



Dundana Elementary School

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DUNDANA NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2026:

Hello Dundana families!

Welcome to 2026!

Thanks to all of you who came to our Winter Showcase in December. The students were very excited to get on stage and show you what they had been working on in class. It was a great turnout and a wonderful testament to the Dundana community spirit!

The return to school in January marks the start of a busy few months in a school. Students and educators are able to pick up where they left off in December with some renewed energy and maybe some new year resolutions. Teachers will continue to gather assessment data throughout the month to use towards Term 1 report cards, which come home in mid-February. If you didn't have a chance to have an interview with your child's educator(s) in November, this is an ideal time to connect with them to see how your child is doing.

On behalf of the staff here at Dundana, we wish a Happy New Year to you and your family. We look forward to continuing to partner with you in 2026.

Sue Pasian - Principal

Dundana News:

If you haven't done so already, please sign up to receive important dates and news from the school. You can do this by going to the [Dundana Elementary School](http://www.dundanaelementaryschool.ca) homepage and clicking "register". After entering your email, you will then receive notification anytime there is something new put on our website (dates for events, important updates, etc.).

Secure Schools Drill:

Our school will be holding two secure school drills in January. The first is a Bomb Threat Drill on Thursday, January 15th, followed by a Shelter-in-Place Drill on Thursday, January 22nd. These drills are held annually so that staff and students are prepared in case of an emergency. We appreciate the co-operation of our students and staff during the drill. It is also important that we all remain aware of secure schools terminology used in all of Ontario's publicly funded schools. You can learn more about HWDSB's approach to secure schools at: <https://hwdsb.info/secureschools>



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News from the Dundana School Council:

- Our next School Council meeting is on Thursday, January 15th 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 January 13th. No invitation is needed to attend the meeting in person.
- Pizza days are being held on January 14th and January 28th. 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
- A huge thank-you to the Dundana School community for supporting our recent fundraisers. Many families ordered Purdy's Chocolates which allowed us to raise \$830.00 towards enhanced opportunities for students.
- Our Dundana Community Cookbook fundraiser was equally successful with almost 150 books being sold. \$1067.00 was the profit from these sales. Thank you to all the families and friends who purchased our cookbook. There are a few copies still available to purchase for \$15 each.
- The non-perishable food items that were donated by students and families were also greatly appreciated. They were given to the Salvation Army in Dundas who were grateful for your generosity.
- Our "mitten" tree was a huge success and thank you to those students and families who added mittens, hats, socks and scarves. This tree became beautiful with your generous donations and they were put to good use through the work of the Hamilton Child and Family Support Services. Please see below for their letter of appreciation:

*Thank
you!*



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Hamilton Child and Family Supports
Soutien aux enfants et aux familles de Hamilton

December 24, 2025

Lisa Beaudoin, Noah and the Staff and Students of Dundana Elementary School
via email: lisa_heil79@yahoo.ca

Season's Greetings!

On behalf of Hamilton Child and Family Supports, please accept our sincere thanks for the generous winter clothing drive and donation of hats, mitts, scarves and warm socks for children of all ages.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the students and staff of Dundana Elementary School for their thoughtfulness and generosity in organizing and contributing to this drive. These practical winter essentials are so important, and your collective effort will make a meaningful difference for children and youth in our community.

We were happy to welcome Lisa and Noah when the donation was delivered, and we would like to recognize Noah for doing a fantastic job of maneuvering the very full cart.

The donated items are now placed in our front foyer and are available for individuals and families to take as needed, no questions asked. Contributions like this help ensure that families have access to warm, essential items during the winter months. These are needs that sometimes get overlooked amid holiday celebrations but are much needed and deeply impactful.

Thank you again to the entire Dundana Elementary School community for your kindness, compassion and commitment to caring for others.

With gratitude,

Jayme Noordermeer
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

January 15th - Bomb Threat Drill (see above for more information)

January 15th – School Council meeting: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Library

January 22nd - Shelter-in-Place Drill (see above for more information)

January 23rd – P.A. Day - No school for students

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

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.

Nut Products at School:

A reminder that we strive to keep Dundana School a nut-free environment. As you may be already aware, there are children and adults in our school who are allergic to peanuts, pine nuts, tree nuts, and other kinds of nuts. This allergy can cause an anaphylactic reaction. Given that we have people working and learning in our building with this allergy, we all need to be extremely diligent about our habits and the foods we bring into the school.

DOGS:

Please no dogs on school property

A dog is a person's best friend, however, we need to you to know that they are not allowed on school property, even if you have the dog on a leash. A number of children are uncomfortable with dogs and not all dogs are as well behaved as yours. We thank you for your support!

