



Dundana Elementary School

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DUNDANA OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER:

Hello Dundana families!

We have had a great start to the 2025-2026 school year and Mother Nature has provided us with beautiful weather so that we can continue to learn and play outdoors.

It is hard to believe that the month of September has come and gone! We are so pleased with the way the school is looking and the respect students are showing for following safety rules, keeping up with their school work, and being kind!

We have experienced some growth in the Dundana student population, specifically with our Kindergarten students. As a result, we will be opening a new Kindergarten room (JSC) on October 3rd, which will make the sizes of JSA and JSB smaller. All other grades / classes will remain the same for the rest of the school year.

October is a time to give thanks. We will take time on October 13th to remain at home with friends and family as a reminder of all we are thankful for. Many educators will be involved in activities with our students sharing gratitude for all we have at Dundana School. We feel very fortunate to be at such a welcoming and inclusive school, with wonderful educators, students and families.

We are looking forward to meeting you on Thursday October 9th at our "Meet the Staff" event, and working with you throughout the school year. Together, as students, staff, families, and community members, we make a strong and effective team. We know that by learning from and with each other, we will achieve great things.

News from the Dundana School Council:

- Our next School Council meeting is on Thursday, October 16th 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 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 October 14th. No invitation is needed to attend the meeting in person.
- **Pizza days** are starting soon! Pizza is available through pre-order only on School Cash Online and this has been set up so you can order starting now. Our first days this month will be on October 8th and 22nd.
- We are still taking submissions for the Dundana Community Cookbook. Consider sharing your favourite recipe in our book. More information on the cookbook can be found below.



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Parking on Dundana Avenue:

The area in front of the school on Dundana Avenue is a very busy place at peak drop-off and pick-up times. It is important that bus loading zones, as well as no parking zones are kept clear of vehicles to allow for a safe trip to and from school for our students and their families. Please be aware of the signage on the street and park accordingly.

Safe Schools Drills and Procedures:

All schools are required to participate yearly in a number of safety drills including 6 fire drills, 2 lockdown drills, 1 hold and secure drill, 1 shelter in place drill, and 1 bomb threat drill. To prepare students and classes for these drills, notification is provided in the days leading up to them through our morning announcements and our educators practice or explain routines for each to our students. For lockdown, hold and secure, shelter in place and bomb threat drills, notification in advance will occur for families on the school website and through the School Messenger system.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, October 6th – HWDSB Cross-Country Meet (Grades 3, 4, 5) – more information to follow for participating students

Wednesday, October 8th – Pizza Day (pre-orders only; this can be done on School Cash online up until Sunday, October 5th)

Thursday, October 9th – Meet the Staff event (see below)

Monday, October 13th – Thanksgiving – no school

Thursday, October 16th – School Council – 6:30 p.m. in the library

Wednesday, October 22nd – Pizza Day (pre-orders only; this can be done on School Cash online up until Sunday, October 19th)

Friday, October 24th – P.A. Day – no school for students

Monday, October 27th – School Photo Day

Friday, October 31st – Halloween (more information to follow closer to this date)

Dundana 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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Thanks to all of our Dundana students who participated in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 26th, 2025. We had a beautiful sunny day and everyone took part in the fun.

Thanks to your generosity and support, Dundana School raised **\$2025.00** for the Terry Fox Foundation! This is the most money ever raised and surpassed last year's amount by over \$400. Way to go Dundana!!!

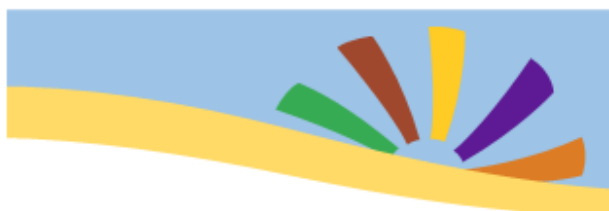


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Dundana School's Meet the Staff Event:

We invite our Dundana families to visit
the school on:

Thursday, October 9th
from 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Meet and greet our educators, visit
classrooms, and stock up on a new
book or two from our
Scholastic Book Fair!

We look forward to seeing you!

**GRANDAD'S DONUTS
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The Kindergarten team will be selling
COBS bread cards at the Meet the Staff
event for \$40 (cash only) to support their
outdoor enhancement initiative.



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