



# Dundana Elementary School

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## Dundana October 2022 Newsletter

### **Principal Message**

We have had a great first month back at school. Students and educators have spent time getting back into routines and reintroducing methods of learning, communicating, and collaborating. As public health restrictions have reduced, we have been able to resume a number of activities in the school, such as our recent Terry Fox Run, and our upcoming Meet the Teacher. However, it is important to note that there continue to be supports to the health of people in the school, such as hepa filters in each classroom, a mask-friendly environment, student and staff/visitor masks available when needed at the office, and a continued encouragement to complete the online screener when unsure about whether it is best to send your child to school or not. We are looking forward to what awaits us for the rest of the school year!

### **Volunteering at Dundana**

As special activities such as excursions and extra curriculums resume, we are in need of volunteers who can support. As well, some educators may also be looking for some in-class support. Board policy requires all of our volunteers to complete an application, show a recent (issued in last 6 months) vulnerable sector screener and access some training (can be sent to you to complete independently). If you have previously been a volunteer, a renewal agreement is needed each year, along with an offense declaration (vulnerable screener is valid for three years of volunteering before it also needs renewal). Please contact the school if you would like an initial Volunteer Package or a renewal package and we'll get you started. Thank you, in advance, for helping our school community with your time and effort.

### **Safe Travels Around Dundana**

Entry and dismissal times are very busy around the school. All Dundana families are reminded:

- Unless you are part of Umbrella Before/After School program, students should not be arriving unsupervised on the playground until 8:40 a.m. when supervision begins and students need to be picked up by 3:30 p.m. when supervision ends.
- If you are driving to drop off/pick up, please proceed slowly on Dundana Avenue, watch for pedestrians and keep our bus lanes clear of parked and stopped vehicles.
- Students who arrive at school after the 8:55 bell are advised to come to the front door for entry. If you are in before announcements, you can head straight to your class. If announcements have occurred, please come to the office to notify us that you are here.

### **Safe Arrival**

Parents and caregivers are reminded that all absences, known lates or early pick ups need to be logged in the Safe Arrival program. You can find information about Safe Arrival on page 4 of your child's agenda, or here: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dundana/2020/01/20/safe-arrival-program/>



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## Terry Fox Run

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dundana students participated in the Terry Fox Walk/Run. Thank you to the generous support of our Dundana community, the students raised \$2810 for the Terry Fox Foundation! We are so proud of how our students participated and learned about ways they can give back to their community, just like Terry. Three lucky student participants were randomly drawn to win a Terry Fox t-shirt. Congratulations to Charlie in JSB, Blake in F1B, and Anneliese in F45A.

## Meet the Teacher – Thursday, October 13th

We are looking forward to welcoming families to come take a peek in the school and meet your child's educators on **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30**. We will also have the **Scholastic Book Fair** set up in the gym (**5:00 to 6:30**) and our School Council will be running a number of fun activities outside including pizza and popcorn (5:00 to 6:30) and **Fun Fair** activities (5:00 to 6:30). A flyer has come home with more details. Pizza should be purchased in advance using School Cash Online. Please see the attachment posted with this newsletter for more information about how to register for School Cash Online. Hope to see you there!

## School Photo Day

Smile! Dundana's school photo day for all students is scheduled for **Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**. Retake day for those students who need it will be on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Cannabis, Tobacco and Vaping Reminder

Smoking cannabis or tobacco and vaping any substance is prohibited anywhere on school property and in public areas within 20 metres of the perimeter of the school grounds. If you are caught smoking or vaping in school or on school property, you may be ticketed and fined. Fines start at \$305.

## Spooky Plans for Halloween

The Dundana staff is currently working on a plan to help create some fun times for our students to celebrate at the end of the month. With Halloween on a Monday this year, we are trying to get creative with our celebrations without wearing students out for a long night of trick or treating before a long week of school. Watch the school website for more information next week.

## PA Day in October

The HWDSB fall PA Day is scheduled this year for **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no school for students on that day. Educators will be involved in professional learning.