



Dundas Public School
935 Dundas St. E.
Toronto, Ontario

April 2017



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Spring is here and the longer days are welcome! We're hoping for warmer and more spring-like weather soon. Before you know it we will be into the summer months. Let's all think summer!

With spring and the warmer, wet weather we also get a lot of mud. We ask that students keep a pair of indoor shoes to wear in the school. A pair of running shoes is best so that they are appropriate and safe to use in the gym as well.

There were many wonderful events and activities that took place during the month of March. Our Greek Heritage Assembly featured Mr. Heung's Kindergarten children reciting a Greek Poem – Fegaraki – My Shining Moon all by memory. Thank you to Mr. Flegas, Ms. Haziprodromu, Ms. Cram, Ms. Paraschos, Ms. Duong and Mr. Stellatos for organizing the assembly. It was a pleasure to see our children showcasing their many talents.



On March 24 2017, all students and staff participated in TDSB Earth Hour between 2:05pm and 3:05pm. And on March 29 and 30 we had Firefighter Michael Ross visit our kindergarten and Grade ½ classes to talk about Fire Safety. Our Kindergarten classes even got to check out a Fire Truck! We have many exciting extracurricular activities lined up for all students. Our Jump Rope club takes place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:05 am outside weather permitting. On Thursdays at lunchtime our relaxation club meets with primary students. And for our junior students, girls and boys soccer teams will be starting soon. Our swim team will compete on Apr. 10, 2017 at Harbord CI and our Badminton team will play in a full day tournament on Apr. 21, 2017 at Chester PS. Good Luck!

On Mar. 28, 2017 at the Dundas Parent Council meeting a preliminary staffing model was shared with our parents. Next year's class organization will involve combined grades for the English Track. In the French track, we will be adding two new Grade 1 French immersion classes. Our LOI – Learning Opportunity Index moved up from 85 to 104 – we are still a Model School and will be entitled to funding to benefit our students and community.

TDSB Parent and Student Census

By now you have had several letters from the school indicating that in the Month of April, students in Grades 4-8 will be participating in the TDSB Census. Parents too will be receiving a TDSB Parent Survey. This is an exciting opportunity for parents to provide valuable information for the TDSB on a variety of topics. Please take the time to complete your copy of the survey. If you would prefer to complete the survey in your native language, translated copies of the TDSB Parent Survey will be available. Please contact the Dundas Office or refer to the TDSB website for translated versions of the survey. Please return survey by April 20, 2017.

PARENT VISITORS

Please check in at the main office! Unannounced visitors often create concern for our students who

might think a stranger has entered the building. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe school environment.



DOGS at DUNDAS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that dogs should not be brought to the school either during or before/after school. As wonderful as dogs are and as well trained as they may be, with the number of students in the area and the often unexpected movement of students, dogs can become overly excited and may react unexpectedly. We also have students that are allergic to dogs.

If walking your dog in the area after school hours, please remember to keep your dog on a leash at all times and please pick up after your dog as children may step on dog feces and bring it into the school. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Dundas Public School Facility Update

Since August 2015 many repairs have taken place at Dundas Public School. Below please find a chart of all the work that has occurred over the past twenty months.

Facilities Update from August 2015

Repairs at Dundas PS	Completion	To be completed
Leaking roof-repaired	Dec. 2015	
Mold in 132-tiles-removed and cleaned and prepped for a classroom	Aug. 2015	
New tiles in 155	Aug. 2015	
Kitchen Floor – new tiles	Aug. 2015	
Broken Terrazzo steps-SW side-repaired	Aug. 2015	
New tiles in front foyer	Aug. 2015	
Plastering -1 st and 2 nd fl staff and student washrooms	Sept. 2015	
Painting 1 st and 2 nd fl staff and student washrooms	Sept. 2015	
Blackboard removed in 1 st floor hallway	Jan. 2016	
Rm 131 retrofitted-for new kindergarten	Apr. 2016 - Aug. 2016	
Painting of hallways on all three floors -	Nov. 2016- Dec. 2016	

Door partitions removed from room 132	Jan. 2017	
Playground revitalization * – fencing and gates; tree planting; field repair; resurface of track; resurface of hard court area; replacement of long jump pits(2); sod replacement on Kindergarten mound	Sept. 2016-present	Summer 2017(?)
Locks installed on all doors leading to floors	Nov. 2016	
Forty tiles replaced in rm 350	March 2017	
TDSB to replace main 600V and 212 Transformers	On-going	July 2017
Five rooms to be prepared for classrooms in First Nations side	On-going	Summer

*Phase 1 Board Funded scope of Playground: \$215,879.00

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Regular student attendance and punctuality are important in order for students to be successful at school. The Education Act states that it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that their children attend school regularly. A student's academic progress depends on regular class attendance.

TDSB elementary schools practice the Safe Arrival Program that requires schools to perform a school-home attendance check. Notify the school when you child will be absent. Students are expected to fully participate in learning opportunities and complete all homework assignments and tests when they are absent so make sure your child is getting homework assignments when they are absent.

You can help ensure that your child is in school and on time for classes by:

- being involved in your child's education
- knowing the school's schedule

- communicating regularly with classroom teachers
- calling the school if your child is going to be absent
- writing a note if your child is late due to an appointment
- ensuring that your child gets a good night's sleep so that they have the energy they need for the next day

Dates to Remember

April 10- Swim meet competition-pm

April 11 - Passover

April 12 – Panfest at Bickford Hall

April 13 – Good Friday- No School

April 16 – Easter Monday- No School

April 20 – Track and Field Day @ Dundas PS

April 20 – Parent Census Survey due back to
Dundas PS

April 21 – Track and Field Day rain date

Apr. 21 – All Day Badminton Tournament-
Chester PS

April 24 – Jump rope for heart

April 25 – Parent info night for Grade 5 trip to
Island School- 5 pm Gym

April 25 – Jump rope for heart alternate rain day