



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



**June 2017**



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

The time has come! It’s the last month of the school year. We have a lot of events coming up in June, making the month just fly by! In this last month, we have Play Day, grade 5 Farewell as well as a few assemblies. June is always a busy time of year for teachers and students: let’s make our last month an exciting one!

A big thank you goes to the Dundas Parent Council and parent volunteers for organizing the Fun Fair on Sat. May 27, 2017. We reached our fundraising goal for our playground.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7:45am-8:45am we will have our Volunteer Appreciation continental breakfast in the school foyer for all of the parent volunteers. We want to thank all of our parent volunteers for their contribution to our school community. Whether it was through accompanying classes on school trips, volunteering in the classroom, organizing events through the Dundas Parent Council, every bit helps make our school a great place to be. It is with the help of parents who are able to volunteer their time and efforts that we can have field trips, athletic events and support in our classrooms. We owe a big thank you to all the parents who come out when they can, and make a commitment to our school.

**PA Days & Holidays 2017-18**

PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 4, 2017
Board-wide PA Day	October 6, 2017
Thanksgiving	October 9, 2017
Board-wide PA Day	November 17, 2017
Board-wide PA Day	December 1, 2017
Christmas Break	December 25, 2017 to January 5, 2018 (inclusive) Last day of school is December 22, 2017 School resumes January 8, 2018
Elementary PA Day	January 19, 2018
Secondary PA Day - (Semestered Schools only)	* February 1, 2018
Board-wide PA Day	February 16, 2018
Family Day	February 19, 2018
March Break	March 12 to 16, 2018
Good Friday	March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	April 2, 2018
Victoria Day	May 21, 2018

Elementary School PA Day	June 8, 2018
Secondary School PA Day (Full Year Schools only)	* June 27, 2018
Secondary School PA Day	June 28, 2018
Board-wide PA Day	June 29, 2018

**Grade 4/5**  
**Grade 5 Ext French**  
**Primary ISP Behaviour**  
**1.0 Resource**  
**0.5HSP(pr)/0.5 The Arts**  
**0.5HSP(jr)/0.5 Core French**  
**0.5 Reading recovery/0.5 The Arts**  
**0.5 LOI(gr.4/5)/0.5 The Arts**  
**1.0 Gym/Health**  
**0.5 Library/0.5 Media Literacy**

**Keep in mind that this model is based on projected number of students enrolled in our school. There is always the possibility that the school will have to reorganize in September/October if the number of students enrolled changes significantly over the summer.**

### SCHOOL ORGANIZATION 2017-18



Below is the school organizational model that has been approved for our school for the 2017-18 school year. This model was published in our May newsletter and is the model which we will be going forward with. It is the responsibility of the Principal to determine the classes for next year. Parents had an opportunity to provide us with feedback. Each year there are also changes in teaching personnel and teaching assignments. These changes will be announced when the information is available.

- JK/SK Full Day**
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- FI SK Full Day**
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- Grade 1 FI**
- Grade 1 FI**
- Grade 1/2**
- Grade 1/2**
- Grade 1/2**
- Grade 2/3**
- Grade 2/3**
- Grade 4**
- Grade 4 Ext French**
- Grade 4/5**



Students currently attending grades 1-6 in TDSB have the opportunity to attend the July 2017 summer school program. Children who attend the summer school literacy and numeracy program will be engaged in a consistent and comprehensive literacy and numeracy program to develop their reading, writing and math skills while building interest and self-confidence in preparation for school in September. Summer school begins on Wed, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a.m. to 12 noon daily. Please visit the TDSB website and click on “Summer Programs”.

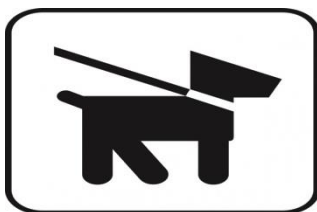
### SCHOOL YARD REMINDERS



Please remember that all **school rules apply** in the school yard during **school hours 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Anytime there are teacher supervisors outside, **ALL** children must follow the school rules on the playground. In order to help your child be more successful at school and to abide by school play rules, please help them follow the school safety rules any time they play on the grounds. There is no tag, grounders or running on the playscape. Slide down the slide. Do not go up the slide. Take turns and share.



Please remember that scooters, bicycles, skateboards or rollerblades are not to be used on school property **during** the school day. Once your child arrives at school, we ask that students and adults dismount from bicycles, skateboard or scooters etc. and **“walk”** them on school property during school hours 8:30am – 3:30pm. Bicycles can be locked on the bicycle rack in the front of the school. We have many young children playing on school property and we want to ensure that everyone is safe. We thank you for your cooperation.



### **DOGS AT DUNDAS PS**

Parents are reminded that dogs should not be brought to the school 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.

