



# Dundana Elementary School

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## October/November 2018 Newsletter

### **Principal Report**

We have had an exciting first half of the term and lots of planning has gone into bringing new and interesting activities and learning to our students for the rest of this term and year. Below will give you some information about many of our upcoming school events. As always, please check communication from your child's teacher for more grade- or class-specific programming.

### **School Council**

Our School Council has been busy deciding on this year's council fundraisers and school initiatives to fund. Stay tuned for a full report on these in the next month. We thank all of the council volunteers who made the Meet the Teacher night BBQ such a success! As always, any parent or guardian is welcome to attend any council meeting to learn more about what they are working on and to learn about school initiatives as well. Council meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

### **Family Movie Night – October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Dundana School Council will be hosting our first family movie night of the year on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Admission is FREE. Families are invited to come with their pillows/blankets and favourite stuffies and loungewear for our showing of RIO. The gym doors will open at 6 p.m. and the movie will start at 6:30. Pizza and movie treats will be sold beginning at 6 p.m. (cash only) for you to enjoy during the show. A reminder that a parent/guardian must remain in the gym with their child(ren) for the movie.

### **Progress Reports**

This year, all JK to Grade 5 students will receive a Progress report on Tuesday, October 30. This is a brief report to give you an early indication of how your child is doing in a number of areas. This is not a full evaluative report (i.e. no grades or marks) but is based on teachers' early assessment of your child's progress to date. A progress report only tells part of the story, though. We encourage all of our families to take the opportunity on November 1 or 2 to sign up for an interview with your child's teacher(s) to learn more about how he/she is doing and next steps to be worked on. Please contact your child's teacher(s) to schedule these interviews.

### **Hallowe'en**

On Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> we invite our students to bring costumes to school for the Hallowe'en activities. Grade 1 to 5 students are asked to bring their costumes to change into, while our JK/SK students can wear their costumes and bring school clothes to change into. Please remember no masks or weapons. Please consult your child's teacher for other festive plans for the day. Here are the parade plans for the various classes:

JSKA (Douglas/Saunders) – will be parading around the main floor just after morning announcements. Family members interested in watching this parade are asked to wait in the front hallway.



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JSKB (Dransutivicius/Black) – will be taking their parade to Wentworth Lodge at 9:30 a.m. Family members interested in seeing these students are asked to watch at the front entranceway at 9:30 on their way out.

Grades 1 to 5 (all classes) – will change into their costumes right after second Nutrition break at 1:35. We will aim to start the parade at 1:45 p.m. Weather permitting, family members can watch from the back playground or gym for all of the classes to parade by.

## November Warm Clothing Drive

As you clean out those closets to prepare for the coming cold weather, we encourage you to bring in new or gently used coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mitts/gloves that can be used by the K to 8 students in need at Lake Avenue School in Hamilton's east end. Last year, Dundana contributed a full carload of items that were quickly distributed to the thankful families at Lake Avenue. Items can be dropped off at the office or to the school stage until November 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, in advance, for considering support for our sister school.

## Terry Fox Run

Dundana students came out and ran so well in late September for our annual Terry Fox run. They also raised over \$1100 that went to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile endeavour.

## Calendar of Events

Thurs Oct 25	Dyments Farm trip, K classes
Fri Oct 26	Family Movie Night, 6 - 8 p.m.
Fri Oct 26	October Celebration Assembly, 9:15
Tues Oct 30	Progress reports sent home
Wed Oct 31	Hallowe'en Festivities (see above for details)
Thurs Nov 1	Late afternoon interviews in some classes (see individual teacher for details)
Fri Nov 2	School day interviews in some classes (see individual teacher for details)
Fri Nov 2	P.A. Day – no school for students
Mon Nov 5	School Council meeting, 6:30, library
Tues Nov 6	Jack Grunsky concert K-3 classes
Wed Nov 7	Beethoven concert, junior classes
Wed Nov 7	Photo Retake day (junior students will be photographed before their trip)
Fri Nov 9	Swim Meet, McMaster, p.m. for swim team members
Mon Nov 12	Remembrance Day Assembly, 11:15, gym
Fri Nov 16	Spirit Day – Wacky Hair Day
Fri Nov 30	November Celebration Assembly, 9:15