



Dundas Public School
935 Dundas St
Toronto, Ontario

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



December is here and the holidays are coming up! We've already had a few flurries and it has been nice to see kids in their colorful hats, scarves and mittens! Please remind children to bring their indoor shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. It is very important that kids are prepared for cold and wind at this time of the year.

We have many wonderful events planned for the month of December. On Wednesday December 14, 2016 we will have our Winter Concert in the gym starting at 6:00pm. Our Dundas Parent Council will be hosting a bake sale in our front foyer. Our bake sale will feature fruit jams made by one of our cooks, Lina Valker. Our Kindness and Caring Assembly will take place on Thurs. Dec. 22, 2016 at 10:20am so please come out and support our children.

On behalf of the staff at Dundas Public School, I wanted to wish everyone a safe and healthy winter break. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Safe Arrival Program: School Connects

One measure of keeping students safe is ensuring students have safely arrived at school. It is important that if your child is going to be absent or late for any reason, you contact the office immediately and report the reason for the

absence. You can leave a message on a Safe Arrival line 24 hours a day 416-393-9565.

If there is no report about the absence, we will make attempts to contact you to determine the reason for the absence through our Safe Arrival Program. Our automated system will contact the family to verify the absence.

The system call out will work as follows:

- Parents/guardians identified in TDSB's student information systems who has access to student records and emergency contact with priority 1 or 2 will receive a call
- When you receive the call, you are **required to listen to the entire message and follow the prompts accordingly**
- You will be asked if you are aware or unaware of your child's absence
- If unaware you will be asked to call the school immediately

If you are aware of the absence you will be asked to enter the reason for your child's absence. The following options will be provided for you:

- Illness
- Doctor Appointment
- Dentist Appointment
- Family Matter
- Weather
- Other

At the end of the message you will have to press 2 to confirm you received the message.

If you do not confirm receipt, you will receive a call on you mobile phone.

If there is no response from a Priority 1 contact, this same process will be followed for Priority 2 contacts.

If there is no contact with either Priority 1 or Priority 2, this entire process will be repeated 3 times in 10 minutes intervals.

This same process will be followed for the afternoon attendance.

In the evening, all parents/guardians of students who were late that day will receive a call informing them of their child's tardiness.

With this in mind, it is important that your contact information on file at the office is up-to-date. Please let the office know immediately if your contact information changes at any time throughout the school year.

Please remember to avoid this process, it's important to call the school before the day starts to report your child's absence by leaving a message on our Safe Arrival Line – 416-393-9565.

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

EPI PENS – If your child needs an Epi pen please ensure that he/she carries one in a fanny pack on his/her body at all times and that a second Epi pen is available for her/him in our school office. Please make sure that the Epi Pen has not expired.

ASSESSMENT REPORTS – If your child had an assessment (psychological, speech and language, development, etc...) done over the summer and you would like to share it with the school, please speak to Mrs. Chatzis. Assessments are useful tools for educations and help us program appropriately for a child's learning and developmental needs.

NUT AWARE – At Dundas PS we try really hard to be a nut aware school. Some of our students have very serious nut allergies. Please do not include nut products in your child's lunch.

WINTER CONCERT
OUR ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT IS ON
WED. DEC. 14, 2016 AT 6:00PM.
STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT 5:45PM
AND MEET IN THEIR CLASSROOMS.

PARENTS CAN THEN PROCEED TO THE GYM. PLEASE REMAIN SEATED TILL THE END OF THE CONCERT TO PICK UP STUDENTS IN THEIR CLASSROOMS.

The following classes will be performing:

1. Steel Pan –Ms. Campbell-
2. JK/SK-Mr. Heung and Ms. Gates
3. Strings- Ms. Cheng-
4. Grade 3 –Ms. Duong
5. Ukulele and Recorder club-Mr.Kobus
6. Gr.1/2 – Ms. Yeates and Mr. Flegas
7. Steel Pan – Mr. Waldman
8. JK/SK- Ms. Burk and Ms. Forbes
9. Gr. 4 &5 Ext. Fr.-Mme Wilson & Ms. Haziprodrumu

Every class is being asked to wear something based on their class performance. The teachers will remind students and parents what to wear. After the concert is over Parents may proceed to their child's classroom to pick them up. We look forward to a great evening and thank everyone in advance for their support.

Dates to Remember

DECEMBER 2016

8 – Sight and Sound Clinic

14 – Winter Concert 6pm

22- Kindness and Caring Assembly

24- Happy Hanukkah

25 – Merry Christmas!

26 – Happy Kwanzaa!

Dec. 26 – Jan. 6: Winter Break inclusive



