

École Dunlace Public School



March 2014:

4 th	Peace by Peace (Ranxi)
6 th	Fairness Assembly
6 th	Science Centre Trip (Harris/Marriott/Franco)
7 th	P.A. Day
10 th – 14 th	*****March Break*****
17 th	St. Patrick's Day
17 th	Green Day
17 th	Concours Oratoire Presentations
18 th	Peace by Peace (Ranxi)
21 st	Pizza Lunch
28 th	Pizza Lunch
28 th	At Sea/Pirate Day
28 th	Concours Oratoire @ Peckham Centre
28 th	Gr. 6 Trip to Science Centre

*Please note that March and April Calendars are included with this newsletter.

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Dear Parents/Guardians:



Dunlace is now on Twitter! You can follow along for school updates and activities. Use the twitter handle @TDSB_DunlacePS

Students received their first term report card on Tuesday, February 11th. Continue to encourage your children to work hard and focus on their learning. We will do the same at school. Positive home-school partnerships contribute greatly to student success and achievement.

Dunlace Drive and the Dunlace parking lot are very busy and congested areas during drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. These are peak times and are extremely congested with cars, foot traffic and buses. The safety of our children is paramount. We would like to remind everyone to do your part by:

- ✓ remaining patient
- ✓ following all traffic laws
- ✓ **WALK** when and if you can
- ✓ **DO NOT** use the parking lot to drop off or pick up students. Take into consideration that there is limited parking available in our parking lot.
- ✓ Plan to arrive earlier to account for time needed to park in another part of the neighbourhood and walk with your child.
- ✓ REMEMBER that student entry and dismissal is done at the back doors of the school
- ✓ **THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS IS ALWAYS A TOP PRIORITY. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE A SAFE DUNLACE COMMUNITY!**

Thank you for your continued support! We wish everyone a wonderful March Break!

Ms. D.N. Mantia
Principal

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TEAMWORK @ DUNLACE

On Thursday, January 30th the grade 6 Extended French Class and Mme McInnis' class did an amazing assembly on teamwork. We educated everybody in Dunlace Public School with skits and songs about teamwork. We showed Dunlace that teamwork can help you with a lot of things like finishing work/projects and playing sports, because more brains are better than one. We learned that teamwork is working together to accomplish the task at hand! We hope Dunlace will continue to use teamwork more often! By: Jenna & Victoria

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

As you may know, Dunlace had a girls' volleyball team. Even though we didn't win, the girls played with heart, we all put our 110% effort into the whole tournament. We would like to give a big thank you to our coach Ms. Young who didn't stop believing in us. Overall, the Dunlace girls did a very good job at the tournament. GO DRAGONS GO! By Dominique

BOYS' BASKETBALL

The boys at Dunlace Public School had a great basketball season. The team was full of good-spirited boys, and you could tell that right from the beginning of the season. If there was a loose ball on the court, everybody on the team would dive for it. If one of the team-members were on the floor, the whole team would go help him up. It was the little things that made a big difference. In the tournament, the team showed sportsmanship through it all. The team won three out of the five games, but it was not enough to advance to the next round. I would like to thank Mr. Moreau for coaching the wonderful team, and Don Mills Middle School for hosting the tournament. To all the boys, please try-out again next year. Go Dunlace! By: Cole K.



This season the boy's basketball team worked their hardest on the court. They managed to win three games and lost only two games. We came in 3rd place overall in the tournament. The team had great sportsmanship and showed dedication during practices. The team wouldn't have made this far without Mr. Moreau showing that he was a great coach and put all his time and effort to make the team the best it could be. We hope more people will try out next year! GO DRAGONS GO!!! By Filip and Jake

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Monday, November 18th 2013 the girls' basketball team worked their hardest on the court. They played three good games in total, and unfortunately lost all of their games. Although they lost, they all used teamwork, so that the team could be the best that they could be. They sadly accepted defeat with "sportswomanship" and came back with smiles on their faces. We give special thanks to Mr. Moreau for coaching us and keeping us positive throughout the games. We also give thanks for the parents who supported us, and also drove us to and from the game.

By: Catherine and Victoria

DUNLACE HOCKEY

This year, the Dunlace hockey team played their hearts out. They made it all the way to the semi-finals. We had several practices. We would like to thank all of the Dunlace students and the parents for your support. Also a big thanks to our coaches Ms. Young, Mr. Kellesis and Coach Dan. Dunlace had a great season. Thank you to the members of the team for your dedication.

