



Dundas Public School
935 Dundas St
Toronto, Ontario

November 2016



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

October was busy at Dundas St Public School. Our Halloween parade was a success as the children walked around the field displaying their lovely costumes. Our Cross Country team competed at Ashbridges Bay and we had two students proceed to the semi-finals.

Congratulations to all and thank you to our staff for organizing and supervising this event and also to our parent volunteers for helping out. As well for the first time Dundas PS and First Nations formed a Boys' Slo-pitch team and competed together in Division 3 and won the tournament at Parkside PS. Thank you to Ms. Eldridge, Ms. Haziprodromu and Ms. Paraschos for working with our talented junior boys.

On Nov. 1 and 2, 2016 all our junior students had the opportunity to participate in a Cricket workshop hosted by Aussie X. We hope to have our students participate in a local tournament this year with other TDSB schools. Our progress reports will be handed out on Wed. Nov. 16, 2016 and many parents may have been contacted already by their child(ren)'s teacher to schedule an interview. Our parent/teacher interviews will take place on Thurs. Nov. 17, 2016 from 3:30pm to 7:30pm and on Fri. Nov. 18, 2016 from 9 am to 11:30 am.

Terry Fox

Thank you to all of our students, families and staff who donated to the Terry Fox Fundraiser. We were able to collect about \$2,500 for the Terry Fox Organization in support of cancer research.

Dogs are not permitted inside the school building and they are not permitted on school property

We ask that parents and community members avoid bringing dogs on school property all times. Both dogs and children are unpredictable and young children don't always know appropriate ways to approach dogs. If dogs do happen to be on the school playground, they should be kept on a leash at all times. No dogs in the building please!!! For health reasons, please remember to 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.

Nutrition Program Update

Our lunch program has become very popular with our children and many are bring money to school to purchase a hot lunch on a daily basis. In order to help our kitchen prepare we are going to ask children to register in the morning with their teacher if they are going to be having lunch and submit their \$3.00. We will begin this new registration on Monday Nov. 14, 2016. We have had to prepare almost 250 meals in one day and we average 200 meals daily for our children. Thank you to Ms. Nixon and Ms. Valker our nutrition staff for the great work they are doing to support our children's well being. And thank you to our families for supporting this great program.



It's starting to get cold outside please ensure your child is wearing proper outdoor wear.

Poppy Donations

Students will be receiving poppies for the Remembrance Day Assembly. Poppies are free of charge however, whatever donations you can make will be greatly appreciated and forwarded accordingly. A donation box will be set up in the office. Thank you

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.



At our school, Character Counts!

Our Character Assemblies take place at the end of the month. Our assembly on **Wed. Nov. 30, 2016 at 10:20am** we will be acknowledging the trait of EMPATHY. Students who have demonstrated this trait will be recognized.

Empathy

- To care about another's feelings and thoughts
- To listen to others without passing judgement
- To respond with appropriate emotions when someone is suffering

It would be wonderful to see parents come out and support our students during the assemblies. There will be a short presentation on Empathy.

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.



INDOOR SHOES- All students need to wear shoes when walking in the classroom and inside the school building. This is for their safety and well-being. Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes that can be left at the school for the duration of the school year. Students also need proper footwear in order to participate in the physical education program.

Downtown Vocal Music Academy (DVMA) is a TDSB specialized school for students grade 4 to 8. Students who have a passion for singing would find DVMA an ideal school to learn, perform and to develop into responsible global citizens. Parents and students who are interested are encouraged to attend the Open House: Nov. 10 2016@ 6:30pm or Jan. 12, 2017 @ 6:30pm pm at Ryerson Community School 96 Denison Ave. Toronto, (416)393-1340.



Our Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on Friday November 11 2016 at 10:40am in the Gym. Parents are welcome to join us.

“Lest we forget”

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER 2015

11- Remembrance Day Assembly
10:40 am in the school gym



Lest We Forget.

15 – Book Fair in Library
12:30 pm - 3:45pm

16 - Progress Reports go home
Book Fair 8:15am - 3:45pm

17 – Book Fair 8:15am – 7:00pm

17/18- Parent /Teacher Interviews

18 – P.A. Day **No School

23 – Picture Retake Day @ 12:30pm

30 – Empathy Assembly 10:20 am

DECEMBER 2016

2- PA Day **No School

8 – Vision Clinic @ Queen Alexandra MS

24 – Happy Hanukkah!

25 – Merry Christmas!

26 – Happy Kwanzaa!

Dec. 23 – Jan. 6: Winter Break inclusive

**AT THIS TIME OF YEAR LET'S
REMEMBER ALL WHO HAVE
SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES SO THAT WE
MAY LIVE IN FREEDOM AND PEACE.
LET'S ALSO TRY TO THINK OF WAYS
THAT EACH ONE OF US MAY BRING
PEACE TO OUR SCHOOL, TO OUR
FAMILIES, TO OUR COMMUNITY AND
TO THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.**

Imagine, By John Lennon

Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today...

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace...

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world...

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one