

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

March 2017



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We've had a mild winter this year, but we're all still hoping that spring will arrive soon. We are all looking forward to more sunshine and longer days with milder temperatures.

February was grey and wet but we kept our spirits high with some wonderful events such as our Scholastic Book Fair which raised \$4700 and some amazing assemblies and spirit days-pink day and backwards day. Our junior students participated in a coed basketball tournament over the month of February which ended in a semi-final loss to Palmerston PS. Thank you to coach M. Waldman, K. Flegas and A. Wilson for all your hard work. Our girls' volleyball team under Coach M. Stellatos and C. Cram participated in a one day tournament at Secord PS and won three of the four games. Way to go Dundas !

And who couldn't forget the candy grams and the work done by our junior students led by Ms. Nahrabeki which raised over \$1100 for Sick Kids Hospital.



Recently our Superintendent John Chasty approved renovations to take place in our Kindergarten classrooms -132 and 134 so that students can have access to bathrooms. This will help our school create a kindergarten wing and keep all our kindergarten classes both French and English together for September 2017. The work will be done over the summer. More information will be shared as it is brought to my attention.

March is all about HONESTY and acknowledging students who have exhibited that character trait.

HONESTY

- **Being honest is being respectful to others by telling them the truth**
- **Take ownership of your mistakes and be honest**

Honesty and Greek Heritage month will be celebrated on March 30, 2017 with a brief presentation about Greek Heritage and culture.

MARCH BREAK



This year March Break runs from March 13th -17th inclusive. This is the time of year when many people need and want a break. Winter has been around for what feels like ages and everyone is craving longer days and more sunshine. While some families choose this time to travel and visit warmer climates, many people also choose to stay at home. There are lots of places in the city that prepare for March Break, running dynamic programs for children and family activities that have something for everyone.

The Royal Ontario Museum(ROM):

<http://www.rom.on.ca/en>

The Ontario Science Centre:

<http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca>

The Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO):
<http://www.ago.net/>

Lawrence Market: <http://www.slawrencemarket.com> along with many other great locations within the GTA, like Riverdale Farm, Enoch Turner School House, The Toronto Zoo, The Hockey Hall of Fame and The Brickworks. Although most of these programs require an admission fee some are free and geared towards family and children. We hope that everyone has a great time for their week off!

Nominate someone for an Excellence Award today. Nominations deadline is Tuesday March 21, 2017 at 4pm.

The award ceremony will be held on Monday May 15, 2017 at 5050 Yonge St. Learn more at www.tdsb.on.ca/excellence.

Parents as Partners Conference - April 1, 2017



TDSB EARTH HOUR 2017

FRIDAY MARCH 24th FROM 2:00pm-3:00pm

At School we'll be using as little electricity as possible during the hour in the office, in the halls, in the classrooms, in the library, in the gym. Where possible, schools will also be reducing their electricity usage over the weekend as well. More information is available on the ECOSchools website, <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools/Home/ResourceandGuides/EarthHour.aspx>.

This year, the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC), Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), Mental Health and Well-Being Parent Partnership Committee and Model Schools for Inner Cities' Parent Academies are thrilled to join together to bring one all-inclusive conference to TDSB parents and caregivers. The parent conference will take place on Saturday April 1, 2017 at the Allstream Centre.

For more information and to register please visit www.parentaspartners.ca. All parents/guardians of TDSB students are welcome. Register today.



EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2017

We are proud that our staff are among the most dedicated and qualified in Canada. Their focus, enthusiasm and dedication help build strong and healthy relationships and allow our school communities – and students – to thrive.

It's important that we recognize the great work of our outstanding staff across the system. Recognizing our staff not only celebrates their accomplishments and efforts, it inspires others to excel in their own roles. Our work is guided by the [Vision for Learning](#), [Integrated Equity Framework](#) and [Service Excellence](#); **who do you know that goes above and beyond to make these plans a part of their everyday reality?**

We invite you – staff, students, parents, community members – to nominate a TDSB staff member or team whose work has made a difference in your life or the lives of those around you.

ECO SCHOOL INFORMATION



We are committed to keeping our school environment clean and healthy. Please help us reduce waste. Remember to pack a Litterless Lunch.....

- Use a reusable lunch bag, food containers, and drink bottles
- No plastic baggies
- Remember to take home any food wrappers and unfinished food

CLUBS AND TEAMS:

Swimming Club – Gr. 3-5 Mondays 3:30pm and Fridays 11:30am, April 10 – swim meet

Badminton Team – Junior Students- Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30pm – 4:10pm

Jump Rope Club – Primary grades (1-3) -coming soon after March Break

Chess Club – primary and junior – Tuesdays at 12pm

Ukelele Club – Day 1 and 3 at 1:50pm

Recorder Club – Day 2 and 4 at 1:50pm

Junior Boys and Girls Soccer Team – coming soon

Ultimate Frisbee – Junior Students – coming soon

Dates to Remember

March, 2017

9 – Gr. 4 & 5 Ski trip – Snow Valley 7:00am

13-17 March Break!

28- Dundas Parent Council 6:30pm – Staffroom

30 – Honesty and Greek Heritage Assembly- Gym 10:20am

April 2017

10 – Swim meet

12- Panfest at Bickford Centre

14- Good Friday **No School**

17-Easter Monday *No School*

**And a Happy St. Patrick's Day to all
- March 17th**

