



Dundana Elementary School

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Principal Report

Maintaining physical activity habits in the cold winter months can be challenging. We know, however, that our students' abilities to perform well academically, manage self regulation and maintain a positive well being is affected by regular physical activity. Students currently participate in Physical Education class and/or DPA (Daily Physical Activity) every day during instructional time. Additionally, extra curricular clubs and teams are organized by staff members (e.g. Boks, Primary Dance Club, Junior Dance Club, Junior Basketball, intermural games) throughout the year. We've also worked hard as a school team to bring different physical activity opportunities to the students. In the upcoming months, our classes will have the opportunity to learn how to curl (February 25 or 26), go ice skating (grades 1 – 5, March 7), practice climbing with JungleSport (April 1-5) and learn new dances from an Indigenous dance group (February 15). We hope you will join with us in encouraging your child to embrace all of the physical activity experiences we do at school and begin to develop habits that can help keep them healthy for a lifetime.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration begins for students born in the years 2015 (JK) or 2014 (SK) on Monday, February 4, 2019. Registration forms can be accessed on the board website or hard copies can be filled out at the school. For those families who wish to register online, please note that other registration information (proof of birth and address) still need to be presented in person at the school to complete the registration process.

Dundana is closed to all kindergarten students who live outside of our English catchment area. To ensure that Dundana is your catchment school, please contact the school office or use the School Finder feature on the board website, which can be found here: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/>

We will hold a kindergarten orientation night in the spring to answer any questions you may have about kindergarten and to introduce your child to the site. Registrations can be dropped off in the Dundana main office, ideally between the hours of 10 a.m and 2 p.m. to avoid the busiest times for the Office Administrator. We look forward to welcoming a whole new group of children to Dundana School next year!

Wear Yellow, Walk or Wheel to School Day – Don't Hibernate, Participate!

On February 6, Dundana will be participating in the wear yellow and walk or wheel to and from school initiative, supported by Smart Commute Hamilton. This is one great way we can encourage physical activity, decrease our collective carbon footprint and eliminate some of the congestion on our roads and parking lots. Dundana will also be launching an active school travel audit this spring to make our students and families more aware of the benefits of regularly walking or wheeling to and from school. Stay tuned for more details.



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Dance-a-thon

We will again be holding our annual Dance-a-thon for students on Thursday, February 14, 2019. Our downstairs homerooms will dance from 11:20 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our upstairs homerooms will dance from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Forms will be coming home in early February.

Safety in the Parking Lots

Please ensure, if you are picking up or dropping off your child in either of our parking lots, that you are supporting the safe travel of your child. Please do not allow children to play among the parked cars, run to waiting vehicles or walk between cars or buses without supervision. The parking lot and surrounding roads can be very dangerous at these busy times and we would like to keep all of our students safe. Thank you for your help.

Calendar of Events

February 1, 8, 15, 22	Pizza Days
February 4	School Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., library
February 4, 11, 25	Lunch Lady days
February 6	Wear Yellow – Walk/Wheel to School Day
February 12	Term 1 Report Cards sent home
February 14	Dance a thon, 11:15 to 12:55
February 14	Spirit Day – Wear Your Pink and/or Red
February 15	Red Sky Productions Indigenous Dance Workshop, K to 5
February 18	Family Day – no school
February 22	Celebration Assembly, 9:15 a.m.
February 25 & 26	Rocks and Rings – Curling Workshops, K to 5
March 1	PA Day – no school for students