By Jack C.



AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

February is African Heritage month. We have been learning about many people like Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks, and Nelson Mandela. Sadly discrimination is still alive today. On the night of February 26, 2012 Treyvon Martin was shot and killed by George Zimmerman. Mr. Zimmerman racially profiled Treyvon Martin thinking he was a member of a gang. Mr. Zimmerman allegedly thought Treyvon was pulling out a gun but was pulling out skittles. On April 11, 2012 George Zimmerman was prosecuted and was charged with second degree murder, however, the six person jury excused all charges. Thousands of people protested in Washington D.C. but this still didn't change their minds. To conclude, this situation is extremely important to highlight the fact that you see someone's heart before you see the color of their skin.

By Ahmed B.

DUNLACE OLYMPICS

On Monday February 24th, Dunlace held our own Winter Olympics events! From Bobsledding to Snow Shoeing, Curling and Biathlon, students from every class participated in our Olympics. Each student council member was given an event to run. After the class won the event, they received a point, not only for winning the event but for demonstrating the most spirit too. Every classroom represented one country from the Olympics. Many of our classrooms brought their country's flag with them and waved it around proudly chanting their country and classroom name. Students demonstrated great team spirit by cheering one another on and supporting their peers. At the end of the day, our gym teacher, Ms. Young collected all the scores sheets and counted how many points each country received. This was used to determine the gold medal, silver and bronze awards. So, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, I am proud to present to you our bronze medalist class, Tonga! (Mme. Saliba's class), our silver medalists, Mongolia! (Mr. Moreau's class) and in first place, receiving the gold medal, Thailand! (Mme. Karaflos' class). A huge thanks to all the student council members, Ms. Young, Ms. Mantia, Mr. Gentile and all teachers and classes who came out to join us on that beautiful winter day. Thanks for participating! Your Spirit Rep Greer



“There was a snack station where everyone got a nice warm cup of hot chocolate. YUM! Everyone enjoyed that. The sports were not easy but the only thing that mattered was that everyone had fun!” By: Maya and Michail

HISTORY OF PINK DAY

We all know that we wear pink on the last Wednesday of February, which is today, but have you ever wondered why? Why do we wear this colour? What is the purpose of this day? Well, there is a story behind this.

It was the year 2007, in Central Kings Rural High School, Nova Scotia, a boy in grade 9 got bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school. His name was Charles McNeill. The next day, he was shocked to see that hundreds of students were outfitted with pink clothes, some from head to toe! “Definitely it looked like there was a big weight lifted off his shoulders. He went from looking right depressed to being as happy as can be,” said David Shepherd, one of the organizers of this event. Well, David and another student, Travis Price, saw Charles being bullied and decided to help. They bought 50 pink shirts and informed other students about this Anti-Bullying event, which they called the “Sea of Pink”. From that day on, many schools across Canada all had their own pink day to show their support. It’s amazing how two people can do. What can you do to help? Or rather, what can WE do to help promote the idea of Anti-Bullying? By: Emily D.

A big thank you goes out to our Student Council (Cole, Nandini, Jack, Emily, Meghna, Ahmed, Greer and Dominique) for organizing an amazing assembly for both primary and junior students. Students learned about the history of Pink Day, viewed powerful videos about the effects of bullying, and watched a slideshow put together by our spirit reps showcasing powerful messages and inspirational music. A lot of time and effort went into preparing this assembly and the Student Council is to be commended for their dedication, effort, creativity and collaboration. Class reps helped to make buttons for all Dunlace staff and students to wear which were designed by Katrina in Mr. K’s class. They also encouraged their classmates to wear pink and think pink. Excellent effort and amazing teamwork by Dunlace students!



CLOTHING DRIVE

Over the Holiday Season, Young Women on the Move sold flashing red noses to raise money for TFSS (Toronto Foundation for Student Success). We raised \$420!!

Thank you for all your generous contributions!

