

École Dunlace Public School



**MAY 3RD – ANNUAL
DUNLACE FUN FAIR!
JOIN US!**

***Please note that May & June
Calendars are included with
this newsletter.**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to once again remind you that 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 or driveway 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 cooperation!

The week of April 21st was Administrator's Professionals Week. I would like to thank our office staff Ms. Zammit and Ms. Tziavas for all the work they do to keep things running smoothly. Their support, hard work and dedication to our staff and students are greatly appreciated.

Ms. D.N. Mantia
Principal

Mr. T. Gentile
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FUN FAIR

SATURDAY MAY 3rd

Dunlace students, staff, parents and local businesses would like to invite local community members and the media to Dunlace's Annual Fun Fair. Dunlace Fun Fair has always been a great opportunity for the entire neighbourhood to come together.

Time: 11:00am-3pm

COED VOLLEYBALL:

Coach: Ms. Young

Congratulations to the coed volleyball team who tied for first place at their tournament! They advanced to the semi-finals and finished the season strong with a tough match. Way to go Greer, Dominique, Sophie C., Sophie G., Arden, Jared, Jack, Kasra, and Labsan! Our Co-ed Volleyball Team demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and cooperation! We are very proud of their efforts. Thank you to Ms Young who coached out team to the semi-finals.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE:

Coach: Ms. Young

TRYOUTS: Girls – Thursday, May 1 @ 11:30am and Friday, May 2 @ 11:30am

Boys: – Monday, April 28 @ 11:30 and Tuesday, April 29 @ 11:30am

TRACK AND FIELD:

Coaches: Ms. Young and Mr. Kellesis

Track and Field Day: Wednesday, April 30th (Junior AM and Primary PM)

GIRLS SOCCER:

Coach: Mme Saliba

Practices: Monday's and Tuesday's @ 11:30am

BOYS SOCCER:

Coach: Mr. Kellesis and Mr. Barker

Practices: Monday's and Tuesday's @ 11:30am

GR. 5&6 BADMINTON

The month of April was a very busy month for our Badminton team. The Badminton team practiced for over two months preparing for their tournament. On April 10th, the Grade 6 Badminton team participated in a tournament at Cummer Valley Middle School. It was a very long but successful day for Dunlace. Dunlace won all four of their games and finished in first in their pool. On Friday, April 11th, the Grade 5 team took to the courts at Dallington P.S. They did not disappoint. They too won all three of their games and finished in first place in their pool. All of the students played with integrity and demonstrated great sportsmanship on and off the court. The Grade 6 team played John Fisher in the Quater-Finals on Thursday April 17th. The Grade 5 team will played in the Semi-Finals on Tuesday April 22nd. A valiant effort from both our teams. Thank you to Mme Saliba, Mr. Kocan and Mme Sasaki for their coaching efforts.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Event: **TDSB Healthy Schools 5Km Run/Walk**
Date: **Saturday May 24th, 2014**
Location: **Downsview Park**
Run Times: **10:00am Elementary School Run/Walk**

SUMDOG NATIONAL CONTEST

Friday April 11th marked the first day of the National Sumdog Contest. Sumdog is a website with educational Math and Language based games (www.sumdog.com). Students can create a Student account and play games against people from their class or students across Canada. The more answers students answer correctly, the more points and coins they earn. By doing so, they will also increase in ranking. We currently have 8 classes registered in this contest. On Saturday April 12th, Dunlace finished in first place answering over 8 000 questions correctly. Dunlace is currently in first place overall in Canada with over 50 schools registered Canada wide. The contest ends on April 17th. If your child's classroom is not currently registered for the contest, they can still create an account and play against their friends. Good job Dunlace!

SPRING CONCERT

The Spring Concert will be held at Windfields Junior High School on May 6th at 5:45pm. We will be presenting the Lion King Musical. Each class (classes that did not perform in the winter concert) will be performing a song from the Lion King, and we will also have actors in between each song acting out the story. A few actors were chosen from each class after auditions took place. We are currently trying to make costumes for the actors in the play. If any parents know how to sew or would be willing to help make the costumes, please send an e-mail to Ms. Gibson at erin.gibson@tdsb.on.ca.

