



Dundana Elementary School

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May 2022 Dundana Newsletter

Principal Message

The first week in May is Education Week in Ontario. This is a week we can celebrate the hard work of our students, staff, families, and the programs that have supported student learning all year. After a hiatus of a few years, Dundana is pleased to bring back our Spring Open House on **Thursday, May 5th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** Educators will be on the playground to say hello and the classrooms will be open for you to take a look with your child. Our School Council is hosting a Pizza on the playground if you would like to order dinner. This can be purchased online using School Cash Online until **Monday May 2**. Alternately, a limited amount of pizza will be available for on site purchase using cash during Open House. We'll have large jugs of water for those who bring their own reusable water bottles as well as single use water bottles if you prefer. We'll also have the ever-popular Scholastic Book Fair set up in the gym. Students will be invited down to browse or shop during the school day Thursday with their class, or can come with their families during Open House.

We'll also have a couple of new additions to Open House this year to try to build in more outdoor opportunities to explore. Weather permitting, we hope to have our first Dundana art show posted on the fence line near the playground for you to check out. We'll also have our first outdoor StoryLine story On the Trapline on a path behind the school building. Feel free to read and walk. Don't forget to bring a device to check out the hidden information on the story board QR codes! Dundana is fortunate to host this story for the first few weeks in May before exploring two other new books in late May and early June. More outdoor learning for our classes!

We are also beginning to collect gently used children's books. A bin will be set up on the playground during open house if you would like to make a book donation. We'll continue collecting throughout May, then set up a free "store" for our students to choose a new-to-them books in June. We're hoping everyone will find something new to read for the summer!

Class Building for 2022-2023

This is the point in the year when we begin planning for the next school year. We try, whenever possible, to ease the transition into a new school year for students by placing them with a peer or peers with whom they enjoy working and playing. Family members are always an important source for this information. *If you would like to request that the school considers placing your child in a class next year with a specific peer or one of a few peers, please email that information to kkeerybi@hwdsb.on.ca before the end of May.* Please note, we cannot guarantee that they will be together, but we will do our best to consider the information when building the classes. Requests around specific educators or classes cannot be accepted for consideration.

It is also important to note that schools typically go through a re-organization process in early October. This means that a class, peers in the class, or an educator may change a few weeks into the school year. This is because school boards organize September classes based on projected enrollment numbers captured in March. Once actual numbers are confirmed in mid



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September, classes may need to be re-organized to comply with class size regulations and staffing requirements.

Current students at Dundana who are returning to Dundana in September will receive information about their September assignment on the June report card, due to go home on Friday June 24th.

Fro-Yo Fridays

Frozen Yogurt Fridays are a hit! Please note that a plastic, single use spoon is offered with the frozen yogurt sale, however, students are invited and encouraged to bring a reusable spoon in their lunch bag instead to help us prevent at least some waste. Thank you for supporting this initiative if you can.

EQAO

Grade 3 and 6 students in Ontario are to complete the EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) assessments for reading, writing and mathematics between May 4 and June 24, 2022. Grade 3 students will be coming home with a letter from the school during the first week of May outlining the dates their class will be completing the assessment. For more information about the assessment, please see: <https://www.eqao.com/about-eqao/media-room/videos/information-parents-guardians-about-primary-junior-assessments>

Upcoming Dates

Thurs May 5	Open House 5:30-7:00
Fri May 6	Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off
Mon May 23	Victoria Day – no school
Tues May 31	Jump Rope for Heart Event