



# Dundana Elementary School

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## June 2018 Dundana Newsletter

### **Principal's Message**

Another school year is drawing to an end, but we have a busy month ahead before we get there. I am always impressed by the breadth and depth of knowledge and skill our students have acquired over the course of the year, which is due to their enthusiasm for learning, teacher skill in providing opportunities and family support. Thank you for all that you do to help your child(ren) achieve their goals. In addition to school-wide celebrations and events, our classes have a number of grade- or class-specific events to look forward to. Please look for communication from your child(ren)'s teacher regarding those events to stay organized for the month.

### **Volunteers**

Dundana staff has been so appreciative of the efforts of all of our volunteers this year. Thanks to your time, we have been able to take students out on excursions, attend out of school sports events, participate in in-school events like Scientists in the Schools, and purchase a wide variety of resources for students through volunteer and School Council fundraising efforts. We couldn't have done any of that without you! If you are interested in volunteering again next year, we will be sending home volunteer forms in September. All volunteers are required to also provide a vulnerable sectors police screening every three years. Please check with the school office if you would like to know if your police check is due for the 2018-2019 school year.

### **End of Day Arrangements**

Our main office is a very busy one and we are not always able to receive and pass on messages to students. Please ensure that your child(ren) know your end of day arrangements before they leave for school in the morning and that unusual/unexpected arrangements are written into agenda or important bags to pass on to the classroom staff.

### **Library Shut Down**

Each year, our teacher librarians work hard to re-organize the library before the end of the year so that all of our books will be available in September. Please scour your homes and back packs for any books that may have gone missing. The final return date is: **June 14**. Please make sure all books are returned by this date. If you have lost or damaged a school library book, you have the option to replace it with a similar book or pay \$5 for a paperback or \$10 for a hardcover. Thanks to our generous School Council, our library will also be restocked with \$4000 worth of new French and English books in September. We encourage all of our students to keep reading over the summer. Additional books obtained through the Scholastic Book fair go to both classroom libraries and our school library.

### **Raz Kids Accounts**

We are always looking for new resources to engage our students in reading. Dundana School Council has agreed to fund Raz Kids for all of our current Dundana students for a year-long subscription. Raz



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Kids is an online book repository that hosts engaging English and French reading material for students of all levels. In June, your child will be given a password and log in information and teachers will review how your child can use this resource to augment his/her summer reading and will send this information home to you. In the meantime, if you are interested in taking a look at the program, please go to: <https://www.raz-kids.com/>

## Heat Events

The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event. A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40°C or higher humidex reading. Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on the HWDSB website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- Limit physical outdoor activities
- Ensure access to water
- Close drapes/blinds
- Move students through cooler areas of the school
- Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress

## Calendar of Events

June 1 -	
June 4 -	Track and Field, 11:15 a.m.
June 4, 11, 18, 25 -	Lunch Lady
June 5 -	Mary Poppins trip, Gr 1 to 5, 9:45 a.m.
June 6 -	School Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
June 7 -	Rain Date for Track and Field
June 8 -	P.A. Day – no school for students
June 11 -	Grade 3 swimming
June 12 -	Grade 5 Transition Trip to Sir William Osler, a.m.
June 18 -	Grade 3 swimming
June 19 -	Piano Student Recital, library, 2 p.m.
June 20 -	Kindergarten classes to RBG, a.m.
June 21 -	Mme Lattanzio & Mme Bromhead classes to Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory
June 21 -	HWDSB Track and Field Meet at Mohawk Sports Field
June 22 -	Playday
June 25 -	Kindergarten Celebration, 2:30
June 26 -	Grade 5 Celebration Assembly, 9:30 a.m.
June 27 -	Grade 4/5 Picnic
June 27 -	Grade ½ trip to RBG
June 28 -	Last day for students (dismissal at 3:15)
June 29 -	P.A. Day – no school for students