YEARBOOK

As the school year is coming to an end, we are working hard to create a fantastic yearbook. We will be having a contest for the cover of our yearbook. If you are interested in creating a cover for the contest it must include the following items;

- 2013-2014
- Dunlace Public School
- Yearbook
- your name

All students will have the opportunity to vote by the end of May for which cover they would like to see on their yearbook. All submissions are due by May 16th and should be given to Ms. Gibson. Parents may also send any school photographs they may have from this year to erin.gibson@tdsb.on.ca

EXCELLENCE AWARD 2014

On April 14th, we held an assembly for our head caretaker Joseph Chun who we nominated for the 2014 TDSB Excellence Award. We want to recognize the outstanding work of Mr. Chun and the dedication and commitment he shows towards our staff, students and the entire Dunlace community. The Student Council represented their classes in saying something about Mr. Chun and then we presented him with a book filled with their contributions and comments. The spontaneous chanting of “Mr. Chun” by all 447 of our students was an extraordinary gesture to recognize the extraordinary commitment of Mr. Chun.

Dunlace has an extremely dedicated staff who support our students to achieve their very best. Their focus, dedication and commitment help build strong healthy relationships and allow our school community to thrive. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the entire Dunlace staff who demonstrate excellence on a daily basis in everything they do!

YOUNG WOMEN ON THE MOVE GRADES 5 AND 6 GROUP

The Young Women on the Move had been organizing a clothing drive here at Dunlace. We are finished our first session, which are donations to the Women’s and Children’s Shelter. This session is very successful, and we donated a carload full of sweaters, hats, shirts, mittens, and more to the shelter. Thank you to those we had contributed to the result, and if you did not have a chance to donate this time, don’t worry, because our second session is just beginning. We are collecting clothes until the end of April. You can drop them off in Mme. Karaflos’ room or the front foyer. This time, the donations are going to go to YWCA---Arise Shelter. So come on, lend a helping hand, we can do even better than last time and help those people in need.

GRADE 4 GROUP

Recently, Ms. Cole started the Young Women on the Move Club for girls in grade 4. We meet every Wednesday and talk about girls’ rights around the world.

ECO-CLUB UPDATE

The Dunlace PS Eco Troopers have been working very hard at promoting environmentally friendly activities throughout the school. This month we celebrated Earth Hour by turning off lights in the hallways, classrooms, computers, projectors, photocopiers etc. The event was a huge success throughout the TDSB. The TDSB reduced its energy consumption by 21%. "The reduction in consumption of 72,000 kWh is equivalent to the annual electricity consumption of seven average Toronto homes or the amount of electricity a large 62 kW solar installation would produce in one year" says (TDSB Earth Hour Report. We will continue with our energy conservation efforts by celebrating Earth Hour on a monthly basis.

SCHOOL CLEAN-UP DAY

On April 25th Dunlace staff, students and community members took part in the annual School Clean-up Day to help KEEP TORONTO GREEN and CLEAN. Students picked up litter from the school yard and surrounding community. This is another effort to help promote environmentally friendly activities and our way of supporting the wonderful Dunlace Community. We are bucket fillers.

ECO-SCHOOLS AUDIT

Dunlace PS will have its certification audit on May 8th 2014. The Eco-team will be preparing for the audit by compiling and exhibiting all the wonderful things we have done this year in reaching our goal of Gold Certification.

KILOMETRE CLUB

The KM Club is partnering with the Young Women on the Move Group to help organise the KM Club. The club will start on Monday April 28th. We will continue to run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the AM recess. Students are encouraged to wear running shoes and participate in this fun and healthy activity. As they run laps on the specially designed track they will pick up KM sticks. Teachers will record their progress and during our monthly assemblies we will be celebrating the students' efforts.

BLADES OF GLORY

EDUCATIONAL & ENTERTAINMENT Company

Grade Four Social Studies In-School Presentation

The students of Mrs. Tice, Mme El-Jammal, Mme Ring and Mme Ranxi had an exciting in-school presentation to support their Social Studies on Wednesday March 19th, the first week back after the March Break. This presentation was 90 minutes. It specifically addressed the Grade Four Ontario School Board curriculum for HERITAGE AND IDENTITY: EARLY SOCIETIES, 3000 BCE–1500 CE. This is a mobile presentation that comes to your school.

During the presentation, participation from the students and teachers was encouraged to help explain the different topics. A variety of topics were covered.

The topics were:

From then till Now

An introduction to things that the ancients have given us and that we use today.

