



Dundana Elementary School

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September 2019 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! The calendar may argue that this isn't the real new year, but anyone involved in a school knows this is the time for fresh starts, new goals and resolutions, revised routines and a little excitement and nervousness. The staff at Dundana are eager to welcome our students and families back for all that this new year brings. This newsletter should provide some of the information you need to get your family back into the school routine. At the beginning of each school month, a school newsletter will be posted on the school website to provide families with more information about upcoming events and other school information. The school website is also your best source for timely information throughout each month. I encourage you to subscribe to the website to ensure you don't miss any updates. Let the new year begin!

2019-2020 Staff

JSA	Rm 125	Mrs. Dransutavicius and Mrs. Black
JSB	Rm 123	Ms. Sklarchuk and Ms. Akther
12A	Rm 107	Mrs. Hawley
23A	Rm 110	Mrs. Douglas
4A	Rm 202	Mrs. Johnston
5A	Rm 212	Mrs. Firth
F1A	Rm 128	Mme de Graaf
F1B	Rm 105	Mme Ruiu
F12A	Rm 112	Mme Lattanzio
F2A	Rm 106	Mme Strong
F23A	Rm 109	Mme Price
F3A	Rm 213	Mme Harrison
F3B	Rm 203	Mme Leroeye
F4A	Rm 205	Mme Komar
F45A	Rm 214	Mme Eastwood
F5A	Rm 204	Mme Godley
LRT	Rm 111	Mrs. De Tina
HPE	Gym	Ms. MacDonald
LIB	Library	Mrs. Clarke
MUS		Mrs. Popek
Coverage		Ms. Buchner
Reading		Mrs. Fleming
EA		Ms. Thomas
EA		Ms. Clapham
Office		Mrs. Bentley
Principal		Mrs. Keery Bishop
Caretaking		Ms. Kerr, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Wease



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School Hours

Morning supervision	8:40 – 8:55
Period 1	8:55 – 9:55
Period 2	9:55 – 10:35
Nutrition break 1	10:35 – 11:15
Period 3	11:15 – 12:05
Period 4	12:05 – 12:55
Nutrition break 2	12:55 – 1:35
Period 5	1:35 – 2:15
Period 6	2:15 – 3:15
Afternoon supervision	3:15 – 3:30

School Council

Dundana has a small but enthusiastic group of parents who have volunteered to participate in the School Council in the past. We would love to welcome new and returning families to consider if any parent or guardian is interested in supporting the school council as well. This could mean nominating yourself for an executive position, a member at large position, attending any or all council meetings as a non member, and/or volunteering to help out at various School Council-run events (e.g. Meet the Teacher BBQ, Movie night, etc). A nomination form will come home with your child the first week of school. Please consider if any of these roles would be right for you, and, if so, return the nomination form to the school by September 16. Our first council meeting and election will be held on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dundana library.

Lunch Lady Returns

Lunch Lady will again be coming to Dundana this year. This year, our Lunch Lady day will be Tuesdays, second nutrition break, beginning on Tuesday, September 17th. For more information, or to place an order for your child, please go to the LunchLady.ca. Funds raised through Lunch Lady profits goes back into the school to support our students, with guidance from the School Council committee. Information regarding School Council Pizza Days will follow in the comings week.

School Agendas

All of our Grade 1 to 5 students will come home the first week with a new agenda, which has been purchased for you by the School Council. We encourage students and families to get in the habit of bringing the agenda to and from school each day. Students will be encouraged to write important school events in it to inform parents. Parents and teachers are also encouraged to use it as a means of on-going communication, as needed. When your child receives his/her agenda, please look at the material in the front few pages. Important school information is featured here, as well as early forms to be filled in and returned to the school in the first few weeks.



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Technology in the School

Our students will, at times, use technology tools – such as iPads – and programs – such as word processing – to support their curricular program, as determined by the classroom teacher. Each classroom has a selection of devices teachers will provide to students as needed and as availability allows.

As well, students will not be permitted to use devices (phones, tablets, etc) for non curricular use during school time, including nutrition breaks. Students who need to contact a parent are advised to consult their teacher and come to the office so those conversations can be supported by school staff.

Students do not have permission at any time to take photos, videos or audio recordings of other students, staff or visitors during school time (including nutrition breaks) without the permission of their supervising teacher and the subject of that recording.

Students who use personal or school devices inappropriately will have devices confiscated, parents will be informed, and progressive disciplinary action will be taken.

Students and families are also reminded that students who use social media inappropriately towards other students, or in ways that affect other students, even if this participation occurs outside of the school day, can also be subject to disciplinary action at school and police can be informed if warranted. While children can become very interested in, and adept with, the use of technology for entertainment and social reasons at a very young age, parents are encouraged to closely monitor their use. Social media sites (e.g. Facebook, Instagram) actually do not allow children younger than 13 or 15 (depending on the site) to use their programs. If you have any questions about how technology is used in your child's class, please address that with the classroom teacher. Questions concerning school policy more generally can be addressed to the Principal.

Parents are also encouraged to carefully read, sign and return the Media Consent Agreement (in school agendas) to further your understanding of this important issue.

Arrival and Dismissal Information

In order to keep our students and visitors safe at Dundana, we would ask for your co-operation travelling around the school. If you are dropping off or picking up your child for entry and dismissal, please park in a legal spot on the road across the street from the school or beginning mid-way down the field on the school-side of the street. Our buses need the space in the bus loading zone, across the entry of the small parking lot, and along the side of the road for two bus lengths past the small parking lot entrance. Keep in mind that by-law officers keep our street and school grounds on their route to monitor and will ticket cars illegally parked. Please do not have your child(ren) walk between buses or through the parking lot without adult monitoring and support. Dogs (except service animals) are also not allowed on school property at any time and by-law officers are monitoring this as well.

A Message from Your Trustee

Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!



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My name is Paul Tut and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Ward 13.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our ward. I can be reached by email at ptut@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 905-515-2473.

For more information about the Board of Trustees, including the committees that Trustees are part of, please visit: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/>

Calendar of Events

Sept 17, 24	Lunch Lady lunches (2 nd nutrition break)
Sept 20	P.A. Day – no school for students
Sept 26	Terry Fox Run

Looking Ahead:

Oct 3	Meet the Teacher, 5:30 – 7 p.m.
Oct 8	Photo day