



Dundana Elementary School

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June 2022 Dundana Newsletter

Principal's Message

It has been a long and busy school year but it has been wonderful to spend spring in and around our school building this year. Being able to witness first-hand the growth in students academically and celebrate that progress with them has been wonderful this year. We have a number of special events and activities planned for the month of June, however, it still looks a little different than a typical year. As a school staff, we decided to find ways to celebrate and enjoy our time with our students while remaining on school property. Instead of individual class trips to other sites, we are focusing on activities on our school grounds. For example, the company X Movement will be coming to Dundana to conduct in person workshops with all of our classes on June 16 and 17th. Individual classes and teachers will also communicate with families about any class-specific events and activities.

The last day for classes for students will be Wednesday June 29th. I hope all of our Dundana families will have the opportunity in the summer to rest, recharge and connect before we begin the 2022-2023 school year!

Looking Ahead to September

The first day of the 2022-2023 school year for students will be Tuesday September 6th. The school office will be open August 29 to September 1 for questions or to finalize registrations. Please note that the school office is not open from July 1 to August 28th.

Students will meet their classmates and teachers on the playground at 8:55 a.m. on that first day. Teachers will have signs to indicate where to go to line up. There will be some additional staff floating around the playground to connect students with classes for those who aren't sure where to go.

Kindergarten students will meet at the Kindergarten play area on their first day. Instructions about staggered Kindergarten entry will be sent directly to Kindergarten families once the school is provided this information from the board.

To see the 2022-2023 School Year calendar, including holidays and PA days, please go to: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Elementary-2022-2023-Calendar-Approved.pdf>

If your home is more than 1.6 km from the school (1.2 km for Kindergarten), your child is likely eligible for school bus transportation for 2022-2023. Letters are sent out in mid August to eligible students with information about bus route numbers, stop locations and times. We anticipate that there will be a courtesy rider application process in early October for those families who live closer than 1.6 km but are interested in transportation services. For more information about the courtesy seat program, please go to: <https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/service-emptyseat-hwdsb.aspx>

Bike to School Week

The week of May 30 to June 3 is Bike to School week in Hamilton. This is an exciting opportunity to encourage students to bike to school. It's the perfect way to celebrate that warm Spring weather and kick off the last month of school! This year, the City of Hamilton's Cycling



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Committee has pledged \$1000 to go towards prizes for schools that participate in this event, including gift cards for the school, classroom games and bike bells.

Dundana is a registered participant. We encourage students to ride a bike to school – it prepares your brain for a day of learning, it's good for your health and good for our environment. Let's fill those bike racks, Dundana! For more information about supporting your child in cycling, please see: <https://activeforlife.com/category/biking/>

Summer Book Swap – Looking for Donations

Dundana is looking for some gently used children's books to be donated between now and June 10th. We plan to organize the books and offer them back out to Dundana students during the last two weeks of school to choose something new for their summer reading. Thank you for helping to keep our students reading.

Piano Lessons for 2022-2023

Piano instruction continues to be offered at Dundana through the HWDSB piano program. We are hopeful that this September we will be back in the school to offer half hour semi-private lessons to students in grades 2 – 5 during school hours. Alternately, we will continue with after school online lessons. For more information or to place your child on the wait list for a potential September start, please email Miriam Janssen at miriamjanssen@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

June 1	Dundana School Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. via MS Teams
June 2	Ontario Provincial Election – Dundana is a polling site
June 2	Spirit Day – Rainbow Day – for June Pride month.
June 3	PA Day – no school for students (no Fro Yo Friday this week)
June 8	David Robertson Virtual Author Visit – gr 3 to 5 classes, a.m.
June 10	Grade 5 students visit Sir William Osler School, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
June 10	Spirit Day – “Read Me” Day – who can wear clothing with the most words to read?
June 16	Track and Field Meet at Mohawk Sports for some Gr 3-5 students
June 16	Dundana Extravaganza PE Workshops, K to 2 classes and F23A
June 17	Dundana Extravaganza PE Workshops, Gr 3 to 5 classes
June 17	Spirit Day – Fandom Day – do you have a favourite team, book or movie you can show us? Wear their jersey, dress as the character, etc.
June 23	Outdoor Playday, K to 5
June 24	Outdoor Playday, K to 5 RAIN DATE
June 24	Spirit Day – Life is Bright Day -wear your sunglasses, sun hat or clothing to show us you are ready for vacation
June 27	Grade 5 Send off celebration, 2 p.m.
June 28	Grade 5 picnic on Dundana grounds
June 29	Last Day of School for Students
June 30	PA Day – no school for students