Examples:

Inuit - Frozen food and snow goggles

Aztecs - Chocolate

Medieval Era - Laws based on the Magna Carta

Egypt - Preservation of bodies - Mummification Process

Rome - Aqueducts and Soap

China - Paper and gun powder.

The Roman Government:

How Rome changed from a Monarchy to a Democracy to a Dictatorship.

The Role of Women:

One based on the Medieval Era and the other on the Handenosauni society which is Matriarchal or Matrilineal.

Warriors of the ages:

A Roman Guard, a Gladiator, a Viking, a Knight, a Native Canadian and an Aztec Warrior.

They brought a number of artifacts, some REAL and museum replicas for the children to see and touch. They also brought lights and music to help create an environment that transported the children in time. This presentation was excellent in allowing the students to learn by seeing, hearing, acting and touching the items they brought and displayed.

Many parents joined us in the Gymnasium for this wonderful learning opportunity. We look forward to inviting this educational and entertainment company back next year.

BEST SCIENCE CENTRE TRIP EVER!

On April 4th, the grade 4 students went on a field trip to the Science Centre. We were starting a unit on Light and Sound. First, after a short bus ride, we put our belongings in lockers. Next, we went to see a light and sound presentation with a smart and funny scientist. After the great presentation, we had lunch together with our classes. The best part was the movie "Jerusalem" we watched in the IMAX before heading back to Dunlace. By: Katherine.

FOREST VALLEY

On April 10th, Mme Ring's class accompanied by Mme Rosenfeld's class went to Forest Valley. First, we went to take pictures of shadows created by trees and plants. Then, we went back into the school to wash our hands so we can have a cookout. For the cookout, we cooked our own hot dogs in the fire. Also, we roasted marshmallows so we can make yummy, mouth-watering smores. Afterwards, we sketched plants and their shadows. It was hard but it was really interesting and fun. Finally, we took all our belongings and left at around 2:45pm with the school bus. We all had a great and sunny day! By: Iulia C.

MULTICULTURAL WEEK

Dear Parents, Guardians and Families of Dunlace Public School,

We are happy to inform you that we, at Dunlace, are hosting a Multicultural Week from

May 5th – the 9th

to celebrate and underline the TDSB Education Week.

Our mission states:

Multicultural Week at Dunlace Public School will entail; understanding and experiencing different cultures within various countries, through an examination of their geographical location, celebrations, art, music, drama, dance, and dress etc. and making links to Canada considering both similarities and differences between them.

Some of the activities planned for this week include:

Opening Ceremonies, a **Trip Around the World** tour, Did you Know? Announcements, cultural games and sports, presentations, Dunlace Cookbook Sale, and Closing Ceremonies.

Our student oath states:

DUNLACE STUDENT OATH

In the spirit of bringing countries and cultures together, we at Dunlace will embark on a multicultural journey whereby we will learn to understand and experience different cultures through inquiry. We will remain open minded and open hearted throughout.

We have included a Multicultural Week at a Glance Calendar for you if you would like to join in on the festivities. If you do plan on joining us, we would recommend you doing so when your child is touring the school. Feel free to check with your child's teacher for further information regarding their classroom plans and activities.

We look forward to sharing this journey with you all,

The Dunlace Community, Culture and Caring Committee

Multicultural Week at a Glance

	Monday May 5th	Tuesday May 6th	Wednesday May 7th	Thursday May 8th	Friday May 9th
8:45-9:25	Opening Ceremonies Primary (Gym)	ALL		9:05 – 11:30 PRIMARY	
9:25-10:05	Opening Ceremonies Junior (Gym)	DAY	Japanese Martial Arts (Karate) Presentation (Jr.)	TRIP	
Recess	Sports	and games	From around	the	world
10:20-11:00			Japanese Martial Arts (Karate) Presentation (Pr.)	AROUND	
11:00-11:30				THE WORLD	
Lunch	Sports	and games	from around	the	world
12:30-1:10	CONCERT		12:50- 3:05 JUNIOR		
1:10-1:50	REHEARSAL		TRIP		
Recess	Sports	and games	from around	the	world
2:05-2:45	IN THE		AROUND		Closing Ceremonies Junior (Gym)
2:45-3:15	GYM		THE WORLD		Closing Ceremonies Primary (Gym)

NOTE: Recess and lunch Activities will be run by junior students in the fields