



# Dundana Elementary School

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## **DUNDANA NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER:**

Hello Dundana families!

November is here and we have had a busy few months settling into school routines, setting goals for the rest of the year, and most recently, cheering on the Toronto Blue Jays! We have caught the baseball fever here at Dundana and had fun showing our support with a few spirit days and starting our days listening to the Blue Jays chant.

Dundana was well represented at the HWDSB Cross-Country meet in early October. We had almost 90 students compete at Christie Lake Conservation Area and many of our students won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons in their age / grade category. We are proud of all of our students who competed at this event.

Progress reports will soon be coming home. Parent teacher interviews will follow and are a time for staff and parents to find ways of supporting students' learning at school and at home. Your child's educators will have insight into what they are doing well, where they need to continue working and how you can support them. Thank you for all that you do at home to prepare your children for a successful school experience.

Sue Pasion - Principal

### **News from the Dundana School Council:**

- Our next School Council meeting is on Thursday, November 27th 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](mailto:spasian@hwdsb.on.ca) by November 25th. No invitation is needed to attend the meeting in person.
- Pizza days are on November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>. Pizza is available through pre-order only on School Cash Online. See dates below for ordering deadlines.
- On Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, School Council is hosting a movie night. Admission is free. 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 from food sales will go towards classroom learning materials.
- School Council will also be organizing a Purdy's chocolate fundraiser in time for the holidays. All orders will be done online. See flyer below for more details.
- Dundana Community Cookbook: Our cookbook is almost ready to go to print!



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Pre-sale orders can be made by:

- Visiting the Cookbook Booth at the Dundana Movie Night on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>
- Emailing [Dundana.cookbook@gmail.com](mailto:Dundana.cookbook@gmail.com) with your name and child's name; payment will be in cash on the day of pick-up in December
- Clicking on the QR code to directly purchase through HWDSB school cash online



## Upcoming Events:

**November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** – Niagara Art Gallery Workshops for all classes (in school)

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** – Pizza Day (pre-orders only; this can be done on School Cash online up until Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** – School Bus Safety Assemblies (for all students)

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Dental screening for JK, SK and Grade 2 students (see below for more information)

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** – 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 14<sup>th</sup>** – Movie Night (hosted by Dundana's School Council) – see below

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** – Progress Reports sent home

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** – Pizza Day (pre-orders only; this can be done on School Cash online up until Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>)



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**November 19<sup>th</sup>** – 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 20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup>** - Parent / Teacher Interviews – Information from classroom teachers will be coming home soon

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – P.A. Day – no school for students

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – School Council Meeting (6:30 – 8:00) in Library

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** – Photo Retake Day – any student who was absent for the photo day on October 27<sup>th</sup>, or would like a new photo taken, can have this done today

## **French Immersion Registration (for 2026/2027):**

Registration for Grade 1 French Immersion opened on October 27<sup>th</sup> and closes on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2025. Please use the link below for further information on this program.

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

## **HWDSB Elementary Focus Programs Applications (for 2026/2027):**

HWDSB elementary schools offer a wide range of learning opportunities to prepare students for success in high school and beyond. In fall 2025, the Elementary Focus Programs listed on the link below will be accepting applications for the 2026-27 school year. Registration for these programs opened on October 27<sup>th</sup> and will close on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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



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## **Personal Devices at School:**

In accordance with PPM 128 and the HWDSB Modern Learning Policy and Personal Use of Electronic Devices Procedure, students in Kindergarten – Grade 5 are not permitted to use personal devices during the school day. Except for educational purposes, as directed by an educator; for health and medical purposes; or, to support special education needs, personal devices (including earbuds) that are brought to school must be stored safely out of site and powered off or set to silent mode throughout the **full** instructional day. A reminder that Dundana School is not responsible for the loss or damage of personal devices that have been brought to school and we recommend that all personal devices remain at home.

*Please contact the office if you need to reach your child throughout the instructional day. Your child will not be able to communicate with you via cell phone / smartwatch, as they will not have access to their device throughout the day. If your child needs to contact you, they can come to the office and use the school phone to make the phone call.*

## **Safe Arrival:**

Keeping your children safe at school is our main priority. Please continue to use the Safe Arrival online system to inform us of absences, late arrivals or early pick-ups. When you come into the school to drop off or pick up your child, please report to the office first and we will get your child to you. Having only students, staff and known visitors in the halls helps us maintain the overall safety of the building.

## **Morning Playground Supervision:**

Please be reminded that our before-school playground supervision by Dundana staff does not begin until 8:40 a.m. You may see children and adults outside prior to this, but they are students registered with Umbrella daycare, our before- and after-school childcare provider. If your child is not registered with Umbrella daycare, they cannot be left in their care prior to school starting.

## **Lost and Found – Do you recognize anything??:**

We have many items of clothing that have been found over the past little while. They are located on the coat hooks on the wall to the left of the main office. If your child is missing something, please come and take a look and hopefully we can get items back to their owners. It is really helpful for us to get items back to their owners if they are labeled with a name. Please consider doing this if you haven't already done so.



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## School Newsletter/Webpage Insert re: School Dental Program

### Oral Health Screening

The dental team will be visiting the school to carry out the Ministry of Health (MOH) Oral Screening Program in grades JK, SK, and 2 on November 11, 2025.

To carry out the dental screening, a Registered Dental Hygienist will use a separate sterilized mirror to look in the mouth of each child. It takes about 30 seconds per child.

**Please send a note to the school if:**

- You have a child in other grades that you would like to be seen, or,
- If you want your child excluded from the dental screening

Your child will be sent home with a sealed brochure marked confidential with their dental screening results. Public Health Services offers dental programs and preventive services for children needing financial assistance. For more information please visit [hamilton.ca/schooldentalscreening](http://hamilton.ca/schooldentalscreening) .



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The City of Hamilton offers many supports to those who may be in need this holiday season. See below for more information.

[Holiday Registry | City of Hamilton](#)

**Christmas Wonderland**  
Good Shepherd's Annual Holiday Celebration!

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**  
**Hamilton Convention Centre**  
1 Summers Lane, Hamilton

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch is served from noon-2 pm

Open to the public  
Enjoy a Holiday Dinner  
Meet Santa Claus  
Kids Playroom & Activities  
Everyone gets a Gift

Good Shepherd  
Faith in people.

**Date:** December 14, 2025

**Location:** Hamilton Convention Centre

Join us at Christmas Wonderland! Sunday December 14, 2025, from 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

- Free holiday meal
- Live entertainment
- Kids playroom
- Meet Santa Claus
- Gifts for everyone

Lunch begins at 12:00PM. This event is open to the public.

To register as a volunteer, visit [Christmas Wonderland 2025 – Volunteer Registration – Good Shepherd Centres](#)



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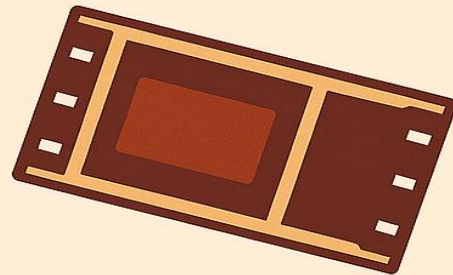
# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Bring your water bottles, cozy blankets and pillows and join us for a movie party!

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025**

- Doors @ 6pm  
Movie @ 6:30pm

Pizza sales via cashonline  
Snacks for sale on site!





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## Holiday Fundraiser November 3 - 24

**Order Online and Share the link!**

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/2110217-132999>



Pickup orders in-person week of Dec 8-12  
More details to follow