



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

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Another busy month has begun. Thank you to all of the New Dundee families that continue to assist us in making our school amazing.



I look forward to welcoming our soon to be registered Kindergarten students and their families. If you know of anyone who has children eligible for Junior or Senior Kindergarten please have them call the school to get their child registered. Kindergarten registrations will begin in February.

As you are aware we have a Progress Report and two formal Achievement Reports. Students received their Progress Report in the fall. On February 20, you will receive the first term report card which reports on the student's achievement of the curriculum expectations. Please be aware that some strands of Mathematics and subjects in the Arts may not have been addressed this term. All strands and subjects will be covered over the course of the school year.

We believe that on-going communication between home and school concerning the progress of our students is essential. Although there are three formal reporting periods, communication with parents and students about student achievement should be continuous throughout the year, by means such as parent-teacher conferences, portfolios/samples of student work, interviews, phone calls, checklists and informal reports.

As always, the school and home join hands in this amazing journey of learning. I invite you to please call or visit me at the school, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

I would like to thank the families who have been using School-Day to purchase hot lunches, fill out permission forms and to stay connected with the school. If you have not signed up for School-Day yet, please contact me and I will be happy to help you.

As many families know, it is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Carole Hackbart. Mrs. Hackbart has worked at New Dundee Public School for many years as a volunteer in our Strong Start program and in many classrooms. Mrs. Hackbart will always be remembered for her kind, caring and generous demeanor. She touched many students, staff and community members' hearts in many ways, as a friend, a colleague and a participant in so many of our school activities. We will miss Mrs. Hackbart's ready smile and her many contributions to our school community.

Wishing you and your family a great 2015!

Andrea Michelutti
Principal

Dates to Remember

Jan. 9, 10 & 12 – Bag2School Drop off
Jan. 28 – School Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
Jan. 30 – PA day (no school for students)
February 17 – Family Day (no school)



School Council

New Dundee PS School Council will meet in the library on January 28 at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to join this group of parents, staff and community members.

Severe Weather Procedures

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. You could also log on to the WRDSB website – www.wrdsb.ca – for cancellation information.

Weather Reminders

Dress appropriately for the weather outside.

- Don't forget boots and snow pants.
- Extra mitts help when one pair gets wet.
- **Put names in the clothing**, even mitts.
- **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.



When buses are cancelled due to bad weather

- The school is open
- **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 90 and 100 students from JK-Gr. 6.
- 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.**

Library News

The Ontario Library Association's 2015 Reading Programs will soon be underway.

The books will be flying off the shelves! Students all across Ontario have the opportunity to join these reading programs, which run from January until April. Our school is participating in three **Silver Birch Programs** – Express, Fiction and Non-Fiction. This year many of our New Dundee students in Grades 3 to 6 will be participating in at least one of the Silver Birch programs. In April, these students will vote for their favourite title. We would like to **thank the Optimists of New Dundee** for their generous donation, which allowed us to buy extra copies of these books.



Thinking about Mrs. Soltys

Over the holidays, Mrs. Soltys was injured in a fall. Mrs. Soltys is doing well and is recovering at home. Unfortunately, she is unable to come to school for the next few weeks. We will be thinking about her and wishing her a speedy recovery.

A Special Thank You....

- To the many parents who volunteer their time to support our hot lunch days
- To the many parents and family members who attended the Christmas Concert
- To the many parents who help in the classrooms and on field trips
- To our "Strong Start" volunteers under the leadership of Mrs. Soltys
- To the many families that gave so generously during our fundraising campaign.
- To the members of the New Dundee School Council who give of their time and energy each and every month and do so much for our school community
- To all those who have donated their time in making our gardens beautiful
- To the many, many parents who are not turning into the staff parking lot or bus zone. Instead they are using the parking on available side streets and walk up to the school to meet their children outside. Your support in ensuring the safety of all students and adults is greatly appreciated
- To all those who supported our Me to We bake sale. The school was able to purchase 12 goats to help families in Africa



Kindergarten Registration



Parents who have children who were born in 2011 will be eligible for Junior Kindergarten in September 2015. Students born in 2010, who are currently **not** enrolled in our Junior Kindergarten classes, should register at this time, as they will be eligible for Senior Kindergarten beginning in September 2015. If you have a son or daughter eligible for Junior or Senior Kindergarten next year, please call the school at 519-696-2296. If you know of any new neighbors that need this information, please pass on this newsletter.