



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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff and parents of New Dundee Public School for providing me the most wonderful start to the year. Each day it is a pleasure to come to work and serve this great community.



The children's smiling faces continue to be my inspiration. One of the most important jobs entrusted to a school is to assure that we guide and provide children with life and academic lessons that assist in creating a community of caring, kind and productive citizens.

I will continue to work diligently in assuring that New Dundee Public School remains a safe and positive environment for your child. I truly appreciate the support that parents have shown and I look forward to the many exciting events in the new year.

I wish each of you a wonderful holiday. May it be one of love, peace and happiness.

Sincerely,
Andrea Michelutti
Principal

Christmas Concert Information

Please join us on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethel Missionary Church for our Christmas Concert. We are looking forward to seeing our students perform. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



We are also opening up our dress rehearsal to our family and friends on Wednesday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m. at Bethel Missionary Church.

Our students and staff enjoy sharing their performances with parents and the school community. During these events, photographs are often taken. We understand that parents share these special events with families and friends online but we kindly ask that families exercise their discretion when taking photographs or videos at school events and consider the privacy of other students who may also be present in those pictures. Your co-operation is appreciated.

School Council

New Dundee PS School Council will meet in the library on December 15 at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to join this group of parents, staff and community members.



Lost and Found



Missing a mitten? Lost your lunch container? Can't find your hat? Where are the t-shirts and sweaters? Students and parents are encouraged to look in our collection of "Lost and Found" items between Dec. 15 and Dec. 18. Please take a few minutes to look through this display for any items. Any remaining items will be donated on December 18.

Dates to Remember

- Dec. 10 – Christmas Concert
- Dec. 11 – Hour of Code
- Dec. 16 – Me to We Bake Sale
- Dec. 19 – Last day of classes before Christmas Break
- Jan. 30 - Professional Activity Day (School will be closed)



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. Bags will be sent home before the Christmas break.

Help us help others!

Please drop off your items at the school during the following dates:

Friday, January 9 (7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Saturday, January 10 (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

Monday, January 12 (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

Weather Reminders



With students being outside at least twice a day, they are encouraged to dress appropriately. Students are asked to wear boots, snow pants and an extra pair of mittens.

With the coming of winter weather, there is a possibility that the school may be closed due to severe weather conditions. Information regarding school closings will be carried over the local radio stations. Please listen to the local radio stations for reports about bus cancellations and/or school closures. You could also visit the WRDSB website – www.wrdsb.ca –, the New Dundee website – www.ndd.wrdsb.ca –, or follow us on Twitter - [@newdundeepublic](https://twitter.com/newdundeepublic) - for cancellation information. Parents will also receive notification through School-Day about bus cancellation and school closures.

When buses are cancelled due to bad weather, the school will be open. Please consider safety first and foremost when deciding whether to send your child to school. Students will be given opportunities to practice skills but no new curriculum will be taught. Hot lunches will also be cancelled.

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.

School Day



We would like to thank all families for their participation in our new School-Day program. School-Day is an online portal that lets us instantly share school news and events with parents. With School-Day, parents will be able to receive school and class news and announcements, complete permission forms, and pay for any school product or event, all online.

Currently 93% of our families are using School-Day to purchase pizza and hot lunches, and to complete permission forms. If you would like to add another parent or guardian to your School-Day account, please contact Ms. Cook in the office for another Secure-Match Key.

The reason WHY we are using School-Day is to help parents receive timely information regarding school activities and events. The school and staff are confident that School-Day will improve the way we communicate with all of our families.

If you would like support in using School-Day, please visit the office (tutorials and access to computers are always available)

“Me to We” Bake Sale – December 16

The “Me to We” team is pleased to announce that on December 16, students and families will be able to purchase items at their Bake Sale. Even though the “Me to We” team members are baking for this event, we encourage families to bring in bake sale items to supplement the amount of items for sale (please remember to send in nut-free items). If you plan to donate baked items, please send them to school on Tuesday, December 16 by 10:00 a.m. All items will be available to purchase for a \$1.

Rafiki bracelets will also be on sale during the week of December 15 to December 18. These bracelets are named for the Swahili word for ‘friend’ and each Rafiki bracelet is handmade with love by a mama in Kenya. The cost of each bracelet is \$10.

All money raised from the bake sale and the Rafiki bracelets will be donated to “Me to We”.

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