



DUNDEE Diary



New Dundee Public School's Community Newsletter

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Newsletter

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Mission Statement: Our mission is to empower life-long learners, who strive for excellence in a changing world by creating an environment that promotes academic skills, social skills, and responsible citizenship.

Principal's Message

New Dundee Public School is a very busy, exciting and wonderful place to learn. I would like to thank our staff for the caring and dedication that they bring to our students every day.

Our newest Kindergarten students have adjusted well to school. The students are exploring and learning about the world around them. It is exciting to see all of our students engaged in a variety of school activities.

Please follow us on Twitter @newdundeepublic for information related to the great learning that is taking place at New Dundee Public School.

This will be our last paper newsletter. Information will be posted on our website and through School Day.

If you are interested in volunteering at New Dundee Public School, please call me at 519-696-2296 or email andrea_michelutti@wrdsb.on.ca.


Andrea Michelutti
Principal

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 13 – Happy Thanksgiving
- Oct. 18 – Garden Day
- Oct. 31 – Happy Halloween
- Nov. 3 - Progress Reports will be sent home
- Nov. 7 – P.A. Day for parent-teacher interviews
- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 19 – Dance-a-thon



Fundraising – Dance-a-thon

Woot! Woot! It's **dance-a-thon** time at New Dundee! During the day on **November 19**,  students and staff members will be dancing to raise money to support our students. This year's goal is to raise \$10,000. This will support our students with additional tools for the classroom (iPads), covering the cost of bussing for trips, supporting our music program, and providing additional classroom enhancements. Pledge-a-lopers will be sent home with more information closer to the events

Thank you...

Thank you to the School Council for organizing our "Meet the Teacher" night. It was great to see the large number families that were able to support the event.

Pumpkin Fest



New Dundee P.S. is going to have a hallway full of pumpkins again this year on October 31.

Families are encouraged to create a pumpkin masterpiece at home, bring it to school and then enter their pumpkin in one of the following categories: funniest, longest nose, scariest, prettiest, biggest smile, best dressed, smallest, biggest, and most interesting.

Parents and students are asked to drop off their pumpkins at school on October 31 before school in the morning. We would then ask that all pumpkins are picked up before 4:30 p.m. on the same day.

Remembrance Day Service



On Tuesday, November 11, the school will be hosting a Remembrance Day Service. The students will be presenting poetry and songs in remembrance of those people who have lost their lives during times of war. All members of the community are invited to join us for this special assembly which will begin at 10:00 a.m.

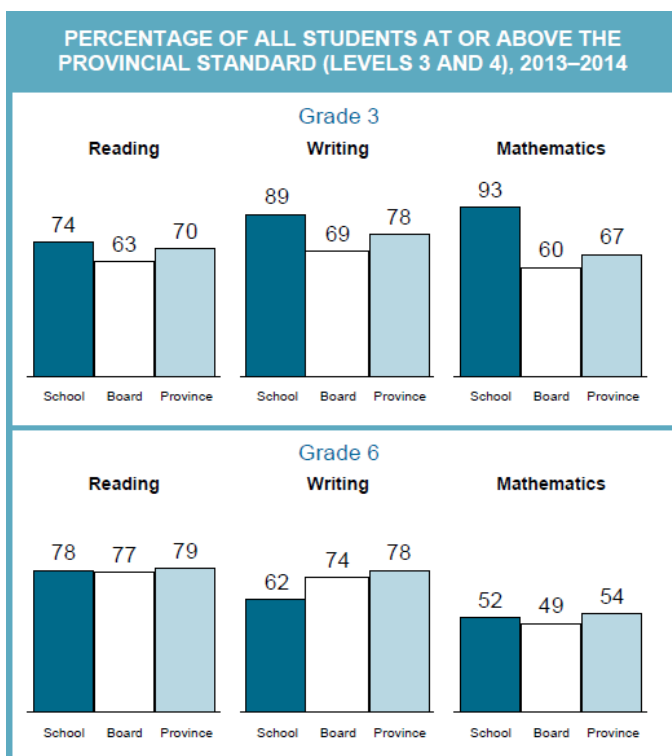
Supervision on the playground



Please be reminded that there is no supervision in the morning on the school yard until 9:05 a.m. Students should not arrive at school before that time. We want to keep our students safe.

EQAO Assessment Results

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) tests students' skills in reading, writing and mathematics at key points in their elementary school education. Students are tested twice: at the end of Grade 3 to assess what they have learned throughout the Primary Division and again in Grade 6 to assess what they have learned throughout the Junior Division. The testing takes place each year in late May or early June. Below you will find the school results for the 2013-2014 school year.



School Day



We are excited to announce that for the upcoming school year, we will be using School-Day, an online portal that lets us instantly share school news and events with parents.

With School-Day, you will be able to receive school news and announcements, and pay for hot lunches all online. As the year progresses, we are able to add additional features to the program such as permission forms. We are sure that you will find School-Day easy to use, and we appreciate your help in improving our communications and significantly reducing the amount of paper our school consumes.

To register or learn more about School-Day, we urge you to visit the School-Day website at www.school-day.com or contact School-Day by email at info@school-day.com. For any support or technical help, please visit the School-Day support site at www.school-day.com/support. We look forward to using this new system with you, and we are certain that you will find the School-Day portal very useful. If you would like to use the computers in the library, please sign in at the office first.

Garden Day – Saturday, October 18

The gardens in front of the school have been emptied and ready for a new look. School Council has put together a plan for the space and need your help! Here are three ways you could help us beautify our garden:

- Join us on Saturday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. where we will work together to prep the soil, place our plants and spread mulch around them. Please bring your gloves and shovels.
- Donate a bit of time with your truck/trailer to pick up mulch for us. We have secured a great price on mulch from Kitchener Forest Products on Huron Road.
- Divide some of your perennials from your own gardens to share with us. Please visit our website for the plants we need.

Please email megohall@hotmail.com or call the school for more information.



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