



# Dundana Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Dundana is embarking on an exciting fundraising initiative to develop outdoor education on our school grounds!

Research shows that outdoor learning and play is vital to children's social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. The concept of holding class outside has gained momentum during the Covid19 pandemic, and other schools in the area have made outdoor classrooms part of their infrastructure. In addition to providing a fun, engaging experience in fresh air, an outdoor classroom can support and enhance the elementary curriculum in novel ways.

Dundana currently lacks outdoor play and learning spaces; an outdoor classroom offers an opportunity to escape the "zones" and use more of its extensive grounds.

We have begun working with Bienenstock to plan for an outdoor classroom that will contain milled log benches to accommodate 25 students. Please see the photos below for some examples at other schools.

We need the help of the Dundana community to make this plan come to life. **We have a fundraising goal of \$8,500.** Your donation is greatly appreciated and is tax deductible. We hope you will join us in creating a fabulous new outdoor space for our students!



You can donate to Dundana online through the **Hamilton Foundation for Student Success (HFSS)**. Please note under "Additional Comments" at the bottom of the donation page that your funds should be directed to Dundana Elementary School.

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