



Dundana Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL: Mrs. K. Keery-Bishop

September 2017 Newsletter

From the Principal

We've had a great first week back here at Dundana. Welcome to all of our new and returning families and students! At the end of this newsletter you will find a complete list of our school staff, as it stands right now. We are pleased to welcome several new staff members to Dundana this year.

School newsletters will be posted here at the beginning of each month to give a broad overview of information about the school. On-going information will also be posted regularly on the website and on the website calendar. Consider subscribing to the website to get notification when new posts are added. Each teacher will also have a means of providing information to your child (e.g. use of agendas, class websites, paper newsletters). Please check with the teacher to see how you can find out what is happening in class.

As a school, we've been planning already and hope to make this an awesome year for all of our students. Dundana also has a very active school council who have ideas about how to enrich the learning and community of Dundana. Council is always looking for more caregivers and community members to support the school – see the paper that came home with your child earlier this week for more information, or come to the first meeting on September 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Arrival and Dismissal Information

In order to keep our students and visitors safe at Dundana, we would ask for your co-operation travelling around the school. If you are dropping off or picking up your child for entry and dismissal, please park in a legal spot on the road across the street from the school or beginning mid-way down the field on the school-side of the street. Our buses need the space in the bus loading zone, across the entry of the small parking lot, and along the side of the road for two bus lengths past the small parking lot entrance. Please refrain from pulling into the parking lot at these busy times and sending students to walk. Keep in mind that by-law officers keep our street and school grounds on their route to monitor and will ticket cars illegally parked. Please do not have your child(ren) walk between buses without adult monitoring and support. Dogs (except service animals) are also not allowed on school property at any time and by-law officers are monitoring this as well.

Dundana, along with other schools in the HWDSB and throughout the province, belong to the Safe Arrival program. Parents and caregivers need to sign in at the office and wear a visitor's badge before going elsewhere in the school. It is also important that we are aware when your child will be late or absent. Please call the school by 9 a.m. at 905.628.2622 and leave a message stating your child's name, teacher and reason for his/her absence.



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We're Looking For a Baby

We are fortunate to have a Roots of Empathy trained facilitator on staff to run a Roots program in one of our classes. We are seeking a caregiver with a baby younger than 4 months who may be interested in participating in this program. Caregiver and baby would be asked to commit to visiting the class about once a month for the year. Please contact Mrs. Keery Bishop at 905.628.2622 or at kkeerybi@hwdsb.on.ca if you are interested or have questions about the program.

Bus Transportation

Students must be on a bus roster list that we receive from the Transportation department in order to ride a particular bus. If you did NOT receive a letter from Transportation in the summer advising you of the assigned transportation or a courtesy bus approval letter this week, then your child likely does not qualify for the bus. Parents who still wish for their child to ride the bus need to fill out a Courtesy Transportation form in the school office. If it is possible to accommodate your child, we will do so, however courtesy ridership is not guaranteed and some of our buses are at or close to capacity. ***It is also important to note that students will NOT be able to bring in notes to ride on different buses with a friend for play dates etc. Parents will need to make transportation arrangements that do not involve the school buses for these kinds of occurrences.*** While I know this may be an inconvenience for parents, it is important for us to comply with board policies around transportation for everyone's safety. Please contact the office if you have any questions about transportation.

Violin Lessons

The HWDSB Strings Program will once again occur at Dundana this year. New students in grade 4 or 5 are welcome to join the program. Violin lessons are 30 minutes in length, once a week. Violin students also have the opportunity to join a multi-school orchestra and participate in two concerts. For information and registration, please contact Lorraine Barberstock at lbarbers@hwdsb.on.ca or at 905.561.2190 x 4770

Upcoming Events

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| Sept 18 | School Council Meeting and Election, 6:30, library |
| Sept 22 | P.A. Day – No School for Students |
| Sept 25 | Celebration Assembly, 9:15 |
| Sept 28 | Terry Fox Run, 1:35 (Rain date, Sept 29) |
| Oct 5 | Meet the Teacher, 5:30 – 7:00 |



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Dundana Staff List

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| Kristi Keery Bishop – kkeerybi@hwdsb.on.ca | Principal | Room 117 (office) |
| TBD | Office Administrator | Office |
| K. Douglas | JSA | Room 123 |
| S. Saunders | JSA | Room 123 |
| F. Dransutavicius | JSB | Room 125 |
| J. Black | JSB | Room 125 |
| C. Hawley | 12A | Room 107 |
| D. Clarke | 23A | Room 110 |
| R. Friedman (P. Firth on leave) | 45A | Room 205 |
| L. Frabotta | 45B | Room 212 |
| T. de Graaf | F1A | Room 128 |
| A. Margariti (A. Juteau on leave) | F1B | Room 106 |
| K. Sheldrick | F1C | Room 121 |
| M. Ruiu | F12A | Room 109 |
| G. Bromhead | F2A | Room 105 |
| J. Lattanzio | F2B | Room 112 |
| E. Leroeye | F23A | Room 203 |
| M. Price Scott | F3A | Room 202 |
| A. Baker (E. Harrison on leave) | F34A | Room 213 |
| K. Eastwood | F45A | Room 214 |
| A. Godley | F45B | Room 204 |
| S. Johnston | Learning Resource Teacher | |
| S. Palmer Komar | Health, Physical Education Teacher | |
| J. MacDonald | Health, Physical Education Teacher | |
| M. Popok | Music, Primary Intervention | |
| A. Sklarchuk | English, Library, Primary Intervention | |
| L. Fleming | Reading Specialist (0.5) | |
| K. Thomas | Educational Assistant | |
| J. Clapham | Educational Assistant (0.5) | |
| S. Ausei | Transitional Educational Assistant (0.5) | |
| H. Kerr | Caretaking | |
| D. Kerr | Caretaking | |
| M. Garcia Galves | Caretaking | |