



Dundana Elementary School

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DUNDANA NEWSLETTER –MAY 2026:

Hello Dundana families!

May is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month at our school! We have so many wonderful activities planned, including Open House, Kindergarten Orientation, Jump Rope for Heart, and much more. We hope to see many of you at our Open House on **Thursday, May 7th**—it's always a great opportunity to connect and celebrate learning together.

If you have a chance, please stop by the bulletin board in our front foyer. Students have been having a lot of fun trying to match baby pictures to our staff members! During Open House, students can submit their guesses for a chance to win a prize. There will also be a variety of other fun activities for students and their families to enjoy that evening—please take a look at the flyer below for all the details.

Over the next month, our staff will be working carefully to create the best possible class placements for students for the upcoming school year. At this time, we are not able to accept requests for specific classes or teachers. As staffing and school organization can shift leading into September, adjustments may be needed over the coming months.

Information about class placements for September will be shared during the week of August 31, 2026 through the Parent Portal. Families are also welcome to call the school during that week if needed. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this important process.

We are looking to update / refresh our Dundana Dragons murals in our front foyer and on our stage. If you, or someone you know, has artistic talent in this area that they would like to share with us, please contact the school office.

We wish you all a wonderful month as we enjoy this season of growth, learning, and celebration together.

Please read on for more details about what's happening at our school in May!

Sue Pasion – Principal



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 1st – Start of weekly TCBY frozen yogurt sales at 2nd nutrition break (\$4.00 cash only). No pre-orders required and this will take place each Friday for the remainder of the school year.

May 4th – Garden Clean-Up at 6:00 p.m. Please consider volunteering to help clean up our gardens for the spring. See flyer below for details.

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

May 7th – Kindergarten Orientation Event – 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. (for those students and families who are new to Kindergarten for the 2026/2027 school year)

May 7th – Dundana’s Open House Event – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

May 11th – Jump Rope for Heart Event (see below for how to support this event)

May 18th – Victoria Day – no school

May 20th – Parent / Caregiver session with Kathleen Hilchey (see flyer below)

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

May 25th – May 29th – EQAO Assessment (Grade 3)

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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News from the Dundana School Council:

- Pizza days for May are being held on May 6th and May 20th. See below for ordering deadlines. If anyone would like to volunteer for pizza days, or have questions for our School Council, please email dundanapta@gmail.com
- Thanks to those families and staff who supported our **Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser**. We raised almost \$900.00 that will go towards subsidizing student experiences and excursions, such as the Niagara Art Gallery workshops, classroom excursions, and Jungle Sport (coming in June!)
- The next **School Council meeting** is on Thursday, June 19th from 6:30 – 8:00 in the Dundana Library.
- Dundana's Open House is on Thursday, May 7th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. School Council will be supporting this event in a variety of ways, some of which are:
 - Family pizzas – these are available for pre-order only through School Cash online from now until May 3rd and can be picked up the evening of Open House
 - Ice-Cream truck (accepts cash or debit)
 - Scholastic Book Fair
 - Visit from local Paramedics

Dundana School Food Drive

Thanks to Dundana students, staff and families for supporting our recent food drive to help stock our local food bank. With your donations, we were able to surpass our goal and collect **620** non-perishable items. This will make a big difference in our community. Thank you.





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Starting Friday, May 1st!
TCBY frozen yogurt will be sold each Friday at second nutrition break for \$4.00 (cash only – no pre-orders). Available flavours are Vanilla, Chocolate and Cotton Candy. This will replace the popcorn that we usually sell on Fridays.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Dundana students will be jumping on May 11th to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Please consider supporting using the link below to donate.

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/116753>



DOGS:

Please no dogs on school property

A dog is a person's best friend, however, we need to you to know that they are not allowed on school property, even if you have the dog on a leash. A number of children are uncomfortable with dogs and not all dogs are as well behaved as yours. We thank you for your support!





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DUNDANA OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH
5:00PM - 6:30PM

An evening to connect, explore, and celebrate!
All families and students are welcome.

THINGS TO SEE

- **Dance Club Performance**
5:00pm (back playground)
- **Choir Performance**
5:15pm (back playground)
- **Scholastic Book Fair**
(gymnasium)

THINGS TO DO

- **Visit classrooms**
- **Pizza (Pre-Order only)** Full-sized pizzas are now available for purchase through School Cash Online. Please bring a blanket or chairs to sit outside and enjoy your pizza with your family.
- **Ice cream truck** (back playground)

We look forward to seeing you! 



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CALLING ALL GARDEN VOLUNTEERS



MEET AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AT 6PM

HELP TO CLEAN UP THE NATIVE PLANT GARDEN,
WEED THE MINIFOREST, & PREPARE FOR SUMMER
BRING GLOVES

FOR MORE INFO,
CONTACT JILL @ 647-609-5208





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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!

FREE: Funding provided through the Ontario Ministry of Education - Parents Reaching Out Grants.

