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This newsletter contains important information. If you don't understand it, please have it interpreted. Thank you.

Cette lettre contient des informations importantes. Si vous ne la comprenez pas, faites la traduire, s'il vous plait. Merci.

Warsidehan aad ayuu muhlim u yahay, hadii aad fahmi waydo turjubaan la raadso. Aad ayaad u Mahadsantahay.

مجلة المدرسة الشهرية تحوي على معلوماتهممأجدا تخص مسيرة تعليم اولادكم. يمكنكم الاتصال بالمدرسة لغرض مساعدتكم في ترجمتها لكم ولكم منا جزيل الشكر و الاحترام.

HELLO DUNLOP FAMILIES!

A Happy New Year to all our families in the Dunlop P.S. community. Everyone here hopes that all of our families had a wonderful and relaxing holiday and that our students are looking forward to another exciting term of learning and discovery! Keep checking our Facebook and Twitter pages for pictures of Dunlop happenings.



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Well Ol' Man Winter has certainly arrived to stay here in the Nation's Capital but that does not mean that he will stop us from enjoying the outdoors. Please make sure that your son/daughter comes dressed for the weather, prepared to spend up to 25 minutes at a time outdoors enjoying winter. The only time that students remain indoors is when the temperature falls below -25°C .

SNOW DAYS!

When transportation is cancelled due to poor driving conditions, schools are open on snow days unless communicated otherwise. If you bring your child to school on snow days, you must ensure that there is a way for them to get home as transportation is cancelled for the **entire** day. Transportation cancellation and information is available on the Ottawa Student Transportation website: www.ottawaschoolbus.ca



What do you do if someone
is **ROTHERING** you?



Use Your WITS!



OUR WITS PROGRAM

The new year is a good time for us to refresh our thinking around the [WITS Program](#) (an evidence based bullying prevention program that brings schools, families and communities together to create responsive environments that help elementary school children deal with bullying and peer victimization). We support our students in using their WITS to solve issues that arise.

The WITS program provides a common language and builds responsive communities. IF your child talks about an issue at school, ask them how they used their WITS.

SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN

Our school is focused on Mathematics, with the goal to intentionally teach mental math strategies through Number Talks, so that our students number sense will improve in terms of efficient strategy choices and/or overall number sense achievement. Conceptual understanding is an essential part of math understanding, which this is supporting. When talking about math at home, having children explain their thinking when figuring things out is a very helpful strategy.



Thank you again to our Parent Volunteers who take care of pizza every week for our students. We could not have it without them. And, a reminder that when you order pizza the order is not effective until the next week after the order.

SKATING

Our skating program for grades 1-6 at Pushman Rink will start shortly. Please consider volunteering to support your child's class. We can always use some help with tying skates!. If a class does not have enough volunteers they cannot participate. Just a reminder that everyone skating on the ice must wear a CAS approved helmet. Field trip forms must be signed and returned for your child to participate since the rink is off school property.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2019

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



If your child will be 4 years old before December 31st, 2019, then they are ready to start kindergarten in September 2019. Call or stop by the office to pick up a registration package or register [online](#)! You can register at Dunlop during school hours, or [online](#). Take a look at the OCDSB [Welcome To Kindergarten](#) video and see some of the many experiences children enjoy! Please pass this on to any neighbours with children ready for kindergarten.

MIDDLE FRENCH IMMERSION - GRADE 4 - REGISTRATION

If your child has completed the grade 3 English/Core French Program, you can choose to enter the Middle French Immersion Program. All subjects are taught in French in grades 4, 5, and 6, except for English Language Arts and Math. Blossom Park Public School is the school our population moves to for Middle Immersion. **REGISTRATION DATES ARE FROM: MON., FEB. 11/19 TO TUES., FEB. 19/19**

School Council

We have a very friendly and busy School Council supporting us. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. Please come and see what we are about! Decisions will be made about the money raised so far this year. No commitments necessary! Please come!

OUR SCHOOL START TIME IS 8:00am. It is important that students arrive on time for school so that they are able to start the day with their class, and engage with the learning at the outset of the day. While we understand that from time to time, events happen to make children late, consistent attendance is crucial to student success. If you are experiencing difficulties that affect your child's ability to get to school on time please let us know. We are here to help. If a child is late by only 5 to 10 minutes a day, that is 25 to 50 minutes a week, and adds up to 4 hours a month of lost learning time.



SAFETY FIRST PLEASE!



FAMILIES ARE REMINDED THAT THE FRONT DRIVEWAY AND PARKING LOT CANNOT BE USED FOR STUDENT DROP-OFF OR PICK UP at the beginning or end of the school day. These areas are closed to vehicles so that our school transportation (bus and vans) can drop off and pick up our students safely. This continues to be an ongoing issue. **Please use Pebble Road at the front of the school to drop off or pick up your child(ren). Supervision starts at 7:45 am.** Please use the crosswalk to cross our bus lane when entering or exiting our school. We are strict about these rules because your children's safety is our number one priority. We appreciate you respecting and abiding by these rules.



UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULED TO DATE:

Remember to check the calendar on the web site. We add events as they come up.

January

- 21: **Martin Luther King Day**
- 21-26: Official Kindergarten Registration starts
- 25: **P. A. Day: no school for students**
- 27: Family Literacy Day
- 30: **School Council Meeting 6:00 – 7:00**

February

- 4-19: Cross Boundary/Student Transfer requests
- 11-19: **Middle French Immersion Registration**
- 16-23: Kindness Week Ottawa
- 15: **P.D. Day: no school for students**
- 18: Family Day: School closed
- 27: **School Council Meeting 6:00 – 7:00**

