



Dundana Elementary School

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April 2018 Dundana Newsletter

Principal Message

Second term is half over (how does that happen so quickly?) and we are entering the fast-paced final quarter of the school year. April, May and June will feature a wide variety of activities to engage students and families in alternate learning opportunities. This includes a variety of class trips, special events such as the talent show and JungleSport, and community events such as Open House and Movie Night. We encourage you to keep a close eye on announcements that come home with your child or are on the school or class websites to keep track of these special events. With that, I would like to offer a big **THANK YOU** to all of the staff members who organize these events, volunteers who accompany classes, and the families who support us in a wide variety of ways. This village is raising some wonderful students and we couldn't do it without all of you.

New School Website Coming Soon

Dundana will unveil its new school website during the month of April. This represents the first significant update to the look of our school website since 2013. School websites in HWDSB are being enhanced to improve the standards associated with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). During this school year, all HWDSB school websites will be easier to navigate from mobile devices, display standardized icons for accessibility, offer larger font size and place a greater emphasis on the search function, to name some enhancements. Watch for these changes later this month.

Cool Little Kids

If you are a primary caregiver of a student in JK to Grade 2 and your child is described as shy, withdrawn or worried, consider attending Cool Little Kids: An Anxiety Prevention Program, Working with Parents to Support young children. This program is offered by the HWDSB Social Work Department. A Parent Information Night is scheduled for April 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Education Centre (20 Education Court, Hamilton). Attendance is free, but you will need to RSVP by April 12 by calling 905.527.5092 (x2923) or emailing coollittlekids@hwdsb.on.ca

Volunteer Appreciation Week – April 16 to 20

The HWDSB and the Parent Involvement Committee invite all school volunteers to a Profiling Volunteer Excellence Open House on Tuesday, April 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the HWDSB Education Centre (20 Education Centre). If you are interested in attending, please register by April 10 here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/73oSczNRegEWDa11>

As well, Dundana will be hosting its own Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Friday, April 20 at 1 p.m. in the school library. If you have volunteered for the school this year, you are invited to join us for that as we thank you for all of your efforts that have made our school even better this year.

Friday the 13th Family Movie Night at Dundana

The Dundana School Council is hosting a fun family movie night on Friday, April 13th in the school gymnasium for a showing of Ratatouille. Our snack bar, featuring pizza and other treats, will open at 6



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p.m. and the movie will start at 6:30 p.m. Entrance is free! Bring your blankets, pillows, and stuffies so you can make yourself at home in the gym. We look forward to seeing many families there.

April Calendar of Events

April 3,9,16,23,30	Lunch Lady deliveries (2 nd NB)
April 4	School Council meeting, library, 6:30, all are welcome!
April 5	Grade 2 Simple Machines, Scientists in the School, Mme Lattanzio
April 6	Grade 2 Simple Machines, Scientists in the School, Mme Bromhead
April 6,13,20,27	Pizza Days (2 nd NB)
April 9,16, 23,30	Grade 3 Swim to Survive lessons (see your child's schedule for specific dates)
April 9	Public Health Dental Screenings, JSK – Grade 2
April 13	Grade 5 EcoHouse trip
April 13	Spirit Day – Jersey Day and Dragons vs Teachers Basketball game
April 13	Family Movie Night, 6:00 (doors open), 6:30 (movie starts), gym
April 16	Concours Oratoire, gym, 11:15 a.m.
April 19	Gr 2 Simple Machines, Scientists in the School, Mme Ruiu, Clarke, Hawley
April 19	Volunteer Tea, 1 p.m., library
April 23	Dundana Students Clean our Community for Earth Day
April 23-27	JungleSport, gym
April 26	Board level Concours Oratoire