



Dundana Elementary School

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June 2020 Dundana Newsletter

Principal Message

This is not the end of the school year any of us would have expected even a few months ago. While our country and world have endured so much sickness, turmoil, sadness and stress in these last few months, it has been extremely difficult for the staff at Dundana to only be able to reach out to our students digitally. We know, as well, how difficult it has been for families to juggle all of your needs – including managing our students' learning – during this stressful time. We don't know yet what to expect for the 2020/2021 school year; we'll be waiting for direction from both the Ministry of Education (expected at the end of June), as well as the protocols provided by the HWDSB and our local Public Health, to determine what our conditions will be for the start of the school year. I would encourage families to please look to the HWDSB website, the local media and the Dundana website before school starts for more information about any changes that you might see to procedures for the fall. We hope that you will enjoy a break from at least some of the pressures from the last few months over July and August.

Continued Summer Studies

Recently our Minister of Education announced that there would be some summer programming to support students. While we don't yet have the full details of those programs, all released information so far indicates programs specifically to support students going into grades 7 to 12, and specialized programming for students with ASD. For students at Dundana, if you wish to continue your child's learning over the summer, any school-based memberships to Raz Kids or Je lis je lis and/or Prodigy will continue over the summer (although will not be monitored by the educators). As well, current knowledge holds that both the Ministry of Education's Learn at Home and HWDSB's Learn at Home websites will still be available throughout the summer. And while continued practice at reading, writing, problem solving and computation will be valuable, we also really encourage students and families to take a much-needed break at some point in these summer months.

Pick up of Student Materials

With our abrupt departure on March 13th, we know many students left items at Dundana. If you would like to come in and gather your child's items, we ask you to please sign up for a 15 minute appointment on either Thursday, June 4 (hours are 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.), Friday, June 5 (hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) or Tuesday, June 9 (hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). For information about the specific Public Health protocols that **must** be followed for these visits, please see <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dundana/2020/06/01/public-health-guidelines-for-entering-the-school/>. To book a pick up time, please see the Booking Calendar on our website here: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dundana/booking-calendar/>

If you meet all of the health policies, also be reminded that:

- You can only sign up for ONE child for each appointment and you will not be able to go into multiple classrooms during that appointment.
- Only ONE adult may accompany ONE child inside for each appointment. While we know this may be challenging for some families, it is the procedure we have been provided and we will not be able to provide any exceptions.



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- If you don't meet the public health requirements, but do need your child's items, please contact Mrs. Keery Bishop at kkeerybi@hwdsb.on.ca to make alternate arrangements.

Talent Show

Thank you to all of our students who submitted videos for our Virtual Talent Show. While we all miss our in-person Talent Show, it has been exciting to see some new talents that we wouldn't have discovered in the typical model. Thank you for your creativity and enthusiasm! Watch the school website on Friday, June 5th for information about the show.

Jump Rope for Heart

A little school closure can't stop Dundana from participating in Jump Rope for Heart! Please see Mrs. Frank's website for more information about how you can participate by jumping at home and/or by donating online to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in honour of our jumpers. We will be holding our virtual jump officially on June 19th.

<https://healthydragons.commonshwdsb.on.ca/2020-jump-rope/>

End of Year Celebrations

Following the directives of our Ministry of Education and the policies of HWDSB, all of our end of year celebrations have been cancelled this June. However, our Grade 5 team is still working on putting together an online presentation to mark our senior students' end of time at Dundana. Other educators will also be trying to find ways to help their students acknowledge their successes and end of the school year.

Report Cards

Dundana educators will be writing year-end report cards. However, by Ministry of Education directive, they will only include evaluation to include information from the start of second term (January 31, 2020) until March 13, 2020. Learning that has been provided digitally since the school building closure has been considered to give feedback to students, but not for evaluation. Because of these restrictions, your child may be receive some "I" s instead of a mark in certain areas. Parents/guardians who would like the marks that were assigned for your child by the teachers during first term's work to rule restrictions, please contact Mrs. Keery Bishop at kkeerybi@hwdsb.on.ca

Report cards will be sent to parents/guardians via the email we have on record in PowerSchool. If your email is not current with the office, please contact Mrs. Bentley at dbentley@hwdsb.on.ca to update it by June 19th. These reports will be emailed by/on June 26. Hard copies can be requested at the school *once the school buildings are open again*.



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Piano Instruction

Piano lessons at Dundana have continued this spring through online lessons and we are now beginning to make plans for September! If you would like to consider the opportunity for your son or daughter to take lessons during school hours in a half hour semi-private setting (within the school) or a 20 minute private lesson(online), now is a good time to place them on a wait list. This program is designed for beginner students who are in grades 2-5. Want more information? Please don't hesitate to call or email me, Mrs. Janssen, at 905-627-8075 or email miriamjanssen@gmail.com for more information. This is not a board supervised program.

Transportation for 2020-2021

HWDSB has adjusted some of their requirements for providing transportation to students, including extending the requirements for Kindergarten students to 1.2 km (previously was 1.0 km). Our grade 1-5 students continue to need to be at least 1.6 km to qualify for transportation services. **Information about possible courtesy ridership protocols will not be available until the fall.** If you don't receive a letter from transportation in August and you think your child is eligible, contact Transportation Services at <https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/>. If your child is not eligible, he/she will not be allowed to ride the school bus at the start of the school year. Please make other arrangements for your child's transportation. If/when courtesy transportation becomes available, this will be communicated on the school website along with the process that will need to be followed. Please note: courtesy transportation is not guaranteed and families must re-apply each year. *Given the current uncertainty around the procedure, we will not be accepting courtesy requests this spring for next year.*