Spirit Wear:

We still have some Dundana Spirit Wear orders that need to be pick up. Please pick up from office between 8:30 and 3:30.



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LOST AND FOUND / MABEL'S LABELS:

We have many items that are found each day outside on the playground, or in various spots around the school. Most of these items are clothing that have been left behind throughout the day. We would love to be able to return these items to their owners and having them labeled makes this easy for us to do.

If you are looking for a labeling option, you may want to consider ordering Mabel's Labels; a Canadian company whose labels are easy to apply and are durable and waterproof. You can order them at [Mabels Labels: Support a fundraiser](#) and by entering "Dundana" as the school you are supporting, the school will get a profit from each sale.

COBS BREAD FUNDRAISER:

Our Kindergarten Team will be offering another Fundraiser with Cobs Bread in Dundas. Families can purchase a "Loaf Card" for \$40 per card with \$20 per card being returned to our school towards our Fundraising goal. The card can be used for 12 loaves of bread (a max of 1 loaf per day) valid from February 1st until April 30th, 2026. Families are welcome to purchase more than one card, but only one card can be used per visit. Card purchases can be made on School Cash online between Wednesday, January 7th and Wednesday, January 21st, 2026.

The Kindergarten Team is continuing to update the outdoor Kindergarten area. This is a long-term fundraiser and shade / groundcover upgrades are the main focus for this spring. Our current and future students and staff greatly appreciate your consideration and support.

We were very active here at Dundana at the end of 2025! Thanks to Mrs. Frank for keeping us mindful of the fun ways we can keep fit at school and at home. Our families sent in some great ideas and ways they keep busy and active.

Check out our front bulletin board if you haven't already done so!





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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This newsletter highlights some important public health information for students and their guardians from the Vaccine and Infectious Diseases teams at Hamilton Public Health Services.

Reporting your child's vaccines for school

Did you know parents and guardians need to report their child's vaccines to public health? Hamilton Public Health Services uses this information to respond to cases and outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases. Up to date vaccine records helps Hamilton Public Health Services respond quickly and prevent further spread of disease and protect the health of children attending schools. Visit Hamilton.ca/Vaccines to report the following vaccinations:

Diphtheria	Polio
Measles	Rubella
Meningococcal	Tetanus
Mumps	Varicella
Pertussis	

Respiratory season

It's respiratory illness season in Hamilton! We are seeing an increase in respiratory infections in our community, such as influenza (flu), COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Respiratory illnesses spread easily from one person to another and can make people very sick. Especially at risk, are those with weakened immune systems, seniors, infants, young children, and people who are pregnant.

As we gather with family and friends over the holiday season, we ask that you use a multi-layered approach to protect yourself, your family, and our community from respiratory illnesses. This includes ensuring that the whole family is up to date on recommended respiratory vaccines.

Attached are two infographics that can help you protect yourself, family, and our community. Visit Hamilton.ca/ProtectYourself to learn more or call 905-540-5250 for assistance to book an immunization.

Hamilton Public Health Services



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PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU FROM RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

Use multiple layers of protection to reduce your risk of respiratory illness for yourself & others



Stay up to date with all of your vaccinations



Screen daily for respiratory symptoms & stay home if sick



Cover your coughs, sneezes & avoid touching your face



Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer



Clean and disinfect surfaces & shared items



Wear a tight-fitting, well-constructed mask in indoor public settings



Choose well-ventilated indoor spaces or spend time outdoors

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FALL RESPIRATORY IMMUNIZATIONS

Use multiple layers of protection to reduce your risk of respiratory illness for yourself and others

Immunization is the best way to protect yourself and others — and there's more you can do. Stay home when you're sick, wash your hands often, cover your coughs and sneezes, clean high-touch surfaces, wear a well-fitting mask in crowded indoor spaces, and spend time outdoors and keep indoor spaces well-ventilated

	COVID-19	Influenza	RSV
 Infants & Children	 6 months and older	 6 months and older	Infants born after April 1, 2025 and up to 8 months of age during the RSV season (October 1st, 2025 – March 31st, 2026) Infants 8 to 24 months of age may be eligible if they meet high-risk criteria
 Pregnant People			People between 32-36 weeks pregnant
 Adults 18 - 59 years			Eligible if pregnancy criteria is met
 Adults 60+ years			Some seniors aged sixty and older, and all seniors seventy-five and older. One dose provides multi-year protection, so individuals who received the vaccine last year do not need to be vaccinated again

To find out if you are eligible for fall respiratory immunization, call your family healthcare provider or Hamilton Public Health Services at 905-540-5250 about immunizations for yourself and your family. Visit Hamilton.ca/ProtectYourself and Hamilton.ca/FallRespiratoryVaccines

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