

Message from Parent Council

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new and returning families of Dunlace PS. Our School Council is well on its way to planning exciting events for the school year. Last year we spent over \$60 000 contributing to the student experience at Dunlace PS. We realize how important your children are to you and that you want the best for them. Being an active member in the school community can help you achieve that! Involvement at the school also makes it easier to establish relationships with teachers and other parents, voice your opinions and ideas, and find out more information about your child's education. We're here to help you find ways – both at school and in the home – to make your child's time at Dunlace PS successful. We promise that the time you give will be worth your while – and fun!

We don't expect a huge time commitment from volunteers. Many parents feel that they cannot be included because they cannot come to every meeting or be at the school during the day. There are endless possibilities in the ways you can help. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple hours, you are truly needed. Keep in mind that by volunteering you will get to enjoy interacting with kids, get to know the other parents, learn new skills, and accomplish things that truly make a difference.

Please see the attach forms to see different ways you can get involved.

ACTION REQUIRED BY ALL PARENTS: Please update your profile on the Dunlace webpage (www.dunlace.ca), this is required by all families. There will be a link to update grade(s) of your child(ren), or new families to our community please sign up to receive information.

ALL MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL are communicated by this method.

We are in full swing, planning events. Our **Annual Fundraising Campaign letter is attached.** These events allow us to fundraise money to help enrich the programing our children receive at Dunlace Public School.

Events your council are working on are:

Pizza Lunch, Fresh from the Farm, Graduation, Internet Safety Speaker, Fun Fair and

Halloween Dance **October 27, 2015 -details to follow**

Parent involvement is key to the success of our children and our school events. Please come out and get involved. We are looking for parents, ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to contact Dev Benham at mcbenham13@yahoo.com on how to get involved, share ideas or questions.

Dunlace Parent Council

NOTICE OF SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS/MEETING

Want to join us? We invite you to come to the first meeting on September 28th to see what we are all about. Watch for our meeting agenda via email (don't forget to sign up or update your profile at www.dunlace.ca).

**Thursday, September 28th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library
(Babysitting is provided in the school gym for school age children)**

The School Council functions in an advisory capacity to help the administration and staff deliver a top-level education program. The School Council informs parents of school issues, raises money to support school programmes, organizes information meetings, and implements many programmes and activities that benefit the students. Regular meetings of the Council are held at the school and all parents in the Dunlace community are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Agenda includes:

Council Elections
Review of Council Events
Review of Council Budget
School Updates

We have the following positions vacant:

Treasurer, Fair Fun Fundraising Chair, Grade 5 Co-chair

Please email Dev Benham (mcbenham13@yahoo.com) for more information.

Parents and community members play a very important role in ensuring the success of our school and students. There are a variety of ways that you can get involved and contribute to your school community. Please come and join us...get involved...you will be enriching the lives of our children.

We do hope to see you there!

Volunteering at Dunlace Public School

We are busy organizing a number of social and fundraising initiatives throughout the year. The enthusiastic support of our parent volunteers is one of the reasons Dunlace PS is such a special school. Getting involved in one or more areas is a great way to enrich the experience of Dunlace students. Please volunteer!

If there is an area you are interested in helping with in advance of a call for volunteers please indicate it below. I would like to help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pizza Lunch Days | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Fair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning Safety Patroller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance-a-thon | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fun Fair (day of the event) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fun Fair (Event Lead) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special School and Class Activities
(Scientist in the school, Terry Fox Walk, Field Trips, etc.) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation Committee (Grade 5 and 6 events) | |

Parent's Name: _____

Email: _____
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

I would like to be a Class Rep for my child's class:

- Yes No

Name Child/Teacher: _____
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

A **Class Rep** is a parent that acts as a link between the teacher and/or parent council and the parents of a specific class. They are responsible for compiling a class email list and for communicating with parents via email as needed, rarely more than once a month. The teacher may ask the Class Rep to help find volunteers or assist in organizing a class event. It is great opportunity to help out in your child's class.

Thank you for your interest!

Dunlace School Council – September 2017 2017/2018 Annual Fundraising Campaign

Your school council raises money to support school programmes, to host parent information sessions, and implements many programmes and activities that benefit the students. We continue to support the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program which takes a transdisciplinary approach to inquiry and problem based learning. STEM fosters collaboration, creativity, and innovation to ALL students at Dunlace at ALL grade levels.

The STEM Program is in its third year. Students at Dunlace are privileged to benefit from the visionary leadership of our teaching staff and to be strongly supported by the Parent Council to financially support these learning initiatives. Given the high impact of these programs, the Parent Council is excited to kick off our Annual Fundraising Campaign. Last year, we raised over \$8 000 and spent over \$34 000 on Technology for our school. We are hoping to raise even more now that we have seen the benefits of the STEM program.

We strongly urge you to consider a donation of \$50 per child which is approximately \$5.00 per month. We understand that while this might not be possible, any contribution will make a cumulative impact to this enriching endeavour.

We are looking forward to continuing to connect with Dunlace Parents in the future, and would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the School Council Chair, Dev Benham, at mcbenham13@yahoo.com.

Kind Regards,
Dunlace School Council

Online donations are preferred at www.dunlace.ca/donations OR fill out this form and return it with your cheque by October 12, 2017. Please return to the School Council box located in the school office.

(Late contributions will still be accepted. However, on time payment helps the Dunlace School Council plan for the current school year and ensures you receive your tax receipt for the 2017 tax year.)

Please make cheque payable to "TDSB"

TDSB will issue a tax receipt for donations of \$25.00 or more. For this purpose, please ensure you provide the following including the contributor name, address and postal code so that the tax receipt could be mailed to you (Only complete if you are not doing an online donation):

Parent/Contributor Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Please Specify Donation Amount: _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other Amount \$ _____

Student Name: _____ Teacher Name: _____ Grade: _____



DRAW:

Please fill in this bottom portion and return it to the Parent Council Draw Box in front of the office by Oct 12, 2017 for your child to be eligible to win 1 of 10 prizes. Winners will be announced Oct 13th, 2017 at the spirit assembly. A donation is not required to be eligible for the draw.

My child has discussed the annual fundraising campaign with me.

Student's Name

Teacher's Name

Parent's Signature