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November 2017 Dundana Newsletter

Progress Reports

You should have received a copy of your child's progress report on October 30. We know that there is often a correlation between a student's learning skills and his/her academic progress. Please consider how you can support your child with their learning next steps in academic subject areas, but also pay close attention to the areas of need in learning skills. Boosting student skills in responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative and self regulation are so important for success in academics and in life. Be sure to include a conversation with your child's teacher about this important topic in your upcoming interviews. If you are not able to meet in person during our interview times on November 2 or 3, consider scheduling a telephone interview with the teacher to gain some insight into your child's progress.

Improving Mindfulness

The educators here are always working to find ways to help students be self aware and self regulated. One resource we use is "The Mind Up Curriculum: Focused Classrooms, Mindful Learning, Resilient Students". If your child comes home talking about how his/her amygdala is firing and how she/he uses core practices to help make a happy brain, you may want to take a look at this resource. It has been posted on our school website here: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dundana/principals-messages/>

Celebrating Birthdays and Special Occasions

We look forward to celebrating many special events with our students throughout the year, however, families are reminded that we are restricted from sharing treats (e.g. birthday cupcakes) due to the HWDSB nutrition policy and a wide variety of allergy concerns. We are granted a handful of "non-compliance" nutrition days for school-wide events (e.g. Hallowe'en festivities) and teachers will communicate with you when it is appropriate to bring in treats to share. If you would like your child to share something with peers to celebrate a birthday, we suggest pencils or stickers instead of food items. Please note that any birthday treat items sent in will, regrettably, need to be sent home again.

Clearing the Hallways

Due to fire restrictions, all hallway hooks and floor must be cleared at the end of each day of all items. Students who wish to keep certain items at school (e.g. indoor shoes) must keep them in the classroom. Any items left on hooks at the end of the day will be placed in the lost and found bin in the front foyer. The lost and found is cleared out at the end of each month and unlabelled and unclaimed items are donated to a charity bin so please check it regularly if you are missing items.

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Winter Celebration Planning

A long standing tradition at Dundana is the Winter Celebration Assembly. All of the classes participate in some form in this assembly. Family members are invited to attend (although please be warned that seating in our small gymnasium is limited). This year our winter celebration will be on Wednesday, December 20 beginning at 9:15 a.m. Mark your calendars!

School Council Updates

School Council is again offering Winter Greenery items for sale this November as a fundraising project. Flyers and information is due to come home November 1. Items need to be purchased using School Cash Online by November 14, paper order forms returned to the office by November 15 and delivery is scheduled for the afternoon of November 30. These arrangements were beautiful last year. If you typically buy these for the winter season, please consider purchasing through the school and supporting this fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our spooky Family Movie Night on October 27. Stay tuned in the spring for another opportunity to come to the Dundana movie theatre.

Popcorn for Sale

Our Phys Ed department will once again be selling Kernels popcorn on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during second nutrition break. At this time, it is a cash only purchase. All funds raised through this on-going fundraiser help to provide new equipment for the gym.

Dundana Spirit Wear is Back!

A flyer will be coming home shortly for the opportunity to purchase Dundana sweatshirts and t-shirts. Orders will be placed in November for delivery before the winter break. Sample items for sizing will be available with Mme Komar and Ms. MacDonald in the gym.

Events

Nov 1	Grade 4 and 5 Trip to Boris Brott Concert – Rock the Orchestra event, 9 a.m.
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Nov 2	Gr K to 3 Trip to Boris Brott Concert – World to Sing event, 11 a.m.
Nov 2 & 3	Progress Report Interviews, K to 5
Nov 3	PA Day – no school for students
Nov 10	Swim Meet at McMaster, Gr 3-5 Swim team, p.m.
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly, 11:15 a.m., gym
Nov 24	Celebration Assembly, 9:15 a.m., gym
Dec 1	PA Day – no school for students