



Dundana Elementary School

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March 2018 Dundana Newsletter

Principal's Message

February has really flown by, but we managed to pack a lot of excitement into it. Our students enjoyed participating in different events, which have included the Valentine's Day Danceathon, Yamo! Yamo! African Drum Performance, Drumfit, 100 Day and Mardi Gras celebrations. The first three of those events were supported by our School Council. We thank them for working to provide our students with these opportunities. As well, some of our junior students have participated in inter-school basketball, some of our primary students are starting to participate in an intermural Skittles league and other students are participating in a Games Club with Mrs. Johnston. Each class is also working on well-being strategies to support student resiliency and problem solving abilities. As we move through this second term, we ask students to reflect on their learning and set goals they can work on before the end of the year. Please encourage your child to consider what might be good goals for him/her to work on and check in throughout the year with her/him to see how it is going. The school year flies by, and this is a good way to help students monitor their own progress and focus their learning.

Terry Fox Foundation Donation Final Count

We received the following message this month from the Terry Fox Foundation, regarding our Terry Fox run from last fall: "The 2017 Terry Fox School Run was a great success! We are happy to share our final results. Dundana School has generously donated \$1424.30 for cancer research in Terry's name. The Terry Fox Foundation would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to your wonderful school community for carrying on Terry's legacy. With open hearts and big dreams, your school sets a shining example of what can be accomplished with a focused goal and incredible school spirit. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to keep Terry's dream alive!" Thank you to all of the families that supported this initiative. We look forward to running for Terry again next fall.

Before and After School Survey

As in previous years, the HWDSB is surveying families of children registered in kindergarten to Grade 5 regarding before and after school needs. A hard copy of the survey has come home, but if you wish to fill it out electronically instead, please go to:

https://hwdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8vMdirxSouwhbUN

Safe Parking, Please

Please remember to keep all of our students, staff and visitors safe by driving and parking safely around the school. By-law officers will periodically monitor the school parking lots and surrounding roads for safety concerns. Please remember to: park legally and safely, avoid stopping/parking in no stopping zones (including bus loading areas), keep disabled parking spot clear for vehicles with a permit, travel at a safe speed particularly around the school during entry and dismissal times. Thank you for your help to keep everyone safe.



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Spring Food Drive

We will be hosting a Food Drive March 26 to 29th. All donated items will be given to the Dundas location of the Salvation Army Food Bank. While all non-perishable donations are welcome, the most needed items are: juice boxes, canned fruit, cereal, shampoo and laundry detergent. Thank you for supporting our community and helping our students to learn to give back.

Is Your Information Up to Date?

We are missing vital information for many of our students. If you have new phone numbers, addresses, medical information, emergency contacts, etc. please contact the school to update the information. It is very important for us to be able to reach you in an emergency.

March Calendar

March 2	P.A. Day – no school for students
March 5	Skating Trip, Grades 1 to 5
March 7	School Council Meeting, 6:30, library – everyone is welcome
March 9	Spirit Day – Wacky/Mismatched outfit day
March 9, 23	Pizza Days, 2 nd nutrition break
March 12 – 16	March Break – enjoy the holiday!
March 19, 26	Lunch Lady, 2 nd nutrition break
March 19, 26	Grade 3 swimming
March 23	Celebration Assembly, 9:10 a.m., gym
March 26-29	Food Drive
March 27	Dufflebag Theatre
March 28	Mme Eastwood's class to Wentworth Lodge
March 30	Good Friday – no school for students