



# Dundana Elementary School

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## November Newsletter

### Principal Message

To remain current with what is happening with HWDSB as well as at Dundana, we recommend you subscribe to the board website for email notifications and/or follow HWDSB on social media. HWDSB will also update families through School Messenger. Please take a moment to visit the Parent Portal to verify your contact information is correct.

School specific information will continue to be shared on the Dundana website, calendar and/or through the Parent Portal.

### Re-Organization 2023/2024

Each year, our school begins with a specific number of classes and teachers. These numbers are estimates based on the previous school year. The Ministry of Education has established class size goals that all school boards are required to adhere to. Each year in September, the Board begins the process of reviewing enrollment and staffing needs through a re-organization process. During this process the actual enrollment is compared to the projected enrollment. As a result, some students may be required to move to another class to balance class sizes in alignment with the Ministry's expectations. At Dundana we experienced a small change this year. Our Grade 3/4FI class has become a straight Grade 3 FI class. Grade 4 students that were in 3/4FI moved to one of the Grade 4 FI classes.

### Morning Drop Off

Please be reminded morning supervision does not begin until **8:40am**. While there may be adults outdoors earlier than 8:40am, those adults are staff of Umbrella (before and after school program). They supervise students in the Umbrella Program only. Students should not be dropped off prior to 8:40am.

Thank you for helping to keep students safe.

### Early Pick Up:

Please **call the office before 2:45pm** if there has been a change to your child's pick-up at the end of the day. This will allow sufficient time for us to notify your child of the change.

### Pizza Days:

Pizza days will be resuming on **Nov 3**, courtesy of School Council. Proceeds from pizza sales will go towards Health, Wellbeing and Active Learning. Please visit the School Cash Online for ordering information.

### School Council:

Our next School Council meeting is on **November 9th at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting is planned for in person (Dundana school library); participants may also choose to attend remotely via MS Teams. Any parent or



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guardian of a student at Dundana is welcome to attend. If you would like an MS Teams invitation to attend, please email [ccalvano@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:ccalvano@hwdsb.on.ca) by November 8th. No invitation is needed to attend the meeting in person. Thank you to our Council for organizing the pizza & apple sales at the Meet the Teacher in October and to our volunteers for organizing and running the Scholastic Book Fair. It was wonderful to see so many families at the school connecting and re-connecting with others. Many thanks to everyone that attended and to all of the volunteers who helped to make it a very enjoyable evening.

## Spirit Wear:

Orders for Dundana Spirit wear (T-shirts, hoodies or zip hoodies) are being accepted until Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. To order and make payments, visit <https://greatcustomshirts.ca/dundana> Orders will be available for pick up at Dundana the second week of December. This is not a fundraising event, rather an opportunity for students to purchase Dundana Spirit Wear.

## French Immersion Registration (2024/2025):

Reminder, registration for Grade 1 French Immersion Opens October 30 and closes December 1, 2023. Please see the flyer posted on the school website for further information.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/programs/french-as-a-second-language/>

## Upcoming Events:

**Nov 6:** Dental Screening Kindergarten and Grade 2

**Nov 10:** Remembrance Day will be recognized by students and staff at 11am

**Nov 13:** Progress Reports go Home

**Nov 16/17:** Interviews – Request forms will be sent home October 27th

**Nov 17:** PA Day – No school for students

**Nov 21:** Photo Retakes

**Nov 24:** Dufflebag Theatre Performance: Courtesy of School Council