



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

**December 2017**



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**



December is here and the holidays are coming up! 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 had some amazing sport teams created for the first time at Dundas PS. This month we formed a ball hockey team for boys and girls for grades 3-5 and a Girls Basketball team. Moreover our Boys Volleyball team successfully competed at Cosburn MS and won six out of the eight games. Next week we will be having tryouts for the Junior Girls Volleyball team. We have many wonderful events planned for the month of December. **On Thursday December 14, 2017 we will have our Winter Concert in the gym starting at 6:00pm.**

**Please note due to the increase in enrollment this year we will have an intermission for students and parents at approx.. 6:30pm. If your child has performed we will be asking parents to leave the gym from the back exit to pick up their child(ren) from their classes. The second session will start at 6:40pm. If you have children performing in the second half of the concert, parents and families should remain seated.**

**The concert program will be as follows:**

1. Steel Pan – Grade 4/5-Ms. Marans
  2. Kindergarten- Derrick/Bhatoo
  3. Strings – Ms. Cheung
  4. Grade 1 FI – Mme Mahssa
  5. Grade 1 FI – Mme Liang
  6. Grade 2/3 – Ms Duong
- INTERMISSION**
7. Steel Pan – Gr. 4/5 –Ms. Nahrabeki
  8. Grade 4 and 5 Ext.Fr.- Wilson&Bituiskiy
  9. Grade 4/5 – Ms. Nahrabeki
  10. Kindergarten – Yeates/Gates

Students performing in the first half of the program must report to their classrooms between 5:30pm- 5:45pm. Students performing after the intermission must report to their classroom at 6pm.

Our Dundas Parent Council will be hosting a bake sale in our front foyer. Our bake sale will feature various jams made by Lina Valker from our nutrition program. Moreover our Parent Council will provide Pizza to our students in their classrooms.

We will sing Winter Holiday songs on Dec. 20, 2017 at 10:20am in the gym. Our Kindness and Caring Assembly will take place on Friday Dec. 22, 2017 at 10:20am so please come out and support our children.

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

### **Enhancing Equity Task Force Draft Recommendations**

As you are aware communities from across the TDSB have had the opportunity to provide feedback on the DRAFT Recommendations of the Enhancing Equity Task Force. The updated report and recommendations will be presented to Trustees at a Board meeting on December 13/17. At that meeting, Trustees will determine the next steps and timing for staff's further exploration and review of the recommendations. The Board will offer community members further opportunity to

provide feedback before any final decisions are made. This will likely take place in January and February 2018. For further information you can check-out the ETTF Webpage on the TDSB site.

### **STAY HEALTHY DURING FLU SEASON**



*Flu season is here again. In Canada, flu season tends to run between October and April. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot.*

*Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.*

*The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare.*

*However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:*

- reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;
- reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;
- informing the school if your child is ill;
- keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

*For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website [www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health), contact your family doctor, or Telehealth Ontario. 1-866-797-0000.*

### **WINTER CONCERT**

**OUR ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT IS ON THURS. DEC. 14, 2017 AT 6:00PM. STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 5:45PM AND MEET IN THEIR CLASSROOMS. PARENTS CAN THEN PROCEED TO THE GYM WHICH WILL OPEN AT 6:00PM. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT INTERMISSION WILL OCCUR AT 6:30PM AND WE ASK THAT PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE PERFORMED TO EXIT FROM THE REAR GYM DOORS TO ALLOW THE NEXT GROUP OF PARENTS TO SEE THEIR CHILDREN.**

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 2017

8 – Sight and Sound Clinic

12- Happy Hanukkah!

14 – Winter Concert 6pm

22- Kindness and Caring Assembly

25 – Merry Christmas!

26 – Happy Kwanzaa!

Dec. 25 – Jan. 5: Winter Break inclusive

