



Dundana Elementary School

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Dundana Newsletter – November 2019

Progress Report Interviews

By now, you should have received your child's progress report (went home October 29), providing you with some initial observations. To further augment this information, we encourage parents and families to consider coming in to meet with any of your child's teachers for an interview. These will be taking place primarily on **Thursday, November 7 or Friday, November 8**. Please communicate with the teacher to schedule a time.

Safety Reminders

We ask all of our families to help keep our students safe around schools. Please ensure that you are following these expectations:

- **Safe Arrival System:** All students and families are now expected to use the Safe Arrival system to register any absences, late arrivals or early departures for students. Families are required to use it. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can use the website at go.schoolmessenger.ca, use your mobile device with the SchoolMessenger app or you can call the toll free number 1-844-506-4350 to report an absence. If you are having difficulty getting registered, please contact Mrs. Bentley in the office at 905.628.2622.
- Unless students are part of the Umbrella before school program, students are not permitted to be at school before 8:40 a.m. If students are dropped off between 8:40 and 8:55, they are directed to go outside to the supervised playground immediately and to not stop by classrooms, hooks or lockers. Students cannot be left at the school before 8:40 or after supervision ends at 3:30.
- No dogs are permitted on school property at any time, with the exception of certified service dogs.
- Please take care to drive slowly and safely around the school and on Dundana Avenue, particularly around entry and dismissal times. As we encourage more students to walk or ride bikes to school, we want them to find the area around the school to be safe for non-vehicle travel.
- If you are entering the school during school hours, the Safe School policy dictates that parents and visitors will immediately check in at the office. Visitor traffic in the halls and to classrooms is restricted. Please say your goodbyes to your child at the drop off point (either playground or office) and allow your child to travel to their classroom.
- Students are not permitted to ride a school bus if they are not registered on that bus. When arranging play dates, etc., please keep this in mind. If your child regularly rides the bus but will be picked up, please inform the school via the agenda and ensure that your child is very clearly aware of this change.



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School Council Update

Dundana's active school council has already been hard at work to make Dundana a better place to be for our students and families. They have hosted a successful Pizza on the Playground (but in the gym!) during our fall Meet the Teacher, a Scholastic book fair, have begun Lunch Lady Tuesdays and Friday Pizza days for the school year, and have re-launched a Mabel's Labels fundraising campaign (see more about this below). They have also hosted a Family Movie Night in October and have agreed to fund several school-enhancing initiatives already. Thanks to the council's generosity, we have booked three arts performances for all of our students to be held in the school, throughout the year, the first of which will be later this month. They have also agreed to pay for an electronic library of books for students to access in class and at home. Our French Immersion students this year will be provided with a subscription to Je lis je lis litteratie!, while our English students will be provided with a subscription to Raz Kids readers. Watch for more information in the coming months. The school council meets each month on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Dundana library. Interested Dundana parents or guardians are always welcome to attend. Thank you, council, for all of your work!

School Council Fundraiser

Tired of lost clothing, shoes and water bottles? Parent Council is excited to share our new fundraiser ... Mabel's Labels! Simply select "Dundana Elementary School" when you place your orders (now and throughout the year) via this site: Campaigns.mabelslabels.com 20% of your spending will be sent to our school to directly support students! Tell your family and friends... everyone and anyone can easily click and select Dundana! Mabel's labels are high quality and make awesome teacher gifts, birthday gifts as well as loot bag options.

School Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is exploding with student items! Parents and family members are welcome to peruse the items in the box near the front entrance door at any time. It is usually emptied at the end of each month and donated to charity, so please check diligently before the end of the month. For October's booming collection, we will lay it out on the stage area for families to scan on November 7 and 8th if you are coming in for interviews.

Calendar of Events

Nov 1, 15, 22	Pizza days
Nov 4	Photo retake days
Nov 4	School Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Nov 5, 12, 19, 26	Lunch Lady days
Nov 7 and 8	Parent Teacher Interviews
Nov 8	PA Day – no school for students
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – school assembly, 11:25 start
Nov 18	Public Health Vision Screening for SK students
Nov 25	Performance- Visions of Turtle Island
Nov 29	PA Day – no school for students