With the spring season around the corner (hopefully!!) We know people will be cleaning out closets, so, Young Women on the Move are excited to announce a clothing drive. The group has decided to collect gently used men's, women's and children's clothing and donate it to local shelters. Clothing donations are being accepted immediately up to and including March 6th. Please bring in any items you may have and ask your child to drop it off in Mme. Karaflos' class. In addition, please check the lost and found table on a regular basis for lost items as those items will also be donated on March 6th. We look forward to a successful drive. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

BUCKET FILLING

The bucket filling committee has been working hard to promote happiness, kindness and compassion to the students at Dunlace. Each week, students are filling each other's buckets by helping one another with classwork, helping a friend in need or lending a helping hand to help clean up. Teachers have been noticing how hard the children have been working and are recognizing them in their own classes and during weekly announcements every Friday. During our Valentine's Day celebrations, primary and junior classes exchanged pink bucket filling slips of nice deeds that students did or said. Some classes used this as an opportunity to fill Valentine bags of bucket slips in place of traditional Valentine cards.

SAY SOMETHING NICE...

In the spirit of Bucket Filling at Dunlace, we are starting a new initiative where we invite students to "Say Something Nice". After each monthly recognition assembly, the floor will be open to anyone to take the microphone and say something nice.

It sounds simple, and it is!! They can say something nice to the entire group, an individual person, a small group, a teacher, anyone they choose.

It will be modelled for students at the next assembly by the bucket filling committee and after that, we can't wait to hear all the kind things students and teachers will have to say to each other. The idea came to us after watching a clip on Youtube where a megaphone was set up on a podium in the middle of Times Square in New York City. The instruction on the podium was simple: "Say something Nice". It took one brave person to start, but, once started, many joined in. It was amazing to see how one small act of kindness can change someone's day; it is this kind of spirit we are trying to instill in the students at Dunlace!

Go to Youtube and type in "say something nice New York" and watch for yourself...It's quite amazing!

MEDICAL MISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES

We are very proud of one of our Dunlace families who exemplified Bucket Filling by travelling to the Philippines and supporting those in need. For more information on the 2014 medical mission please go to www.urban-angels.org Below, Atta describes his trip with his family.

On February 14th 2014, one o' clock in the morning I'm about to leave to the Philippines for a medical mission. Hi, my name is Atta, my mom is a ophthalmologist so she thought it would be nice if she helps more people than usual and with new doctors, so we decided to go to the Philippines for a medical mission. Our flight was fifteen hours from Toronto, Ontario to Taipei, Taiwan and two hours from Taipei, Taiwan to Manila, Philippines and then an hour to Cebu City, Philippines. The next day, we started organizing some of the medicines like Calcium, Graval, Gummy Vitamins and Hydrocortisone. And the next day we organized and gave out three times as more Calcium, Graval, Gummy Vitamins, Hydrocortisone and amoxicillin. And the next three days we did the same thing.

On February 22nd we went to Puerto Princessa, Palawan. And then we had a dinner meeting about where we are working. The day after that, we went to a small hospital with only two doctors per two hours; I was organizing glasses. After that when we came to the hotel, two hours later, we watched Canada vs. Sweden in the finals of the Sochi, Winter Olympics. The day after that, we organized more Calcium and glasses. And the next day we woke up at five in the morning because we had a tour to the underground river. By Nima and Atta



MURAL

In other news...the mural in the front foyer is ready for the next stage....painting. The students have carefully outlined all of their drawings and we will start painting in the next two weeks. We are so excited to finish this amazing project and for it to be the welcoming wall into Dunlace. Although the wall will be covered during painting please take extra care and caution of little hands and bodies leaning against the wall or touching it!! Thank you!! Finally stay tuned for some other bucket filling initiatives coming to the halls of Dunlace P.S. soon!!
The Bucket Filling Committee



Excellence Awards 2014

We are proud that our staff are among the most dedicated and qualified in the world. Every day, nearly 39,000 dedicated professionals support our students to achieve their very best. Their focus, dedication and commitment help build strong healthy relationships and allow our school communities to thrive.

We want to recognize the great work of outstanding staff across the system. Those who go above and beyond to support our Years of Action and five strategic directions.

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 those around you.

Nominate someone for an Excellence Award today. Nomination deadline is Friday, March 21, 2014 at 4 p.m. Learn more at www.tdsb.on.ca/excellence

DUNLACE AND THE MARLIES



Thank you to the School Council, in particular Michelle Lewis, for organizing a great Family Event for our Dunlace families. You can see our students wearing the Dunlace hockey jerseys holding the Canadian Flag above. What a great day!

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm

TDSB, 5050 Yonge Street, Ground Floor, Cafeteria.

With Special Guest: TDSB director, Donna Quan
to discuss the diversity of our schools and how you can get involved.

Child care and refreshments available please RSVP by February 27, 2014



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