



DUNDEE Diary



New Dundee Public School's Community 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

October was a busy month with great learning! Our students were solving math problems, reading new texts, preparing art work and poems for our Remembrance Day Ceremony, writing, singing and recording a class song, and demonstrating their good manners. It is nice to see the smiles on our students faces each and every day.

Our staff and our students have been preparing a very moving and powerful Remembrance Day Ceremony. If you wish to join us, please come to the gym at 10:00 a.m. on November 11.

I would like to thank our parents who signed up for School-Day. School-Day allows parents to receive timely information regarding field trips, parent-teacher interviews, pizza days, hot lunches and special events. If you haven't signed up for School-Day yet, please contact the office.

Looking forward to seeing our families at our Christmas Concert!

*Sincerely,
Andrea Michelutti*

Dates to Remember



Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:00 a.m.
Nov. 14 – Movie Night – “How to Train Your Dragon 2” at 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 19 – Dundee Dragon’s Birthday
Nov. 19 – Dance-a-thon
Nov. 21 – Picture Retake Day
Dec. 10 – Holiday Concert
Dec. 19 – Last day of classes before Christmas Break
Jan. 5 - Classes resume for the New Year

Weather Reminders

With winter just around the corner, it is important to review the following information:



- Our students go outside most days. It is important to dress properly for the colder weather. Having an extra pair of mittens and socks in your child’s backpack is helpful.
- Listen to the local radio stations for reports about bus cancellations and/or school closures. Cancellations will begin being announced prior to 6:15 a.m. The information will be shared on our website and Twitter account.

When buses are cancelled due to bad weather, the school will be open. Please consider safety first and foremost when deciding whether you will send your children to school. There will be no new curriculum taught on those days as we often only have between 75 to 100 students. Please note that hot lunches will not be served on those days. If your child is a walking student it is very important to let the office know if your child is not coming to school. Otherwise you will be called for your child’s safety.

Picture Re-Take Day

We will have our picture re-take day on November 21 for anyone who was absent on picture day or who would like a retake. Students who wish to have their photo taken for a second time need to have their original package with them on this day.



Be a Good Neighbour

We are kindly asking our parents who park their cars on Cedar Court to remember to be thoughtful of our neighbours. Please park in appropriate areas and avoid blocking drive ways. We are also asking that parents park further into the Court in order to keep the site lines visible for our crossing guard. Our most important goal is to keep our students safe. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Michelutti at 519-696-2296.



Safety Reminders



Our playground is supervised from 9:05 a.m. until 9:20 a.m. each morning. If students arrive at school prior to 9:05 a.m., there is no adult on the playground.

Our adult crossing guard is on duty from 8:50 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. (right in front of the school).

Our creative playgrounds are closed for the winter months as they are not safe due to the ice and snow.

Bag2School

Out with the old and in with the new. Bag2School is back! Fill up the blue bag that will come home before the Christmas break with gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, coats, belts and soft toys. These items will be collected, weighed and distributed to those in need in developing countries. For each tonne collected our school will receive \$200. Since we have started this campaign, we have raised over \$1600. Look for a flyer to come home in December with information regarding drop off times and locations. Help us help others!



Movie Night – How to Train Your Dragon 2

School Council is pleased to host a family event for all to enjoy. On Friday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. the New Dundee gym will be open for another Movie Night. We will be watching the movie 'How to Train Your Dragon 2.' This is a family event! So ... jump into your pjs, bring a stuffie, a few dollars to purchase movie snacks and head on over to the school to enjoy a great night at the movies. All children must be supervised by an adult.



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Please follow us on Twitter @newdundeepublic. If you don't have Twitter account, you can still see the wonderful learning that is happening by visiting <https://twitter.com/NewDundeePublic>.

Dance-a-thon

On November 19, the students at New Dundee Public School will be dancing to raise money to support school initiatives. Our goal is \$10,000 and we challenge each student to raise at least \$25 for our dance-a-thon fundraising event. The money will be used to purchase a new iPads and provide enhancements to our classrooms. ***Please return this pledge form to the school by Tuesday, November 18, 2014.** Students who raise a minimum of \$25 will receive a special 'Mo-vement' glow ring. The class that has the greatest amount in pledges will receive a special pizza party. Students will be given a ballot for every \$5 they raise and they could win prizes! There will also be a special "glow store" for students to purchase additional glow bracelets and accessories. The items range between \$2 and \$4.



CD Project

The students at New Dundee Public School have been working with songwriter Katherine Wheatley to write, sing and record a class song. Each class is unique and the lyrics reflect the students' interests. Stay tuned for more information regarding a special CD release party.



Christmas Concert

We are excited for our Christmas Concert! This year's concert will take place on Wednesday, December 10 at the Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church located at 1531 Bridge Street in New Dundee. There will be a dress rehearsal in the morning and an evening concert at 7:00 p.m.

**For the latest school information,
please sign up for School-Day.**