



Dundana Elementary School

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DUNDANA OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER:

Hello Dundana families!

My name is Sue Pasion, and I am the new principal at Dundana School. Until the end of October, I will be working part-time as I transition to Dundana from a leave of absence. On the days that I am not at the school, you will continue to see Mrs. Calvano while she supports me as I return to full-time status. I recognize there have been many changes over the past year in your school leadership and I am pleased to have been placed here as your permanent principal. I have been a vice-principal and principal serving in different HWDSB communities for the last seven years and was pleased to find out that I was coming “home” to Dundas. I was born and raised in this community and attended Dundana School myself (too many years ago to share here!). Although the building looks a little different than I remember, the one thing that has not changed is the welcoming environment with smiles and greetings by staff and students.

I am looking forward to meeting you on October 9th at our “Meet the Staff” event, and working with you throughout the school year. Together, as students, staff, families, and community members, we make a strong and effective team. I am confident that by learning from and with each other, we will achieve great things.

Terry Fox Run:

In continuing with the legacy that Terry Fox began, students and staff participated in the Terry Fox run on Friday, September 27th. Our sincere thanks to everyone that donated towards this great cause.

School Council:

The School Council is a voluntary group of members who meet approximately 4 to 6 times a year at the school to discuss school programming and initiatives, as well as board- and ministry-initiatives. Self-nomination forms were distributed earlier in September and interested parents or guardians who wish to sit on council as an elected member (positions of Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary or Member at Large) should have returned them to the school office by now. We will hold our election and first meeting on October 1st in the Dundana library. All parents or guardians are welcome to attend the meeting, regardless of whether you want to be an elected member. Please consider joining us as School Councils play an important role in creating a vibrant, positive school climate.



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Safe Schools Drills and Procedures:

All schools are required to participate yearly in a number of safety drills including 6 fire drills, 2 lockdown drills, 1 hold and secure drill, 1 shelter in place drill, and 1 bomb threat drill. To prepare students and classes for these drills, notification is provided in the days leading up to them through our morning announcements and our educators practice or explain routines for each to our students. For lockdown, hold and secure, shelter in place and bomb threat drills, notification in advance will occur for families on the school website and through the School Messenger system.

Upcoming Events:

October 1st – School Council – 6:00 p.m. in the library

October 7th – HWDSB Cross-Country Meet (Grades 3, 4, 5) – more information to follow for participating students

October 9th – Meet the Staff event (see below)

October 10th – Picture Day

October 14th – Thanksgiving – no school

October 31st – Halloween (more information to follow closer to this date)

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

Dundana 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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Dundana School's Meet the Staff Event:

We invite our Dundana families to visit
the school on:

Wednesday, October 9th
from 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Meet and greet our educators, visit
classrooms, and stock up on a new
book or two from our
Scholastic Book Fair!

We look forward to seeing you!