



Dundana Elementary School

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March 2020 Dundana Newsletter

Principal Report

Around mid-February, we passed that illustrious day celebrated by 5 and 6 year olds in education: the hundredth day of school. It's really interesting (and amusing, at times) to hear our youngest students talk about the concept of what a hundred is, particularly in relation to the concept of time. Descriptions from our recent celebration had students describing those first hundred days as both "a little while" and "so many years". Young students aren't the only ones who feel this way, though. By March, students and educators alike feel as if we have simultaneously just gotten started and have been working on our learning goals for ages. As a parent or guardian, helping your child keep focused and motivated on the learning still to be done between March and June can be a struggle. Encouraging your child to reflect on the goals he/she set in September and/or January – academics, learning skills, social skills – and helping define the next steps and plan to achieve them is a support every student can benefit from.

While report cards (grades 1 to 5) and Communications of Learning (Kindergarten) were not printed and distributed in February due to work to rule restrictions, the educators did assess and evaluate students for first term. If you would like information about those evaluations, you are welcome to contact Mrs. Keery Bishop at 905.628.2622 and you can receive that information from her.

Appropriate Footwear for In School Use

We are finding that a growing number of students are not bringing or wearing appropriate footwear for Phys Ed. Classes and in the classrooms. Students need to wear indoor shoes appropriate for physical activity when in school, and need to change into outdoor shoes/boots when going outside. This helps keep our students safer and more comfortable throughout the day. Thank you for your assistance with this.

ASST Survey

The Active and Sustainable School Travel committee is interested in gathering some data from Dundana families to help us plan for safe and feasible school travel strategies. If you have a few minutes, could you please fill in the following on-line survey? Thank you!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdII-cfBtSsJX6NvxenwaXXXrgcWqjuYVJ9pvkWezH9PuV3ig/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

Pizza Days

Due to ongoing labour disruptions, we have cancelled School Council's fundraising pizza lunches for the month of March. We will re-evaluate at the end of March to determine plans for April, or sooner if all of the disruptions are halted. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes to our Dundana families.



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Wacky Wednesdays in March

We're going to try to boost our school spirit in March with some wacky, dress up days. Every Wednesday in March features a different theme, if any student would like to participate.

- Wednesday, March 4 – Jersey Day/Team Colours – represent your favourite team, sport or school with a jersey, team shirt or team colours
- Wednesday, March 11 – Wacky Wear Day – wear your wackiest, mis-matched, or backwards outfit
- Wednesday, March 25 – Pyjama Day – we'll get all cozy in our comfy pyjamas

Kindergarten Registration

We are open for registration for Kindergarten 2020/2021!

Your child is eligible for the two year kindergarten program in the calendar year that he/she turns four (JK) or five (SK). You are welcome to begin your registration in person at the school office between 9:30 and 2:30 weekdays or online (see <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>).

All families will need to complete registration at the school, providing:

- ☐ Proof of age (child's birth certificate or passport)
- ☐ Proof of address (identification showing custodial guardian's address)
- ☐ Completed Kindergarten Registration form (online or paper copy)
- ☐ Proof of immunization
- ☐ Verification of date of arrival/immigration documents (if the child was not born in Canada)

Please note that we are only able to accept registrations from families who are in our English catchment area. For more information about catchment areas, please see:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/> A Kindergarten information session will be held in mid-May for all of our new registrants. We will send out information about this in the spring to all of our registered families. A brief tour of the Kindergarten classrooms will occur at that time.

Calendar of Events

March 2	School Council meeting, 6:30, school library
March 2,10,24,31	Lunch lady, 2 nd nutrition break
March 4	Spirit Day – Jersey/Team Colours Day
March 6	P.A. Day – no school for students
March 9-13	Popcorn sales –1 st Nutrition break, \$2/bag. Funds raised to PE Program
March 11	Spirit Day – Wacky, MisMatched Outfit Day
March 16-20	March Break – no school for students
March 25	Spirit Day – Pyjama Day