



Dundana Elementary School

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November 2022 Dundana Newsletter

Principal Message

Currently, there are a number of factors that can influence programming at school this year, such as job action by different groups of education workers. It is very important that parents and guardians keep informed about what is happening board-wide. To do so, please subscribe to the board website for email notifications and/or follow HWDSB on social media (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram). HWDSB will also update families through School Messenger, so please make sure to visit the Parent Portal and check that all of your contact information is correct.

For school-specific impacts that differ from full board messaging, notification will be posted on the Dundana School website. When subscribing to the HWDSB messaging, you can also opt to subscribe to Dundana as well. In both cases, you will receive an email at 8 p.m. on any day new messaging is posted.

The health and safety of our students and staff is of paramount importance. HWDSB will be working through any situation to make maintaining the safety of our environments and the learning for our students is the first priority.

Dundana School Council

The Dundana School Council next meets on Monday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is planned for in person (Dundana school library) but participants may also choose to attend remotely via MS Teams. Any parent or guardian of a student at Dundana is welcome to attend any meeting. If you would like an MS Teams invitation to attend, please email kkeerybi@hwdsb.on.ca by Friday November 4th. No invitation is needed to attend the meeting in person.

Thank you to our Council who organized the outdoor events, Scholastic book fair and pizza sales at Meet the Teacher in October. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out on that busy evening to make it a wonderful event for all!

Progress Reports

Each year, parents and families receive three standard reports on student achievement for their child. A Progress Report in November provides a brief, preliminary assessment of a student's demonstration of learning skills and subject areas. You can expect a paper copy of this report to come home with your child on Friday, November 18th. If you have any questions about the information shared in the report, please reach out to your child's educator(s) for further discussion.

Remembrance Day – November 11

Dundana students and staff will recognize Remembrance Day on Friday, November 11th with a student assembly. Students will receive a poppy sticker. Students are welcome to bring a donation for their poppy down to the office until November 11th. All donations received will go directly to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund.



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PA Day – November 25

All HWDSB Elementary and Secondary schools will have a Professional Activity Day on Friday, November 25th. There will be no school for students on this day.

Dental Health Screening

The Community Dental team from Hamilton Public Health Services will resume school dental screening this school year, after being on hold since March 2020. The dental team will be visiting the school to carry out the Ministry of Health (MOH) Oral Screening Program in grades JK, SK, 1 and 2 on November 9, 2022.

To carry out the dental screening, a Registered Dental Hygienist will use a separate sterilized mirror to look in the mouth of each child. It takes about 30 seconds per child.

Please send a note to the school office if:

- You have a child in another grade that you would like to be seen, or,
- If you want your child excluded from the dental screening

Your child will be sent home with a sealed brochure marked confidential with their dental screening results. Public Health Services offers dental programs and preventative services for children needing financial assistance. For more information, please visit hamilton.ca/schooldentalscreening.

Umbrella Before and After School Program – No Program November 18

The Umbrella organization, our Before and After School provider, has scheduled a no program day for Friday, November 18th. The Umbrella staff are using this day to do professional development together. As a result, there is no before or after school program on this day.

Photo Retake Day – Friday, November 18th

If your child requires a retake for photos, the photographers will be here for retakes on Friday, November 18th. Please make your child's teacher and/or the office aware that you are requesting retakes be taken for your child.