

Dundana Elementary School

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DUNDANA NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2025

Hello Dundana families!

Welcome to 2025!

Thanks to all of you who came to our Winter Showcase in December. The students were very excited to get on stage and show you what they had been working on in class. It was a great turnout and a wonderful testament to the Dundana community spirit!

Also, a big thankyou to everyone that donated non-perishable food items and hats/gloves and socks. All was donated to the Dundas Salvation Army foodbank and they were extremely appreciative!!

The return to school in January marks the start of a busy few months in a school. Students and educators are able to pick up where they left off in December with some renewed energy and maybe some new year resolutions. Teachers will be gathering assessment data throughout the month to use on Term 1 report cards, which come home in mid-February. If you didn't have a chance to have an interview with your child's educator(s) in November, this is an ideal time to connect with them to see how your child is doing.

Sue Pasian - Principal

Dundana News:

If you haven't done so already, please sign up to receive important dates and news from the school. You can do this by going to the <u>Dundana Elementary School</u> homepage and clicking "register". After entering your email, you will then receive notification anytime there is something new put on our website (dates for events, important updates, etc.).

Secure Schools Drill:

Our school will be holding two secure school drills in January. The first is a Bomb Threat Drill on January 15th, followed by a Shelter-in-Place Drill on January 22nd. These drills are held annually so that staff and students are prepared in case of an emergency. We appreciate the co-operation of our students and staff during the drill. It is also important that we all remain aware of secure schools terminology used in all of Ontario's publicly funded schools. You can learn more about HWDSB's approach to secure schools at:

https://hwdsb.info/secureschools





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News from the Dundana School Council:

- Our next School Council meeting is on Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is planned for in-person (Dundana school library), however, participants may also choose to attend remotely via MS Teams. Any parent or guardian of a student at Dundana is welcome to attend. If you would like an MS Teams invitation to attend, please email spasian@hwdsb.on.ca by January 13th. No invitation is needed to attend the meeting in person.
- Pizza days are being held on January 8th and January 22nd. See below for ordering deadlines. If anyone would like to volunteer for pizza days, or has questions for our School Council, they can email dundanapta@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 8th – Pizza Day

January 8th – Cob's Bread Fundraiser begins (see below for more information)

January 15th - Bomb Threat Drill (see above for more information)

January 15th – School Council meeting: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Library

January 22nd - Shelter-in-Place Drill (see above for more information)

January 22nd – Pizza Day (pre-orders only; this can be done on School Cash online up until Sunday, January 19th)

January 24th – P.A. Day - No school for students

Dundana School is a busy place and updates will be posted on our website or via School Messenger to keep you informed of the many things going on here.





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COBS BREAD FUNDRAISER:

Our Kindergarten Team is excited to announce a Fundraiser with Cobs Bread in Dundas. Families can purchase a "Loaf Card" for \$40 per card with \$20 per card being returned to our school towards our Fundraising goal. The card can be used for 12 loaves of bread (a max of 1 loaf per day) valid from February 1st until April 30th, 2025. Families are welcome to purchase more than one card, but only one card can be used per visit. Card purchases can be made on School Cash online between Wednesday, January 8 and Wednesday, January 22nd.

The Kindergarten Team is looking to update the outdoor Kindergarten area. This is a long-term fundraiser and results may not be seen until the next school year. The Team is looking into getting some of the following: Large Chalkboard, Acrylic Art Mirror, Trough and Block System, Log Posts and possibly surface changes. Our current and future students and staff greatly appreciate your consideration and support.

