



Dundana Elementary School

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DUNDANA NEWSLETTER –APRIL 2026:

Hello Dundana families!

As we welcome the arrival of spring, the longer days, warmer temperatures, and fresh air are a refreshing and much-anticipated change after the long winter months. It has been wonderful to see students enjoying time outdoors and returning to school after March break with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Spring always brings a sense of fresh beginnings, and we are excited for the many learning opportunities and events ahead.

We're looking forward to hosting an Open House event on Thursday, May 7th, along with several important transition and orientation activities in the coming months. These include orientation events for students who are new to Kindergarten, as well as transition celebrations and activities for our Grade 5 students throughout May and June. Later in May, our school community will also be supporting the Jump Rope for Heart initiative. More details about all of these events will be shared soon.

Throughout the month of March, students have been actively engaged in a number of school-wide math challenges. Activities such as *Guess the Question*, *Battleship*, and *Estimation Mysteries* have generated a great deal of enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see students excited about math, collaborating with one another, and communicating their thinking as they work through the various challenges.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Dundana School Council for their continued support in subsidizing the Niagara Art Gallery workshops that all students will participate in this April. Students greatly enjoyed these sessions in the fall and are looking forward to another opportunity to create and express themselves through art.

Read on for further information about what will be happening at our school in April.

Sue Pasion – Principal



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 3rd – Good Friday – no school

April 6th – Easter Monday – no school

April 8th - Pizza Day (pre-orders only; this can be done on School Cash online up until Sunday, April 5th)

April 15th – Choirfest at Sir Winston Churchill School

April 16th – Grade 3 & 4's to Ancaster Fair Grounds for Farm to Table learning

April 17th – Booster Juice Day (pre-orders only through School Cash Online up until April 14th)

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

April 22nd – Earth Day

April 22nd – Administrator Professional's Day – Thank you Ms. MacDonald for all you do to keep our school running smoothly!

April 22nd – 25th – Niagara Art Gallery art experience for students; permission forms have been sent home for this

April 23rd – School Council Meeting in the Library (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

April 29th – Hot Dog Day (pre-orders only through School Cash Online up until April 21st)

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, May 7th – Dundana Open House and New to Kindergarten Orientation



More information to come on both of these soon!





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News from the Dundana School Council:

- The next **School Council meeting** is on Thursday, April 23rd from 6:30 – 8:00 in the Dundana Library. The meeting is planned for in-person, 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 April 22nd. No invitation is needed to attend the meeting in person.
- **Pizza days** are being held on April 8th and 22nd. See above 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
- We will be organizing a Booster Juice Day on April 17th and a Hot Dog Day on April 29th. Both of these items can be purchased through School Cash Online.
- Thanks to those families who have supported our **Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser**. Orders can now be picked up in the front foyer of the school between 8:45-9:00 a.m. and 3:15-3:30 p.m. All orders not picked up will be sent home with students on Thursday, April 2nd.
- **Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser** raised just over \$750. Thank you so much for your support!! We are excited to be able to help with lowering costs of future activities and field trips for the school.

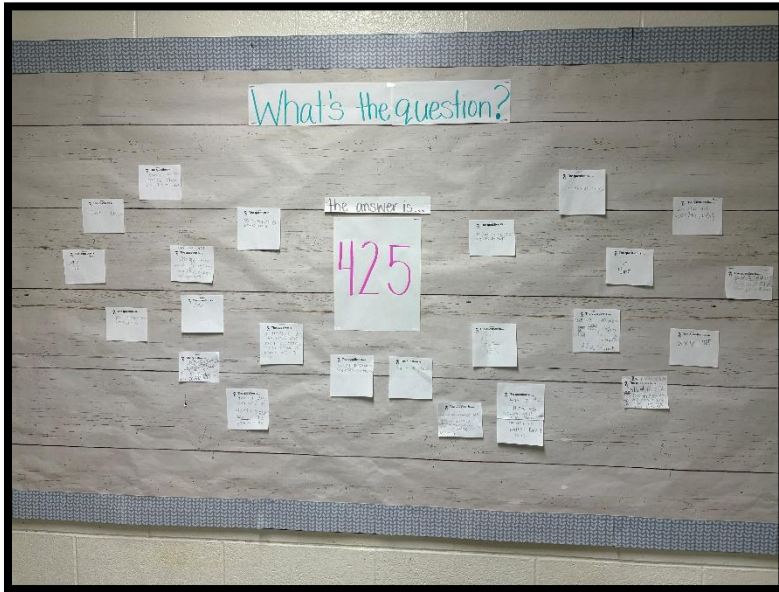


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Students have been coming up with some creative ways to show the answer to the focus number. We have a challenge in both upstairs and downstairs hallways.



We have been having some March Madness fun with a free throw basketball competition. Students from each grade have been challenged to shoot as many baskets as they can in one minute. The top three scorers from each grade will be featured on the bulletin board in the front foyer. Thanks Mrs. Frank for organizing this!



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Parent Engagement Night

Responding to Friendship Drama

A Trauma-Informed Approach to Conflict Management

Join us for an engaging and practical evening with parent engagement speaker Kathleen Hilchey.

Wednesday, May 20

7:00–8:30 PM

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Includes a 60-minute talk + 30-minute Q&A

- Support your child through friendship challenges
- Build strong, kind communication skills
- Encourage confidence and independent problem-solving

All parents/guardians welcome!

