



Dundas Public School
935 Dundas St
Toronto, Ontario

May 2016



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

April showers have been numerous and we hope for many beautiful May flowers. Winter wasn't very cold but certainly seemed very long and we're definitely ready for some warm and sunny days. April was busy with school events. On April 21st, we recognized Earth Day by cleaning up our school community. On Wed. Apr. 12, our junior students performed at Panfest at Bickford Centre and did an amazing job.



Our Jump Rope for Heart Assembly took place and our goal was to raise more money than last year. This year we raised _____.
Congrats on doing a great job and thank you to Ms. Landry for organizing this worthy fundraiser!

FUN FAIR

Our annual Fun Fair is scheduled for Sat. May 27th, 2017 from 11 am to 3pm. The Dundas Parent Council has been working hard to organize games, events, getting food ready for the day and gathering parent volunteers. If you can help contact:

dundasparentcouncil@gmail.com.

PREPARING FOR 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

This is a very busy time of year as we continue with our current year but we are already thinking about classes for next September. Parents who wish to voice any considerations regarding the placement of their child(ren) are encouraged to write a letter to the principal **no later than May 15th**. When forming classes all issues related to developmental/learning issues and/or conflict of personalities between children are taken into consideration. The principal and teachers meet to create classes and to ensure that there is a balance of learning abilities, gender and of course personalities. Tremendous amounts of thought and care goes into student placements and we always try our best to ensure maximum student success.

While children always want to be in a class with all their friends, it is important to remember that classes are put together to ensure that students are in balanced, dynamic classes—we cannot put children in classes based on friendship alone. All information that will assist in creating successful classroom is welcome and we encourage parents to contribute to the process.

We would also like to remind parents and caregivers that teacher assignments are not finalized as teachers have the opportunity to explore other opportunities at this time. Student placements will be announced the first day of school on Sept. 5, 2017, as was done this school year on Sept. 6, 2016.

Below is the School Organizational Model for the next school year.

2017/18 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION MODEL

JK/SK
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FSK
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FI Gr. 1
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Grade 1/2
Grade 1/2
Grade 1/2
Grade 2/3
Grade 2/3
Grade 3/4
Ext Fr. Grade 4

Grade 4/5
Grade 4/5
Ext Fr. Grade 5
Primary ISP Behaviour
1.0 Resource
0.5 LOI(gr.4 &gr. 5)/0.5 the Arts
0.5HSP(pr)/0.5 Arts
0.5HSP(jr)-am/0.5 Gym(pm)
0.5 Reading recovery/0.5 the Arts
0.5 Gym/0.5 Core French
0.5 Library/0.5 Media Lit.

EQAO

This year EQAO for grade 3 students will be written during the weeks of May 29th – June 8th. We have been preparing our Grade 3 students for EQAO since Kindergarten. Teachers have been working hard to make sure that students are ready and confident for the challenge by teaching the curriculum in interesting and engaging ways. Students have been working just as hard, and we are very proud of them. During the writing of EQAO students sometimes feel a lot of pressure because of the format of writing the test. If your child is in Grade 3 remember to help them out by making sure they get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast before coming to school. We understand parents may have questions about the test. An EQAO information night will take place on Wed. May 25th, 2017 from 5pm to 6pm in room 240. Interpretation in Cantonese/Mandarin and Vietnamese will also be available.

Canada 150 and Mental Health Week

This year marks 150 years since Confederation in Canada. The TDSB recognizes and honours thousands of years of Indigenous presence on this land. Reflecting upon the 150 years since Confederation in Canada, students, staff and schools continue to focus on reconciliation between Indigenous and non Indigenous peoples in Canada. The history of Canada begins with Indigenous peoples.

Each year Ontarians mark the first full week of May as Children's Mental Health Week. The week is about increasing awareness of the signs of child and youth mental health needs, decreasing stigma and understanding that help is available.

The focus is to create a school community that is respectful, while promoting people's resilience and ability to deal with life's challenges. Mental wellbeing is more than just an absence of mental illness. It is having balance in one's life a feeling that everything is working out- you feel good about yourself, your relationships and you feel confident that you can cope adequately with the stressors and challenges in life.

To recognize Mental Health week we will have school wide mindful minute on announcements at 12:45pm. On Friday May 5, 2017 we are asking all students to wear Green to acknowledge Mental Health week.

CONCERT NEWS

Our spring concert will take place on Thursday May 18, 2017 at 6:00pm. Students have been working hard on their performances and are looking forward to celebrating their hard work throughout the year. The concert will begin at 6:00pm. Students are asked to arrive at 5:45pm and go directly to their class where they will be supervised by until it's their turn to take the stage. Parents can proceed to the gym and may pick up their children from their class at the end of the concert.

Here is the list of class performance:

1. Mr. Burgess- Steel Pan
2. Mme Liang & Mme Chapman- FDK
3. Ms. Cheng - Strings
4. Mr. Waldman & Ms. Campbell- Gr.4/5 & Gr. 5
5. Ms. Truong – Gr.1/2
6. Ms. Nahrabeki –Gr. 4
7. Mr. States – Gr.1/2
8. Ms. Derrick & Ms. Lo – JK/SK
9. Mrs. Garcia – Gr.2/3

SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS

Enrich your child's summer vacation with music camp through three unique programs.

-Summer Sounds- students can play a band or string instrument, guitar, keyboard and sing in a choir

-Downtown Summer Strings – a great benefit to students who have at least one year experience playing the violin, viola, cello or double bass, and wraps up with a concert open to the public

Toronto Summer Music Camps – offers students in Grade 5-9 an opportunity to attend a residential music camp held at Mono Cliffs Outdoor Education Centre near Orangeville.

27- Fun Fair – 11am-3pm

For more information please visit
www.tdsb.on.ca/summer @TDSB_ConEd

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are happy to see children involved in so many activities. There are a variety of activities on the go: Relaxation club, Girls and Boys Soccer, Track and Field, Jump Rope Club, and Ultimate Frisbee.

Thanks to our hard working, dedicated and professional staff for providing so many activities.

SAFE ARRIVAL CALLS

Please remember to call our school Safe Arrival Number if your child is going to be away or is going to be late. Help us ensure your child's safety by calling 416-393-9565.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 2016

2 – Junior Boys Soccer vs Hawthorne PS
@ Dundas PS

5 –Gr. 4 and 5 Track and Field @
Birchmount CI

12- Boys Soccer: Dundas PS vs
Frankland

16 – Girls Soccer Tournament @Dundas
Boys Soccer: Dundas PS vs
Ossington

18 – Music Concert – 6pm

22 – Victoria Day -**NO SCHOOL**

25 – EQAO –Parent Info Night -5pm

26- Integrity Assembly- 10:20am