



Dundana Elementary School

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October 2019 Newsletter

Principal's Message

September has been a wonderful month; our students and staff have worked so hard to start the school year off with goal setting, new learning and collaborating with new friends. Progress reports will be coming home on October 29th this year, which means our educators have already begun assessing students in many areas of the curriculae. Keep in mind when you receive this report, it is based on on-going classroom assessment by teachers and is not a final grade or mark. Teachers use the information they have learned about the students in the first six weeks of school – through conversations with students, observations of student thinking and doing, and some products of student work – to make a professional judgement about whether a student is likely to progress well, very well, or with difficulty towards the evaluation period at the end of January. I hope you will take some time this month ahead of those reports to discuss with your child the goals he/she is setting in school, the plan he/she has to achieve it, and what successes he/she has had so far. Helping our students become reflective practitioners of their own learning is a skill that will help them in elementary school and far beyond.

Meet the Teacher

We are looking forward to welcoming families to Dundana on Thursday, October 3 for our annual Meet the Teacher event. Between 5:30 and 7, you are welcome to visit classrooms and meet the staff that work with your child. During that time you can also visit the Scholastic book fair in the gym, check out the School Clothing sale in the gym, meet the group representing our School Travel Plan committee and of course join the School Council for Pizza on the Playground from 5 to 6:30 for some dinner and socializing.

Calendar of Events

October 2 -	Wear Yellow Day – Walk or Wheel to School day
Oct 2, 9, 17, 24	Swim Team practices, 3:30 – 4:30
October 3 -	Cross Country Meet
October 3 -	Meet the Teacher, 5:30 – 7 p.m.
October 3 -	Scholastic book fair – @ school day and during Meet the Teacher
October 3 -	School Council Pizza on the Playground, 5 – 6:30
Oct 1,8,15,22,29	Lunch lady days, 2 nd nutrition break
October 8	School Photos day
October 8	School Council, 6:30
October 9	Bus Presentations, 9 a.m. (Primary), 9:55 (Junior)
October 14	Thanksgiving – no school
October 21	Election Day (Please note Dundana is a polling site – limited parking will be available throughout the day)
October 31	Hallowe'en – please check website closer to Hallowe'en for any school activities on this day



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Active School Travel



Dundana Elementary School was fortunate to be chosen for the Active School Travel Parent Engagement Strategy Pilot Project. A few HWDSB parents have been working with the City of Hamilton to develop a strategy to get more kids walking or wheeling to school.

The goal is to increase the number of parent champions for active school travel, and increase the number of students and their families using active school travel.

Our partners from the City of Hamilton will be joining us at our October 8th School Council meeting to share more information about the project.

In the meantime, [Join The Movement](#) by signing up for a monthly newsletter and invite other parents to join as well. Find up-to-date information about this project in the Parent Corner of the Hamilton Smart Commute [Newsletter](#).

Please email Faye.Parascandalo@Hamilton.ca or MaryLynn.Balardo@Hamilton.ca if you would like more information.