



Dundana Elementary School

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Principal's Message

We're just over half way through the school year now. This is a great time to do a check in with your child. How does he/she feel the year is going? What are the successes? What are the struggles? What are the proudest moments and best memories so far? Helping your child be reflective of her/his learning is a wonderful exercise that we do frequently with students at school. Having someone else tell you how you are doing (through a report card, teacher feedback, etc) is important to learning, but well-honed self reflection skills are even more critical to life-long learning. Having this conversation with your child will help him/her practice the skills while also giving you insight into your child's perspective on his/her learning. With that, you'll be able to read her/his report card this month with a broader understanding. Report cards for students in Grades 1 to 5 will come home on February 13. Communication of Learning reports for Kindergarten students will come home on February 15.

Parent Voice Survey

HWDSB invites parents, guardians and caregivers to participate in a Parent Voice Survey to share what you think HWDSB is doing well, and how might HWDSB improve its education services. Parents, guardians and caregivers play an important role in HWDSB and we value your opinion. Your feedback helps us make decisions about how we deliver school services for students. HWDSB has made a commitment to partner with its parent/guardian and caregiver communities, and to work together to help students learn and grow to their full potential. This survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers. All data collected in this survey is anonymous and combined as a group.

You can find the survey online at https://hwdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3TKK1aKCPgO8e3j

Alternately, there are paper copies in the school office that can be requested. Thank you for taking the time for this survey and helping HWDSB with your feedback.

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

If you have a child born in 2014 or 2015 who is not yet in school, Kindergarten registration for the 2018/2019 school year is now open. Registration documents can be printed from the board website or picked up at the school office to be filled in. Registrants will also need to show proof of birth and proof of address to register. Please note that we are closed to all out of catchment students and will be unable to take registrations from outside our ENGLISH catchment area, even if families intend to participate in our French Immersion program in grade 1. Stop by the school office between 9:30 and 2:30 any day to register. We look forward to meeting a whole new class of Dundana Dragons!

Valentine's Day Dance-a-thon

On February 14th, our students will again participate in the annual Dance-a-thon! Students will get to dance during period 3 (1st floor students) or period 4 (2nd floor students). Dundana School Council encourages students to gather donations from family and friends to sponsor their dancing efforts. All



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funds raised by School Council will be used to support initiatives in the school associated with Health and Well Being, the Arts, and Technology in the school. They will have the chance to win prizes for their dancing and fundraising efforts! Wear your red or pink clothes to add to the festivities.

Yamo! Yamo!

In honour of Black History Month, Dundana will be hosting a production of Yamo! Yamo! "In this dynamic and interactive performance, Fana Soro, a hereditary master musician of the Senoufo people, shares the musical traditions of his home country to showcase the soaring melodies, driving rhythms and spirited dances of ancient West African performing arts." (Prologue.org) This performance has been made possible by the generous fundraising of the School Council.

Safety Reminder

Please remember to carefully monitor and assist your children in safely entering the school in the morning. If you are dropping them off by car, please make sure your vehicle is in a safely parked location and walk them to the property via appropriate accesses (sidewalks, paths). Please do not encourage your child to walk unassisted through the school parking lot, as this is an unsafe practice. Students arriving to school prior to the 8:55 bell will be directed to the playground to wait for entry and should not be waiting in the school. Supervision on the playground begins at 8:40 a.m.

Important Dates

February 2, 9, 16, 23	Pizza days (order by the Tuesday before)
February 5, 12, 19, 26	Lunch lady (order by the Thursday before)
February 7	School Council meeting, 6:30, library. Everyone is welcome to attend
February 14	Dance a thon Spirit Day – Pink and Red day.
February 19	Family Day – No school
February 20	Yamo! Yamo! Performance K-5
February 23	Celebration Assembly, 9:10 a.m., gym