



# Dundana Elementary School

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## Dundana Newsletter

May 2019

### **Principal Message**

Recently, our Director and Executive Council members shared a message with schools reminding all of us about the "Push for June". It is easy at this time of year to get caught up in the excitement of spring excursions, special events and the nicer weather. However, we know that the months of May and June are critical for many of our students to consolidate their learning from the school year and make meaningful gains in achievement. So, our students will still be very busy this month learning, completing assignments and showing their teachers everything that they have learned. We hope you will be able to join us at our Spring Open House on May 16<sup>th</sup> so your child can also show you what has been learned.

### **Planning for 2019/2020**

We will soon begin planning for next year's classes as we try to develop successful transitions for our students. This will include a class building process carried out by the staff using the collective knowledge they have about individual student strengths and needs. Parents and guardians may also have additional thoughts about your child that could contribute to our decision making. If there is particular information about your child that you would like us to consider when placing your child (e.g. a student's particular strengths or needs, pairings of students that are beneficial or detrimental to your child's learning), please advise via email to [kkeerybi@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:kkeerybi@hwdsb.on.ca).

**Please note that requests for specific teachers cannot be accepted and will not be considered.**

Submissions received on or before May 31<sup>st</sup> will be considered, but cannot be guaranteed. We will endeavour to create the best learning environment we can for every student.

If your child will be returning to Dundana next year, we will inform you of the class information (e.g. teacher name and/or class location) available before the end of the year. The students will also have a chance to briefly visit their new class during the last week of school. We hope these processes will help your child feel more comfortable with the exciting transition to a new grade.

### **Spring Open House**

Our Spring Open House on May 16<sup>th</sup> promises to be another exciting and jam-packed event! Between 5:30 and 7:00, families are welcome to come and check out your child's classroom and see what he/she has been working on this term. Our School Council will also be hosting a BBQ and fun fair on the playground, and a Scholastic Book Fair in the gym during this event. As well, families who have questions about this year's Health Growth and Development units of study are welcome to come take a look at them on the stage and speak to Ms. MacDonald for clarifications or more information.

We will also hold a Welcome to Kindergarten session from 4:15 to 5 p.m. for our incoming JK students and their families, and a Welcome to French Immersion drop in session from 7 to 7:30 p.m. for our incoming grade 1 FI students and their families. We hope to see many Dundana families out to enjoy this community event.



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If you are interested in helping out the hard-working team of School Council volunteers to take a shift during the Open House events, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4dada72ea1ff2-dundana> We are in need of more volunteers to make the event run smoothly. Thank you!

## Talent Show

It will come as no surprise to you that we have so many talented students at Dundana, many of whom will participate in the yearly Talent Show. Our talent show will be on Friday, May 10, beginning at 11:15 a.m. Order of participants and *approximate* times for these numbers will be posted on the school website on May 6<sup>th</sup>. As with all of our fabulous production numbers, seating is limited, but we would love to have some family members come out to cheer on our stars.

## Kindergarten Registration

We are still accepting registrations for JK and SK students in our English catchment area for the 2019/2020. You are welcome to come into the school to register fully in person or you can begin the registration process online here: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/> before coming into the school to present your documentation. Please note that we are unable to accept any out-of-catchment requests to our English program, even for those children who intend to register for French Immersion in grade 1 or who have siblings in our F.I. program. To find your catchment school, please see: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/>  
We can't wait to welcome a new batch of Dundana Dragons!

## Calendar of Events

May 1	Choirfest, at Sherwood Secondary
May 2	Kindergarten Graduation Photos
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Pizza Day
May 6, 13, 27	Lunch Lady
May 6	School Council, 6:30, Library
May 7	Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off
May 8	Silk Road Production, K-5, gym
May 10	Talent Show, 11:15 a.m., gym
May 16	Open House, 5:30 – 7:00
May 16	Grade 1 FI Orientation, 7:00 – 7:30, library
May 16	New to Kindergarten Orientation, 4:15 – 5:00
May 17	Spirit day – Favourite Hat Day
May 20	Victoria Day, no school
May 21-31	EQAO, grade 3 students
May 23	Jump Rope for Heart School Event
May 30	Celebration Assembly, 9:10 a.m., gym