



Dundana Elementary School

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June 2017 Newsletter

Principal's Message

June is here! It has been a whirlwind year of activity here at Dundana. I have so enjoyed getting to know all of our families, students, staff and volunteers. You all contribute to make Dundana a wonderful place to be and learn. While we still have some exciting times ahead this month, May had some amazing highlights. Thanks to our generous and hard-working School Council, our students enjoyed the antics of Dufflebag Theatre's Snow White/Blanche Neige on May 2. The following week, we were entertained by our own home grown talent during the annual Dundana Talent Show. Thank you to families who supported our performers by listening to practices and cheering them on at the show. Many thanks to staff as well for coaching performers, organizing practices and directing performers, stage crew and decorating team. Our Open House/School Council BBQ/Scholastic book fair/Kindergarten orientation was also a huge success thanks to your participation and to the hard work of our staff and volunteers. And this was just a prequel to all the excitement that June will bring! Please see the list below for many of the highlight activities Dundana will see in June.

Volunteers

It has been a pleasure to have the support of many volunteers in our school. Volunteers have allowed our students to go on trips, engage in interesting in-school activities (like Scientists in the School), practice reading or writing, get to team games and keep our teachers organized! Volunteers also make up our school council, put on fundraisers like the BBQ and book fair, and advise the school on a variety of academic and school procedure matters. All of your efforts have been appreciated by the staff and students; you have enriched our Dundana community to such a great extent! Thank you.

If you are interested in becoming a new volunteer at Dundana next year, please see information on the website for requirements (including a police vulnerable sector screening that has been issued within three months of submission) or stop by the school office and we will help you through the process. If you will be returning next year as a volunteer, please note that there are a few forms that must be signed each year. As well, police checks are required every three years. You can contact the office to find out when your next police check is due.

Calling All Library Books

Our library needs to get in shape for the end of the year. The final return date for all books is June 16. If you have lost or damaged a library book, you can either replace it with a similar book or pay \$5 for a paperback or \$10 for a hardcover book. Please bring book replacements or money to Ms. Frabotta to clear your name.

Emergency Evacuation Drills

Each year, we are required to hold several drills during the school day to prepare staff and students for any emergency. This year, a new drill has been added to our complement, entitled "Bomb Threat Procedures". This emergency drill looks very similar to a fire drill, but instead of a fire alarm sounding, people in the building would be informed by announcement to exit the building. In a drill, we will line



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up on the field and front sidewalk as we do for fire drills. In an actual emergency evacuation, we would proceed to our emergency location: Wentworth Lodge. For more information, please see Appendix C in the following document on the board website: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Hamilton-Police-School-Board-Protocol-2016.pdf>

Piano Lessons

We've had a wonderful response to the piano instruction program offered at Dundana this year. A small amount of space is available for beginner students from grades 2 to 5 who might want to participate beginning in September 2017. This will be offered on a first come first serve basis, with other interested students placed on a waiting list. Please call Mrs. Janssen at 905 627 8075 or email miriamrjanssen@gmail.com for more information. This is not a board supervised program.

Important Dates

June 1	Dundana track and field meet, periods 3 – 6, grades 3-5
June 2	Gr 4/5 Trip to ROM
June 2,8,16,23	Pizza days
June 5	Gr 5 Orientation at SWO, 9:45 – 11:45
June 6	Hamilton Public Library Assembly, 9:15, K-5
June 7	Gr 3 trip to Little Mermaid
June 8	Visions of Turtle Island Drummers, 11:20, K-5
June 9, 30	P.A. Days, No School for Students
June 13	FI Gr 2 trip to Butterfly Conservatory
June 14, 15	Positive School Culture Survey, Gr 4/5
June 16	Final due date for all Dundana library books.
June 16	deGraaf/Juteau trip to Art Gallery of Hamilton
June 19	Hawley/Ruii trip to Art Gallery of Hamilton
June 21	Kindergarten trip to Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory
June 22	Board Track and Field meet, Mohawk Sports Field, Gr 3-5 team
June 23	Playday, K-5
June 26	SK Celebration, 2 p.m.
June 27	Grade 5 Celebration, 9:30 a.m.