

# École Dunlace Public School



## February 2014:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Scientist in the School  
(Tice/Ring)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Scientist in the School  
(El-Jammal)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Peace by Peace (Ranxi)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Hockey Game @ Victoria  
Village vs Bennington  
Heights
- 6<sup>th</sup> School Council @ 6:30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Pizza Lunch
- 11<sup>th</sup> Reports Go Home
- 11<sup>th</sup> Peace by Peace (Ranxi)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Girls' Volleyball  
Tournament @ Cummer  
Crawford Lake Trip  
(Moreau/Karaflos/Ranxi/  
Gordon)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Registration
- 14<sup>th</sup> Pizza Lunch
- 17<sup>th</sup> Family Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Grade Photos
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dagmar Ski Trip  
(Moreau/Karaflos/Ranxi/  
Gordon)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Pizza Lunch
- 25<sup>th</sup> ROM Trip  
(Gibson/Kocan/McInnis)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pink Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> Pizza Lunch

## Dunlace Public School

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Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! The ice storm definitely made it a memorable one.

We welcome Ms. Tziavas who is joining us as secretary, Ms. Kakish who is replacing Ms. Cutler and Ms. Hanna who is back from her maternity leave.

With the cold weather upon us, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. Elementary school students are kept indoors for recess and lunch times for a number of weather conditions such as rain, lightning in the area, extreme winds and extreme cold. When temperature and wind chill measure -28C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recesses and lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -28C and -20C.

Kindergarten registration will take place on February 13th. Kindergarten is the first step in a lifelong journey that will see your child learn, grow, and succeed at the Toronto District School Board. We look forward to sharing this journey with you and your child. To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. For registration in Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31. Please call the school to make an appointment.

Students will be receiving their first term report card on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be in contact with the parents they wish to meet to discuss any concerns. Parents who wish to meet with teachers are welcome to arrange an interview by contacting the teacher.

Continue to encourage your children to work hard and focus on their learning. We will do the same at school. Also, please continue to communicate with your children's teachers on a regular basis. Positive home-school partnerships contribute greatly to student success and achievement.

Thank you for your continued support! All the best for 2014!

Ms. D.N. Mantia  
Principal

Mr. T. Gentile  
Vice-Principal

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Now that winter is here, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next few months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, this is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe.

The need to be aware and alert at all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety. This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking lots, especially in areas where children might be present.

School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with students. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

- Stop, look, and listen for traffic.
- Only cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.
- Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.
- Never run into the street.
- Obey crossing signals.
- Cross only if clear.
- Walk on sidewalks.
- Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.

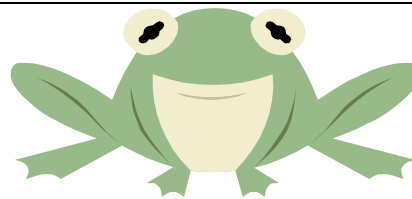
The safety of our students is always a top priority. Let's work together to make the winter season safe so we can enjoy all it has to offer.



## **Cancellation of Busses During Severe Weather**

Severe weather conditions may require the TDSB to cancel transportation or, in extreme conditions, close schools. The decision to close schools is made by the Director of Education. In the event transportation is cancelled or schools are closed, the local media will be informed before the beginning of the school day. Tune in to your radio and television news stations for the latest information or visit [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca). **Please note that when transportation is cancelled, lunch lady is also cancelled. Please ensure that your child has a lunch on those days.**

If weather conditions become extreme after students are in school, a decision to close schools will be made by 11:00am and broadcast by noon. In this case, elementary students will remain in the school until they are picked up by a parent or parent designate. If there is no announcement about school closing by noon, schools will remain open for the day.



*“I love to boomerang my lunch items!”*

Go Green!

Thanks to the efforts put forth by both parents and students, we are seeing a significant change in our garbage consumption through our **BOOMERANG WASTE REDUCTION CAMPAIGN**. Dunlace thanks you all very much!

While we are doing a great job with our lunchtime program, we are still seeing a lot of packaging being used at recess time. Unfortunately much of this garbage lands on our beautiful school grounds. We would like to encourage all lunch-makers to refrain from sending in any packaging at all. A suggestion would be to put all **healthy** snack items (granola bars, fruit, vegies, etc.) in small plastic containers that could be brought back home. Additionally, such positive behaviour not only helps to keep our school grounds beautiful, but it also reduces any harm that could come to any animals eating such things.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: It has recently come to our attention that the straws that come with the juiceboxes can be recycled along with them, if the straw is pushed into the juicebox. Please discuss this with your child.**

We continue to encourage you wonderful green experts to be advocates for those around you who still need a nudge in the right direction.

**Remember** – Take care of the earth and she will take care of you. ~Author Unknown

## DUNLACE HOCKEY

Dunlace has had a great start to the hockey season and our players look sharp in their new hockey jerseys funded by School Council! Thank you so much!

We are fortunate to have a great team and great coaches. (Mr. Kellesis and Ms. Young)

A huge thank you to all the parents who support us with rides to and from the arenas. You have been outstanding in helping get all our players and their equipment to the arenas and cheering us on while we play! We couldn't do it without your support and commitment. Parents are welcome to attend games to help cheer on the Dunlace side! The schedule is listed below.



Date	Time	Location	Home Team	Visiting Team
Jan 7, 2014	12 pm to 1 pm	Don Mills	Dunlace	John Fisher
Jan 9, 2014	12 pm to 1 pm	Don Mills	Don Mills	Dunlace
Jan 14, 2014	12 pm to 1 pm	Cummer Park	Dunlace	Bennington
Jan 23, 2014	12 pm to 1 pm	Leaside Mem	John Fisher	Dunlace
Jan 30, 2014	12 pm to 1 pm	Don Mills	Dunlace	Don Mills
Feb 5, 2014	12 pm to 1 pm	Victoria Village	Bennington	Dunlace

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

We are very excited to have our first ever Student Council at Dunlace. Interested students in grades 5 and 6 put together a cover letter and resume. Students who made it through that stage came for an interview. All interviewed candidates then presented to their peers at an assembly. It takes a lot of courage, self-confidence and effort to go through that process and I want to commend each and every student for their effort. After listening to the speeches, grades 4,5, and 6 students voted for the candidate they thought would be the best candidate for that position. After evaluating all the stages of the process, the following students were chosen as our Student Council Lead Team.

**Chairs: Nandini B. and Cole K.**  
**Vice Chairs: Emily D. and Jack C.**  
**Spirit Reps: Greer G. and Dominique M.**  
**Secretary: Meghna S.**  
**Community Service Rep: Ahmed B.**

I would like to congratulate all the students who went through the process of applying for a position. After we announced the candidates, each class decided on a process to choose a class rep. We now have a student representative for each class from grade 1 to 6. Congratulations Candidates! Stay tuned for more news from our Student Council☺

### **Dunlace Student Council Class Reps**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Student Name</b>
Gr. 1	Corina C.	4	Estelle W.
Gr. 1/2	Michael C.	4 Ext.Fr.	Yousra L.
1 FI	Megan K.	4/5 FI	Claire A.
2 FI	Paige B.	5	Andy Z.
2/3 FI	Neil A.	5 EF	Anastasia L.
2/3	Elena K.	5 EF	Rachel M.
2/3	Josh S.	6 EF	Ruhinie P.
3/4	Charlie G.	6 FI	Sophie G.
		6	Reem I.