this event or have items to donate, please contact Nina Cavey, 905-537-9123.

**Pizza and Milk**

Pizza is available on Cash Online for purchase until February 7.

Milk is available on Cash Online for purchase until February 2.

**Have Your Say**

The trustees and executive council of the HWDSB are currently considering budget decisions to affect the 2017/2018 school year. They are looking for input to help guide their decision making. If you would like to provide ideas that you think will help enrich your child’s school life, please go to: <https://hwdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bBqnuuNbaru2pUx>

Surveys are due by February 24, 2017.

**CF Walk**

A Dundana Friends team has been created for this year’s CF Walk on Sunday, May 28, 2017. The team was created in support of a Dundana student and family. If you are interested in joining the team or supporting the walk, please go to: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/LocationHome.aspx?eventid=204057&langpref=en-CA&locationID=204060&Referrer=http%3a%2f%2fwww.cysticfibrosis.ca%2fwalk%2ffind-a-walk-location> Click “Join a Team” and enter “Dundana Friends”.

**Playground Equipment Request**

Our School Council has decided to generously fund the purchase of some recess equipment for students to borrow and support cooperative play. We are very thankful for their consideration and look forward to bringing out new equipment in the next few months. In addition, if you have some suitable gently-used equipment (e.g. soccer balls, basketballs) that are no longer used at your house, we will gladly accept your donations to supplement our new supply.

**February Events**

February 6 – Start of Kindergarten Registration

February 13 – Danceathon Envelopes Due back at School

February 14 – Danceathon

February 14 – Spirit day – Wear your red and pink

February 17 – Term 1 Report Cards sent home, K-5

February 20 – Family Day

February 24 – Celebration Assembly

Pizza days – Feb 3, 10, 17, 24

Lunch Wizard – Feb 15, 22