



Dundana Elementary School

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December, 2019 Dundana Newsletter

Principal Message

HWDSB has committed to enhancing support for our school communities to strengthen bullying prevention and intervention. All staff are participating throughout the year in several professional learning opportunities around strategies and procedures to support our students. Students have (and will) engage in learning in their classes about how they can be involved in recognizing, speaking out against, and combatting bullying, and should have brought home some parent resources in mid November. As a school, we have also committed to building a stronger community by engaging in what we are calling “Well Being Play Days” every two months. On these days, we choose a character topic to work on with teams of students. We build our teams to feature a range of ages, grades, and programs (French, English) so students get to know other Dundana students they might not normally interact with. Our first opportunity to try out our Play Day teams came on November 27th. On that day, we took 80 minutes out of the day to rotate teams through different stations where they got to explore and discuss what it meant to “have the courage to be kind”. We’re looking forward to our next community building team day at the end of January. In the meantime, we invite you to check out our front bulletin board throughout December to see some of our Kindness learning.

Jungle Sport Returns!

Jungle Sport has been one of our most popular experiences at Dundana in the last few years, so we are happy to be able to offer this program again, this time the week of **December 9th to 13th**. This in-school field trip allows our students to try out climbing and balancing skills with the support of trained instructors. A trip form, along with notification of which days your child will be participating, will be coming home shortly. Given our short time frames, we encourage all families to complete the paperwork promptly so your child does not miss out on this opportunity. To see more information about JungleSport, please go to: <https://www.junglesport.com/> If you have any questions for the school, please contact Mrs. Frank in the PE office.



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Pizza Order Reminders

Our School Council is pleased to sell cheese, pepperoni or gluten-free pizza for students to purchase for every Friday school day. We understand it has taken families a little longer to get used to School Cash Online's monthly purchase set up, however, beginning this month, there will be **no late or cash orders accepted**. All pizza orders for December must be in by the deadline of December 3. Families that would like to purchase ahead for future months are able to do that as well, but no orders will be accepted for December after December 3. Thank you to all of our families that support this wonderful fundraiser.

Voila Learning is Back

Our school has been selected by the HWDSB to get access to Voila Live's Virtual Immersion Campus. Every evening from Monday to Thursday, students in all grades have access to live teachers online to practice their French and get homework help in French, English and Math. Students can also play live, communicative games in French on the platform. Parents or guardians can register for the program by visiting: <http://voilalearning.com/en/free-online-tutoring/> Once there, click on "My school board is registered", then complete the form using the code 01HWDSB. You will receive a link to download the platform the next day. If you require further help to access this program, please contact Voila Learning at their toll-free number, 1-866-900-0658.

Encourage Your Children to Use Active Travel to Get to School

Walking and wheeling are healthy ways to get to and from school. Skipping car travel for more active travel can help children meet the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Trips powered by active travel, rather than vehicles, can help to improve air quality, reduce your carbon footprint, and make neighborhoods friendlier places. Commit to walking or wheeling to or from school at least once, then build from there.



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Calendar of Events

December 3	School Council Meeting, 6:30, library
December 3, 10, 17	Lunch Lady
December 6, 13, 20	Pizza Days
December 9-13	JungleSport
December 17	Celebration Assembly, 9:10
December 18	Winter Concert Rehearsal (for student viewing), 9:15
December 19	Winter Concert (for family/parent viewing), 9:15
December 20	Spirit Day – Pyjama Day
December 23-January 3	Winter Break, no school
January 6	Return to School