

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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DUNDANA NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2025:

Hello Dundana families!

We are now at the half-way point in our current school year and coming to the end of Term 1. Report cards will be coming home with students on February 14th and I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for all that they do at home and behind the scenes to prepare their children to arrive at school ready to learn each day. Your support is crucial to their success and our staff is fortunate to have such a caring community surrounding them. As we make our way into Term 2, let's continue to work together supporting each other and the students to always be the best they can be!

Read on for further information about what will be happening at our school in February.

Sue Pasian – Principal

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

Children born in 2021 or 2020 who are not currently registered at school are now eligible to register for JK (2021) or SK (2020). Registration begins on Monday February 3rd online. Please go to the website for more details and the online registration information:

https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/

FOOD POLICY:

As we approach Valentine's Day and some of the sweet surprises that may come with it, this is a reminder that the sharing or distributing of treats between students will not be permitted. Please do not send in treats for whole class sharing. Classroom educators will communicate to families the process for bringing in food for this day (i.e. "party-in-a -bag). This will allow all of our students to feel safe and supported.

COBS FUNDRAISER:

A huge thank you from our Kindergarten team to those of you who purchased Cobs bread punch cards. Over 100 cards were purchased! This will help greatly with adding to our Kindergarten play area enhancements. If you purchased a Loaf Card through our Kindergarten COBS bread fundraiser, pick up will be available Friday January 31 from 3:15pm - 5:15 pm and on Monday morning from 7:30am - 8:30 am.

There will be a table set up in the front foyer of the school to get your card(s).

Loaf cards are **NOT** replaceable, so they must be picked up in person by a parent/guardian. If you are picking up a Loaf card for a friend/family member we do require written permission. If you cannot make the above time slots, please contact the office after Monday to pick up your

card(s).





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CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

The Government of Canada has extended their period for charitable donations for the 2024 tax year to February 28, 2025. You may consider donating directly to Dundana School via the HWDSB Foundation for Student Success. If you choose to do this, you should use the link below and specify in the comments that it is to go to Dundana School. You may request a tax receipt that will be issued by the Foundation, not by Dundana School. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this.

https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/foundation/donate/

BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board recognizes and celebrates Black History Month every February. The HWDSB is committed to improving equity of access, positive identity-affirming experiences and opportunities for Black students, staff, and parents/guardians, and to creating a safe and caring learning environment that promotes the human rights of students, staff, and parents/guardians. The initiatives undertaken by the HWDSB have been embedded in teaching and learning at all school levels, and centrally, for Black History Month and throughout the year. Follow the HWDSB on social media to see how schools are recognizing Black History Month and celebrating Black excellence.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 3rd – Kindergarten Registration begins

February 5th - Pizza Day (pre-orders only; this can be done on School Cash online up until Sunday, February 2nd)

February 7th – Vision Screening for SK students

February 14th – Valentine's Day / Spirit Day – wear red, white or pink to school! Communication regarding school / classroom plans will be sent soon.

February 14th – Term 1 report cards will be sent home

February 17th – Family Day – No School – enjoy the day with each other!





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February 19th – Pizza Day (pre-orders only; this can be done on School Cash online up until Sunday, February 16th)

February 19th – Last day to order for the Terra Cotta cookie fundraiser (see below for more information)

February 20th – Lockdown Drill #2 https://hwdsb.info/secureschools

February 20th – School Council meeting: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Library

February 26th – Pink Shirt Day – individuals in schools and workplaces come together by wearing pink shirts to show they are against bullying

February 28th – P.A. Day - No school for students

Dundana School is a busy place and updates will be posted on our website or via School Messenger to keep you informed of the many things going on here.





Thanks to everyone who contributed their ideas to our "Joy" bulletin board in the front foyer. February brings the season of love and friendship. The next time you're in the front fover of the school, check out our "Love" bulletin board and let us know what you love!





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News from the Dundana School Council:

- Our next School Council meeting is on Thursday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is planned for in-person (Dundana school library), however, participants may also choose to attend remotely via MS Teams. Any parent or guardian of a student at Dundana is welcome to attend. If you would like an MS Teams invitation to attend, please email spasian@hwdsb.on.ca by February 18th. No invitation is needed to attend the meeting in person.
- Pizza days are being held on February 5th and February 19th. See below for ordering deadlines.
 If anyone would like to volunteer for pizza days, or has questions for our School Council, they can email dundanapta@gmail.com
- <u>Dundana School Council is currently promoting two exciting initiatives! See below for more information on the Terra Cotta cookie fundraiser, as well as our guest speaker, Paul Davis, who will host a parent session on social media safety later this spring.</u>



https://fundraising.terracottacookies.com/current-fundraisers/dundanaes/



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SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE SAFETY AN EVENING FOR PARENTS WITH PAUL DAVIS

TOPICS INCLUDE

SOCIAL MEDIA
SMARTPHONES
DIGITAL TRAILS
CYBERBULLYING
IMAGE SHARING
ONLINE GAMING
ONLINE GROOMING
& PRIVACY



SAVE THE DATE!

Dundana School Council is joining the Sir William Osler School Council to present this workshop for parents / caregivers on Friday, May 30th, 2025. More information will be coming soon!