



# Dundas Central Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This will be my last update as Interim Principal of Dundas School. I want to take this time to give a BIG THANKS to all staff, students, and families for making these last 4 months so memorable! I know our time together has been short, but I've really enjoyed getting to know many of you and especially your children. It has been an honour and a privilege to be here.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

My sincere appreciation to all of the School Council members for supporting Dundas Central this past year. School Council is a great way to support your child's education. As we know, many hands make light work! In the last few months, we have achieved numerous milestones and embarked on exciting initiatives, all made possible by your contributions and enthusiasm. From enriching educational programs to community-building events, your participation has been invaluable. Through Trivia Night, TCBY Yogurt, Movie Night and Community Night you have supported Graduation, a robotix program, DPA resources, the natural playground, classroom enhancements, STEM, Makerspace and a more robust Nutrition Program.

I am pleased to report that since my arrival in February, I have met with Council members numerous times. These meetings have been a cornerstone of our collaborative efforts. They have provided a platform for sharing ideas, discussing important matters, and planning for the future. Your insights and perspectives have greatly influenced our decisions and helped shape the direction of the school. As we look forward to the next academic year, we encourage you to continue your active involvement. Your presence at school council meetings is crucial, and we warmly invite you to join us in these gatherings. Thank you once again for your support and commitment. The first School Council Meeting and election has been set for **Thursday Sept. 25 @ 6:30**. We wish you a restful and enjoyable summer break.

## DUNDAS CENTRAL STAFF UPDATE & 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR STAFF

There will be some other staff changes next year. We congratulate Mr. Dean, Mrs. DiDonato and Mrs. Schiller on their retirements. We wish Ms. Brown and Mrs. McLean all the best in their new schools. In addition, we say goodbye to Ms. Atehortua, Ms. Heslop, Ms. Renton, Ms. Tufts, Ms. Abaid-Ur-Rehman, Ms. Porter and Ms. Dailey. They have been supporting the school consistently in LTO's this year. We welcome Mrs. Vanderkolk, Ms. Whitefield and Ms. Cipriano. I have included a current list for next year, but be aware that things can change over the summer.

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Assignment	Teacher
JSA	Mrs. L. Vanderkolk
JSB	Ms. C. Pepper
Gr. 1/2	Ms. M. Whitefield
Gr. 1	Mrs. A. Guyatt-Dunne (LTO TBD)
Gr. 2	Mrs. M. Gillis
Gr. 2/3	Mr. C. Gardner
Gr. 3/4	Ms. J. Harper
Gr. 4/5	Mr. J. Bennett
Gr. 5/6	Mr. R. Bell
Gr. 6	Ms. Renoud (LTO TBD)
Gr. 6/7	Mr. R. Swackhammer
Gr. 7	Mrs. J. Moore
Gr. 7/8	Ms. C. Cipriano
Gr. 8	Ms. S. Lyall
Gr. 8	Mrs. S. Swartz
French	Mme. T. Foran
Gym	Mr. W. Verschoor
Music	Ms. C. Pearce
LRT	Mrs. C. Pipe
Reading Specialist	Mrs. S. Porterfield
Educational Assistants	Ms. C. Groen Ms. J. Secord
Caretaker	Mr. V. Rajasingam
Office Administrator	Mrs. S. McGuire
Principal	TBD

Elementary Class Placement Communication Information about students' placements will be shared the week before school begins starting on August 25, 2025, via the Parent Portal. The first day of school is **Tuesday Sept. 2.**

Have a safe, wonderful summer!

Mrs. S. Costa-Popovich  
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