



Dundana Elementary School

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DUNDANA NEWSLETTER –MAY 2025

Hello Dundana families!

May is shaping up to be a very busy month with lots of fun activities happening such as Open House, Kindergarten Orientation, Jump Rope for Heart, and so many more. We hope to meet many of you in person at our Open House event on Wednesday, May 7th.

We have had fun each morning in April learning more about the staff here at Dundana. You may have heard your child talking about our “Guess the Staff Member” hints on the announcements each morning. We have learned about staff member’s pets, hobbies, families and many other fun (and funny!) facts. Each class kept track of their correct guesses and the winning class will get an extra period of Phys. Ed.

We would like to thank the Dundana School Council for funding our special presentations that all students will enjoy on May 1st. Our guest presenters from Folklore Music & Arts will offer workshops at our school focusing on the “Joy of Music and Dances Around the World”. On behalf of our students, thank you for this special learning opportunity!

Over the next month, our staff will work diligently to place students in the best learning environment possible according to their needs for next year. Please note that there will be no requests for class / teacher placements taken at this time. Staffing needs and potential school reorganization in September may present the need to make changes to our class organizations in the next few months. Therefore, information about staff and students’ class placements for September will be shared the week before school begins starting on August 25, 2025 via the Parent Portal. Families may also call the school during this week for information. We thank you in advance for your patience and support as we work through this process.

We wish you all a wonderful month as we embrace this season of new growth and celebrations.

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

Sue Pasion – Principal



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 1st – “Joy of Music / Dances Around the World” workshops for all students

May 7th – Choirfest at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary

May 7th – Kindergarten Orientation Event – 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. (for those students and families who are new to Kindergarten for the 2025/2026 school year)

May 7th – Dundana’s Open House Event – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

May 12th – May 16th – EQAO Assessment (Grade 3)

May 14th - Pizza Day (pre-orders only; this can be done on School Cash online up until Sunday, May 11th)

May 19th – Victoria Day – no school

May 20th – Dundana Track & Field Event (p.m.) – Grades 3-5

May 22nd – French Immersion Information Night (for new 2025/2026 Grade 1 F.I. students and families)

May 27th – Jump Rope for Heart Event

May 28th - Pizza Day (pre-orders only; this can be done on School Cash online up until Sunday, May 25th)

May 30th – Grade 5 Orientation at Sir William Osler (more information to come soon)

May 30th – Grade 4 and Grade 5 excursion to Sir William Osler for social media presentation with speaker Paul Davis (more information to come soon)

May 30th – Parent session with Paul Davis (see flyer below)

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.



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News from the Dundana School Council:

- The final **Pizza days** for this school year are being held on May 14th, May 28th and June 11th. 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
- Thanks to those families and staff who supported our **Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser**. We raised almost \$1000.00 this as well as other Fundraising events will go towards subsidizing student experiences and excursions, such as the Niagara Art Gallery workshops, Music and Dance Around the World and JungleSport (coming in June!)
- The next **School Council meeting** is on Thursday, June 19th from 6:30 – 8:00 in the Dundana Library. The meeting is planned for in-person, 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 June 17th. No invitation is needed to attend the meeting in person.
- Dundana's Open House is on Wednesday, May 7th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. School Council will be supporting this event in a variety of ways, some of which are:
 - Family pizzas – these are available for pre-order only through School Cash online from now until May 4th and can be picked up the evening of Open House
 - Ice-Cream truck (accepts cash or debit)
 - Scholastic Book Fair
 - Gardening advice from Green Venture
 - Visit from local Paramedics

Dundana School Food Drive

Thanks to Dundana students, staff and families for supporting our recent food drive to help stock our local food bank. With your donations, we were able to surpass our goal and collect **607** non-perishable items. This will make a big difference in our community. Thank you.







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Support heart health with Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – a fundraiser that will encourage our students to get active, build healthy habits and give back.

Here's why we're participating

1. Money raised by our school helps Heart and Stroke drive important heart and brain research that will save lives, prevent heart disease and stroke and support families living with these conditions.
2. Jump is an inclusive event for all abilities to get kids moving and help them discover new and exciting ways to get active.
3. Students learn the EASY Healthy Habits that they can use to keep their hearts and brains healthy and help reduce their risk of developing heart disease and stroke later in life.
4. Jump gives back! Students can earn thank you gift cards from Indigo, Amazon or Walmart based on their fundraising level as a heartfelt thank you for their hard work.

How does Jump Rope for heart work?

At School:

- Starting today, we'll be practicing some awesome skipping and heart-pumping activities!
- We'll be learning about Heart and Stroke's Easy Healthy Habits to keep our hearts and brains strong and healthy to help prevent heart disease and stroke
- It all leads up to our Jump Event Day, where we'll celebrate what we've learned and the funds we've raised with fun jump rope stations, games, activities, and more. It's going to be a blast!

At home:

- You can help support lifesaving research by collecting donations from family and friends.
- There is no cost to participate.
- Fundraising starts now until our Jump Event Day
- Jump Rope for Heart uses an online fundraising platform. To register, create a personalized fundraising page for your child using the link below.
- When you register, you'll also get:
 - o Helpful fundraising tips and ideas
 - o Information and tools about the EASY Healthy Habits
 - o Insights into Heart & Stroke's work

Our Jump Event Day is:


Tuesday, May 27, 2025

To learn more about Jump Rope for Heart visit jumpropeforheart.ca

Register Now!

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/86387>
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Or visit jumpropeforheart.ca/registration and search for your school



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Dundana Elementary's

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, May 7th | 5:00 - 6:30 PM

An evening to connect, explore, and celebrate!



CLASSROOMS OPEN FOR VIEWING!



SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Back Playground | 5:15 PM



ICE CREAM TRUCK

Cool treats available on the back playground!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

In the gym - Don't miss it!



PIZZA PREORDER

School Council will be onsite to distribute pre-ordered pizza. Pre-order a full-size pizza on School Cash Online. Please bring a blanket or chairs to sit outside to enjoy your pizza with your family.



We look forward to seeing you!



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SAVE THE DATE



SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE SAFETY: An Evening For Parents

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH, 2025.

Sir William Osler School Council is joining with Dundana School Council to present **SOCIAL NETWORKING AND ONLINE SAFETY**, an evening with **PAUL DAVIS**. Open to all parents, guardians, grandparents and caregivers!

Topics include social media, smartphones, digital trails, cyber-bullying, image sharing, online gaming, online grooming and privacy.

More information coming soon.

