



Dundana Elementary School

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DUNDANA NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Hello Dundana families!

November is here and it is often a month of transitions and change. The clocks will move back. The leaves have nearly all fallen and the preparations for winter are underway. At our school, we have said farewell to former principal Ms. Calvano, and I have been welcomed so warmly as your permanent principal here at Dundana. Students have settled nicely into the routines of school. Progress reports are about to be sent home. Parent teacher interviews are a time for staff and parents to find ways of supporting students' learning at school and at home. We are looking forward to meeting with families later this month, and to find ways of working together to create positive conditions for learning. Thank you for all that you do at home to prepare your children for a successful school experience.

Sue Pasion - Principal

Lost and Found:

We have many items of clothing that have been found over the past little while. They are located either on the coat hooks on the wall to the left of the main office or in the big bin to left of the front door. If your child is missing something, please come and take a look and hopefully we can get items back to their owners.

French Immersion Registration (2025/2026):

Registration for Grade 1 French Immersion Opens October 28th and closes December 1, 2024. Please see the flyer posted below, or the school website for further information.

[French Immersion | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board](#)

HWDSB Focus Programs Application:

HWDSB elementary schools offer a wide range of learning opportunities to prepare students for success in high school and beyond. In fall 2024, the [Elementary Focus Programs](#) listed on the flyer below will be accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year. Registration for these programs opened on October 28th and will close on December 1st, 2024.

[Elementary Focus Programs | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board](#)



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News from the Dundana School Council:

- Our next School Council meeting is on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is planned for in-person (Dundana school library); 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 November 5th. No invitation is needed to attend the meeting in person.
- Pizza days are starting in November! Pizza is available through pre-order only on School Cash Online. Our first days this month will be on November 6th and 20th.
- Thank you to our Council for organizing the donut sales at the Meet the Staff event in October and to our volunteers for organizing and running the Scholastic Book Fair. It was wonderful to see so many families at the school connecting and re-connecting with others. Thank you also for funding our pumpkins for our pumpkin stroll. Classes had a great time decorating their pumpkins for this event.
- On Friday, November 15, School Council is hosting a movie night. Full-sized pizzas are available for pre-order. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the movie begins at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will go towards classroom learning. We are also asking that if you are able, you bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the local food bank.

Upcoming Events:

November 1st – P.A. Day – no school for students

November 6th – Pizza Day (pre-orders only; this can be done on School Cash online up until Sunday, November 3rd)

November 6th – School Council Meeting (6:30 – 8:00) in Library

November 11th – Remembrance Day – We will be holding a Remembrance Day assembly, however, it will be for students and staff only due to the limited available space in our gymnasium.

November 15th – Movie Night (hosted by Dundana's School Council) – see below

November 19th – Progress Reports sent home



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November 20th – Pizza Day (pre-orders only; this can be done on School Cash online up until Sunday, November 17th)

November 21st – Hold and Secure Drill – A Hold and Secure is used when the school is secured due to an ongoing situation outside and not related to the school that requires all persons to remain in the building. There is no alarm bell that is rung. Normal operations may continue within the building, but all movement in and out of the school will be restricted during this practice. Our drill should last about 10 minutes. If you have questions about this, or any of our emergency procedures, please contact the school office.

Nov 21 /22: Parent / Teacher Interviews – Information from classroom teachers will be coming home soon

November 22nd – P.A. Day – no school for students

November 27th – Photo Retake Day – this is for students who were absent on October 30th, or who would like a retake of their original photo

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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Focus Programs Application Process



HWDSB elementary schools offer a wide range of learning opportunities to prepare students for success in secondary school and beyond. The following Elementary Focus Programs will be accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year from October 28 to December 1, 2024:

- Hockey Program at Taplestown
- Mandarin Transition Language Program at Cootes Paradise
- Scholastic Arts and Global Education (SAGE) Program at Strathcona
- Scholastic Arts and Global Education Quest (SAGE Quest) at Kanétskare
- Sports Academy – Basketball & High Performance at R.A. Riddell



Learn more by visiting our website:
hwdsb.info/focus-programs

Join us for a Virtual Information Session on MS Teams:

Focus Programs Application Process Virtual Information Night

October 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Register for the session:
hwdsb.info/focus-night



Questions?

Email focusprograms@hwdsb.on.ca



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French Immersion at HWDSB

2025-26 French Immersion Application Process

HWDSB offers French Immersion programming beginning in Grade 1. It is designed to provide English-speaking children with opportunities to become skilled speaking in French as well as English. Upon completion of secondary school, students are expected to be proficient in French. The curriculum for subjects taught in French is the same as in the English program.

Elementary families can find a list of important dates below, including an opportunity to learn more at our French Immersion Information Night.

Important Dates for the 2025-26 French Immersion Application Process

- **French Immersion Virtual Information Night**
October 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Application process opens for Senior Kindergarten students only**
October 28, 2024
- **Deadline for applications**
December 1, 2024
- **Program location offered to families**
December 16, 2024
- **Deadline for program acceptance and registration**
January 12, 2025

For more information, go to
hwdsb.info/french-immersion



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DUNDANA SCHOOL COUNCIL
PRESENTS

Movie *Night*

Pizza & Treats

Free Entry

MOVIE TIME

November 15, 2024
Doors open @6pm
Pick up your pizza and snacks!

Dundana Gym!
Movie magic begins @6:30pm

  

Pizza Sales Via CashOnline
Snacks for sale on site!
Bring your water bottles, cozy blankets and pillows and join us for a **Movie Party!!**