



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

What a great start to 2015! New Dundee Public School continues to be busy as our students are learning new concepts, gaining new skills, and taking on additional responsibility in their classrooms. A huge thank you to all of the New Dundee families that continue to assist us in making our school great!



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. We will be having a special registration on Monday, February 9 (in the afternoon) and Tuesday, February 10 (in the morning)

As you are aware we have a Progress Report and two formal Achievement Reports. Students received their Progress Report in the fall. On Friday, 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 relationship is important. I invite you to please call or visit me at the school, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Looking forward to a busy February!

Andrea Michelutti
Principal

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.



Dates to Remember

February 9 to 13 – Kindergarten registration
February 16 – Family Day (no school)
February 18 – East Side Mario's Hot Lunch
February 20 – Spirit Day – Dress in the colours you want for New Dundee
February 25 – East Side Mario's Hot Lunch
March 4 – East Side Mario's Hot Lunch
March 5 – Little Ray's Reptile Zoo at 12:10 a.m.
March 5 – Teacher appreciation lunch (volunteers needed)
March 11 – East Side Mario's Hot Lunch
March 16 to March 20 – March Break
March 25 – Kindergarten Information Night

Severe Weather Procedures



Between the extremely cold temperatures and the snow, we've experienced a challenging winter this year! While we are hoping spring is just around the corner, there is still 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. Families are encouraged to sign up for notifications on the WRDSB website (www.wrdsb.ca) and our school's website. You may follow us on Twitter account (@newdundeepublic) for cancellation information. Updates will be sent through School Day and Remind (the texting service)

New Dundee PS Logo Contest

New Dundee Public School invites you to submit a logo design for the school. Any New Dundee Public School student, parent, sibling, relative, or neighbors are eligible for the contest. Come up with a dragon image and keep it simple, creative and original. You can include up to four colours. Judging will be done by a group of New Dundee students, staff, school council members, and community members. It will be based on originality, design quality, and visual impact.

Entries become the sole property of New Dundee Public School and will not be returned. New Dundee Public School has the right to modify the design to meet the graphic requirements. Entries must be 8 1/2" by 11" in size (vertical format). The following information must appear with each entry: name, home address, phone number, and name of student (if applicable).

The winning design will receive a free t-shirt and the student's class will receive a class party. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Michelutti.

Want to receive texts from the school?

To increase communication to parents, the office will now be sending information via text messages through Remind. Remind provides an easy way for parents to stay informed about school wide events. Parents can even download the app and opt-in to receive messages faster with push notifications. To sign up for this new communication tool, send a text message to 2267739961 with the message @newdundee. This feature is CASL compliant and parents are able to opt out at any time.

Social Media

To keep up to date with the latest New Dundee Public School events, please follow us on Twitter @newdundeepublic or Instagram newdundeepublic or visit our website www.ndd.wrdsb.ca. Families are encouraged to sign up for notification updates through our website and on School-Day.

School Council News

Thank you for all of your support with our Bag2School drive. We raised \$142 during this donation period. School Council will be running another Bag2School drive again in May.

The students and their families donated 491 pounds of food to the Wilmot Family Resource Centre during our CANstruction competition. The members of the "Me to We team" brought the donations to the food bank and helped sort items.

On March 5, the members of School Council will be hosting a staff appreciation luncheon from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help supervise students, serve lunch, and prepare food. If you are able to help in any way, please email Ms. Michelutti at andrea.michelutti@wrdsb.on.ca and she will forward your information to the members of School Council.

East Side Mario's Hot Lunch



East Side Mario's is proud to offer you the opportunity for a special hot lunch program to our students on Wednesdays (February 18, February 25, March 4, and March 11) during the first nutrition break. The following choices will be offered each Wednesday:

Spaghetti and Meatballs: 5 ounces spaghetti, Napolitano sauce (tomato), 2 meatballs

Cheese Cappelletti: 5 ounces of cheese filled pasta, in blush sauce (tomato and alfredo), topped with cheese (mozzarella)

Cheesy Bowtie: 8 ounces of noodles with alfredo sauce and mozzarella cheese

Pasta with Butter: 8 ounces of pasta with butter

Gluten free pasta: 8 ounces is available

***All pastas are served with a garlic home loaf.

Orders are due on the Friday prior to the hot lunch on Wednesdays. Each week will be a new order so students are able to try different items.