



Dundas PS Weekly Updates

Update #11 – Friday, April 27, 2018

@Dundas_TDSB

Dear Dundas Families:

Save the date of Thurs. May 17, 2018 for our Spring Concert at 6pm at Dundas PS, more information on the classes performing will be sent shortly.

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 11th** . **We would like to remind parents that we do not take requests for teachers.** 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. 4, 2018, as was done this school year on Sept. 5, 2017.

Best,
Georgia and Kristin

Dundas is a NUT-FREE School

- Due to a number of students with severe peanut/tree nut allergies, we ask parents/guardians to pack only nut-free items in their child's lunch each day
- Please visit the TDSB website at the link below for more information on Health & Active Living – including the importance of maintaining a nut-free environment in our schools
- <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Health-Active-Living>

French Review Consultation Dates in the Month of May

- As a result of the Director's Response to the Enhanced Equity Task Force Report, the TDSB will be holding a number of French Review consultation sessions during the month of May 2018
- Please see the attached flyer for more information

Dundas Art Club

- Starting **Tuesday, May 1** the Dundas Art Club will begin meeting on a weekly basis from 11:30 – 12:30 pm on Tuesdays
- The first project that students will be working on will be the decorations for the Spring Concert, and after that they will be choosing either cartooning, printmaking, sketching, or another medium of their choice, as their next project
- If your child is interested in participating please ask them to see Ms. Leggett-Richards or Mme. Chapman to sign-up

Latin American & Sikh Heritage Month and Student Recognition Assembly

- We celebrated Latin American & Sikh Heritage Month with wonderful dance performances from Mr. States and Ms. Garcia's classes on Friday, April 27 and recognized our monthly student winners of the Cooperation Award
- Congratulations to all of our winners and performers!

Celebrate Poetry Month at the Children's Book Bank - April 28, 2018

- The Children's Book Bank will be hosting events throughout the month of April to celebrate Poetry Month
- Saturday, April 28 @ 1 pm – Spring Poetry Flight with Special Guest
- Please see the attached flyer for more details

Parents as Partners Conference – April 28, 2018

- Registration opens on March 1 for the free, annual Parents as Partners Conference. Meet other parents, attend valuable workshops and find resources available in your community

- Please use the link below to register and learn more about this exciting opportunity for parents and guardians
- <http://www.parentsaspartners.ca/>

Science & Engineering Summer Camp at Dundas PS – Register ASAP

- Dundas PS & The University of Toronto Engineering Outreach program will be offering a free of charge Science and Engineering Camp for students who have completed grades 2 through 5 from **July 3 – July 27, 2018**
- Students will engage in exciting design projects and challenging science experiments to gain an appreciation of the diverse array of academic and career options
- Areas of inquiry will include: biology, chemistry, physics, and applied science (electrical, chemical and civil engineering)
- Please see the attached registration form, and return it to the Dundas PS Main Office ASAP
- For more information about the camp please read the attached flyer, call 416-946-0816 or email outreach@ect.utoronto.ca

Upcoming Class Trips & Events

- May 1 – Lice Screening for whole school
- May 4 – Rm 242 & 243 to the Toronto Humane Society
- May 14 – Gr. 4 & 5 Track & Field South Conference Finals
- May 16 – 12:30 – 3:00 pm – Kindergarten Starlab Presentation
- May 17 – 9:25 – 10:05 am – Jump Rope for Heart
- May 17 – 12:30 – 2:00 pm – Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal
- May 17 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Spring Concert
- May 23 – Ultimate Frisbee Competition at Parkside PS