



# Dundana Elementary School

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## March/April 2019 Newsletter

### **Principal's Message**

March and April often feature a turning point in the school year. It is a time when lightbulbs go off over students' heads about difficult concepts they have worked on for months. We start to see the maturity and growth in students, particularly in the way they use the strategies they have been taught, both for academic and well being areas of need. The weather (hopefully!) turns a corner and we start to see hints of life begin to peek out. It is difficult for students to maintain the momentum of a school year for ten months at a time, but I hope you will help us find ways to continue to encourage your child(ren) to build or maintain their learning in this last term of the school year. This is where all of their ideas, practise and hard work come together. Offer encouragement; present detailed feedback that helps your child see that you recognize specific areas of learning they have accomplished. Talk about goals they can still accomplish in this school year and check in with them frequently to see how it is going. Even more specifically, help them make a step by step plan to see the actions they can take to help them achieve those goals. We have so much learning to do together still this year.

### **Enhanced Rules for Smoking on School Property**

There are new rules for smoking cannabis and tobacco, and vaping on any school property for all students, staff, families and visitors. Smoking cannabis or tobacco and vaping any substance is prohibited anywhere on school property and in public areas within 20 metres of the perimeter of the school grounds. If you are caught smoking or vaping in school or on school property, you may be ticketed or fined. Please be aware of these new restrictions around all of our schools.

### **School Council Update**

Dundana's School Council is a small but enthusiastic group that meets each month to discuss school events, facilities, and resources. The Council also plans and runs a number of fundraisers each year, including weekly pizza days, movie nights, Spring and Fall BBQs, Book fairs and more. Council uses the money raised at school council-led fundraisers to support important initiatives that benefit all of the students in the school. This year, Council has been responsible for providing arts performances for our students, purchasing much-needed phys. ed. equipment, increasing technology resources for some classes and much more. The council is always looking for more volunteers to help out with community and fundraising events. If you are interested in coming out to the monthly meetings (first Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m.) or volunteering at any of the events, please contact our School Council chairs for more information: Simon Carroll ([carrols77@icloud.com](mailto:carrols77@icloud.com)) or Tara Woodburn ([taralynnwoodburn@gmail.com](mailto:taralynnwoodburn@gmail.com))

### **Family Movie Night**

Dundana School Council will once again be hosting a FREE family movie night on Friday, April 5, 2019. Entry begins at 6 p.m. and the movie will start promptly at 6:30. Bring your jammies, your comfy pillows and stuffies and settle in for a movie in the gym. Pizza and movie treats will be sold beginning at 6 p.m.



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A reminder that caregivers must remain in the gym with students for the movie. Watch for a flyer after the break for the name of the movie we'll be watching.

## International Day of Pink – April 10, 2019

Each year, Day of Pink is a day when communities, schools, and organizations across the country and the world can unite in celebrating diversity and raising awareness to stop homophobia, transphobia, transmisogyny and all forms of bullying. At Dundana, we will proudly wear our pink and we will work together as a school to create a "Community of Caring". Students will be participating in community building and kindness activities in multi-grade/multi-discipline teams.

## Learning About Appropriate Digital Citizenship

Our grade 4 and 5 students will be participating in a presentation in April with our Police Liaison Officer to learn more about their responsibilities in an online community and appropriate digital citizenship. Officer Drozdz will cover topics such as appropriate and inappropriate things to post, taking care to reveal information online, concerns to watch for online and what to do if you have a problem online. Our grade 3 students will also meet with Officer Drozdz to talk about this topic at a more introductory level.

## March Calendar

March 8, 22, 29	Pizza Days
March 4, 18, 25	Lunch Lady Days
March 8	Wacky Mismatched Outfit Day
March 11-15	March Break – Enjoy!
March 27, 28	Grade 1, 2 trips to Westfield Village
March 28	Concours Oratoire, 9 a.m.
March 29	Celebration Assembly, 9:10 a.m., gym

## April Calendar

April 1	School Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., library
April 1, 8, 15, 29	Lunch Lady Days
April 1-5	Junglesport
April 5	School Council Family Movie Night, 6 p.m.
April 5, 12, 26	Pizza Days
April 10	Pink Day – Wear Pink to Celebrate Kindness and Your Commitment to Care
April 11	Dufflebag Theatre, 9 a.m.
April 12	Spirit Day – Team Colours/Jersey Day
April 15	Digital Citizenship presentations, Grades 3,4,5
April 19	Good Friday, no school
April 22	Easter Monday, no school
April 26	Celebration Assembly, 9:10 a.m., gym



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