



Dundana Elementary School

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January 2020 Newsletter

Principal Message

It is always exciting to have a fresh start partway through a long project. After a few weeks of what I hope was some rest, relaxation and revitalization for your family, and the turning of the calendar to a new year and decade, this is the perfect time for some new beginnings at Dundana. We are in the home stretch for term 1 assessment and evaluation (report cards are due to come home mid-February). In January, we will be encouraging our students to use the knowledge and skills they have learned September to December to really demonstrate their learning well in January. After this period of time away from school, we'll ask students again to reflect on their progress this year and determine what new goals they want to work on. We'll ask them to reflect on how they have done on the goals they set early in the school year and consider what the next steps for these areas are too. Dundana staff are looking forward to seeing all the learning our students will do in 2020.

Inclement Weather Reminders

It's winter in Canada, so we know that we will face all kinds of weather in the next few months. Most of the time, we will try to get students outside for fresh air and exercise during the school day, but at times, weather conditions necessitate we stay inside. If the weather is below -15 (and/or -20 windchill), indoor entry or recess will occur. If other weather conditions are determined to be too extreme for student safety (e.g. blizzard conditions, excessive ice on all play surfaces), a decision may also be made to keep students inside. However, we encourage families to send students with outdoor clothing appropriate to the weather conditions each day. Students must go outside if it is an outdoor recess and are sent to school; there is no indoor supervision option during these times.

School closures due to inclement weather is also a possibility, particularly in the winter months. Please take a moment to review HWDSB severe weather procedures around school closures.

It is available for viewing here: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Severe-Weather-Handout-for-Schools-1.pdf>

As always, we also encourage families who have children travelling on a school bus to monitor the updates on the transportation website each day to determine if there are bussing delays.

Pizza Order Reminder

Just a reminder that the deadline to order pizza for any Friday in the month of January is Tuesday, January 7th using School Cash Online. Late orders or cash orders will not be accepted. Thank you to School Council and the Pizza volunteers for your on-going commitment to this weekly fundraiser.

Calendar Events

January 6
January 7, 14, 21, 28
January 7

Welcome Back!
Lunch Lady, 2nd Nutrition break
Orders for Pizza for January due on School Cash Online



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January 7
January 10, 17, 31
January 16
January 24

School Council meeting, library, 6:30 a.m.
Pizza Days, 2nd Nutrition break
Fire Safety Presentations, grades 1-4, a.m.
P.A. Day – no school for students