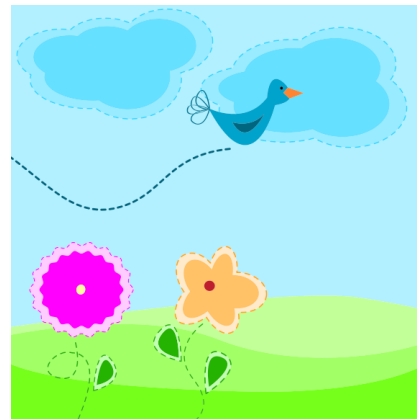


### **GRADE 5 FAREWELL**

Please join us in congratulating our Grade 5 students on their completion of Grade 5 and moving on to Middle School. The Farewell ceremony will take place on Mon. June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2:00p.m. Parents are invited to come and celebrate (invitations forthcoming) this special day.

We look forward to seeing our students in their best outfits and getting their certificates. A job well done!

### **SPRING CONCERT**



We had our Spring Concert on May 18<sup>th</sup> this year and it was a resounding success! Students worked very hard to put on tight performances, and they didn't disappoint.

The program was put together by Ms. Eldridge. Many classes showcased their musical talents. A special thank goes to all the classroom teachers for their hard work.

Our Strings, and Steel Pans teachers, Ms. Heung and Mr. Burgess along our junior students performing beautifully. Playing an instrument is a great experience, and we are lucky to have such skilled musicians teaching our kids. A job well done to everyone, but especially to all the

students, who never disappoint and always put on a great show.

## PLAY DAY



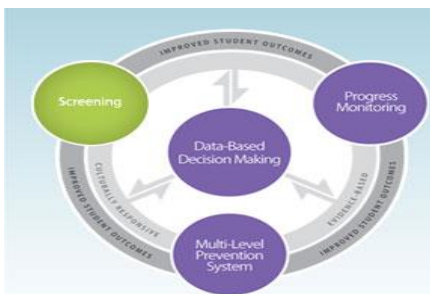
Play Day will take place on Fri. June 23<sup>rd</sup> in the morning.

All students from Grades 1 through 5 will participate in a Play Day in the morning only, held in the field. We will have cooperative games that are skill based.

- wear clothing that can get dirty –wear shoes that are secure but can also get wet – **no flip flops or sandals that are not securely strapped on please**
- bring sunscreen, a hat and a water bottle

We look forward to a morning of fun in the sun!. Let's all hope that there will be lots of sunshine and warm weather for the day.

Kindergarten classes will have their own Play Day organized by the kindergarten team on Thurs. June 22, 2017 from 9:15am to 11:15am.



## UNIVERSAL SCREENING PROCESS FOR GRADE 3

Effective September 2017, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) will have an universal screening process for all grade 3 students across

the TDSB. The purpose of this universal screening test is to:

- Provide information to classroom teachers about the strengths and learning needs of each student in order to better support teachers in programming for students;
- Help teachers to know when to bring a student forward to In School Team (IST) or School Support Team (SST) for programming suggestions;
- Improve equity of access for all students to differentiated programming including the potential identification of students with a gifted exceptionalty.

More information will also be provided to parents in the Fall or visit

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/specialeducation>

## LOST AND FOUND



Students and parents are reminded to please check the lost and found room for any clothing or treasures that may have gone missing. The room is located just across the kindergarten classroom 155 (Ms. Hardill). Contents of the lost and found will be cleared out the last week of June and donated to charity.

## BICYCLE SAFETY – SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

Now that the warmer weather has approached us children will be participating in many outdoor activities like bike riding. The Toronto District School Board and Toronto Public Health want kids to be safe while playing outdoors this summer. Parents and caregivers can “stay a step ahead” by protecting children when they ride.

Here's how

- An adult should always supervise children 10 years of age or younger when they are using a bicycle or other wheeled sports equipment. Even older children may need on-going supervision when riding near the road
- Make sure children wear the correct helmet properly when they ride. Ontario's bike helmet law required all children and youth under age 18 to wear an approved bike helmet when riding a bicycle
- Keep children away from traffic when they use wheeled sports equipment. Make sure they ride in a safe place
- Teach children how to:
  - a. steer, brake and ride in a straight line
  - b. wear the right safety gear
  - c. do a safety check every time they ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, use in-line skates or wear shoes with wheels
- Be within arm's reach when your children are learning to ride any wheeled equipment
- Always walk a bicycle, scooter or skateboard across a street intersection, instead of riding
- Tell children that you are happy when you see them riding safely
- Remind children of the safety rules when they forget
- Be a good role model-wear a helmet and safety gear yourself. Children copy what adults do.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wed. June 7, 2017- New JK & French SK Open House Fair – 5:45pm-7:00pm - Gym

Fri. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – PA Day-No School

Wed. June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – National Aboriginal Day

Thurs. June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 – 9:15am-11:15am-Kindergarten Play Day

Fri. June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017-Play day Gr.1-5 AM

Mon. June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Grade 5 Farewell Graduation 2pm – Gym

Tues. June 27, 2017 – Volunteer Appreciation – School Foyer – 7:45am -8:45am

Wed. June 28, 2017- Talent Show and Report Cards Go Home

Thurs. June 29, 2017 – Last day of School and Assembly at 9:00am on Perseverance and Year End Slide Show

