



October



Dundalk & Proton Community School

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Staffing Update

Ms. Erica Oelschlagel has accepted an additional assignment with us, and is now here all day on Monday through Thursday and Friday mornings.

Reorganization

Because of an increase in enrolment, we needed to reorganize classes to meet Ministry Guidelines. Our reorganization is now complete, and students are settling nicely into new classes. Thank you to everyone for helping this to be a positive experience for students.

Parade of Costumes

On October 30th at 2:20 students will have an opportunity to participate in a parade of costumes or orange & black clothing. Additional activities that may occur on this day in individual classrooms will be communicated through the class newsletter. On days such as Halloween a small number of special activities are often planned. As a school community we recognize that not all families have the same celebrations and traditions. It is important to us that parents understand it is never our wish that parents feel they need to keep their children home to avoid these celebrations. If you have concerns, please let us know and we will make accommodations for your child at school.

Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a child starting school next year (born 2011/2012)? Have you registered for the Let's Learn Clinic on October 20th? If not please call as soon as possible (519-923-2622 ext 521). We will hold our Let's Learn Clinic on October 20th from 3:00-6:00pm. The Let's Learn Clinic is an opportunity for you to register your child at school and familiarize yourself with a number community services. These services will be in attendance to provide information for the parents and children.

Important Dates

- October 2 School Community Council meeting at Dundalk and Proton at 9:30 a.m.
- October 7 Picture Day
- October 7 Early Dismissal
(Student are dismissed at 1:15. Bus students will arrive home two hours earlier than usual)
- October 12 Thanksgiving (no school)
- October 20 Let's Learn Clinic 3:00-6:00pm
(Kindergarten Registration)
- October 23 PD Day (no school for students)
- October 30 Parade of Costumes
- November 9 Picture Retake
- November 13 Progress Reports go home

LEARNING CORNER:

Word Wall Words/Word Study

Word wall words and word study have replaced the traditional spelling programs that many adults grew-up participating in at school. Word wall/study instruction gives children the opportunity to practise high-frequency words and phonemic patterns (sound patterns). This develops a student's ability to read words automatically and learn word solving strategies in order to read partially familiar and unfamiliar words. Displaying these words prominently in the classroom allows children to spell them correctly in their writing. In the past spelling test focussed on the memorization of a large number of words. Do not be fooled by the simplicity or small number of weekly word walls. The role of these words is to promote reading fluency and word solving strategies by studying word patterns. In depth study of these small words allow students to transfer their knowledge to more complicated and larger words. By promoting understanding rather than memorization we give students the skills they need for future learning tasks.

Milk

Milk continues to be available. Students can buy a milk card for \$20.00 and receive 25 drinks or \$1.00 each at first nutrition



Breakfast Club and Snack Trays:

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers who make this valuable program happen. Students are very excited that both Breakfast Club and Snack Trays have started! Students need healthy food to fill tummies and feed brains!

We are still looking for volunteers for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for Snack Trays. If you have a couple of hours on those days that you could come in and help us out, please let the office know.



Bluewater District School Board subscribes to BookFlix, an online resource for books to read with children. BookFlix features over 100 themed pairs that match classic, fiction video storybooks with related non-fiction eBooks.

With colourful animation, rich audio, interactive games, and more, BookFlix will engage every student in the classroom or library. BookFlix reinforces core reading skills and introduces children to a world of knowledge and exploration—it's a direct path to deepening students' love of reading and learning.

Watch the story or read the book! This subscription includes remote access so students can use BookFlix at home or anywhere else there is an Internet connection!

Login Information: <http://bkflix.grolier.com/>
 Username: bluewater Password: blue3398

4-6 year old booster immunization

This is a reminder for parents with children who are entering Junior or Senior Kindergarten. Your children are likely due to have their four to six year immunizations. When your son or daughter is immunized please have your child's Yellow Card filled out by your health care provider and contact the Public Health Unit with this information to update their records (phone 519-376-9420 or fax 519-376-7782).

Dress Code

As weather gets cooler, we would like to stress the importance of dressing appropriately for both the school environment and the changing weather. Putting an extra pair of pants or socks in the backpack is helpful. Making sure students are dressed in layers with an extra sweater is also a great idea!

Inclement Weather Information

With the Farmer's Almanac calling for an early and harsh winter, it's time to begin thinking about inclement weather procedures.

Bus cancellations will be posted on the following websites, as well as on the school website:

- <http://www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca>
- www.radioowensound.com
- www.am920.ca
- www.954thebull.ca
- www.1017theone.ca

Internet not your thing? Bus cancellations will also be on the radio:

CKNX Radio (101.7 the One, 94.5 The Bull, AM 920 CKNX), Bayshore Broadcasting (560 CFOS, Mix 106.5, Country 93, The Beach), The Dock, MYFM, Bluewater Radio 91.3 FM, LIFE Radio, PEAK FM, KOOL FM.

Or television:
 CTV Barrie, CTV Southwestern Ontario

Or call the school, extension 200 for cancellation information.

Please remember that when buses do not run in the morning, there will be no buses in the afternoon.

Winter Electives:

Our elective program last year was a great success. We are **considering** opportunities for students to skate, as well as a couple of at-school activities. For many children this would allow them to gain the skill of skating. We need to determine the feasibility of this option. Please complete the following brief survey:

Child's Grade: _____

Does your child have skates yes no

Does your child have a helmet yes no

What size are their feet: _____

Other comments: _____



If you have outgrown helmets or skate at home that you would like to donate, we welcome donations.

Please return this slip by Wednesday October 7th to indicate that you have received our newsletter. All returned slips will be entered into a draw for a prize.

Below are the “Expectations At A Glance” that have been shared with all students. By using one set of expectations that have been explicitly taught and reinforced by teachers, all students know the expectations for behavior and routines. These expectations compliment our school Code of Conduct. We thank parents for helping with some of the expectations, for examples keeping toys and trading cards at home. Unfortunately these treasured items may be lost or broken at school, and are often at the root of conflict. We want students to enjoy these items at home, and to not have to worry about them while at school.

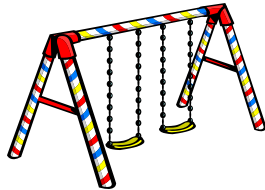
Expectations at a Glance

Arrival

- Students who are late must sign in at the office
- Only people on a student’s contact list may sign them out.

Yard

- Hands off- tap tag is allowed
- Do not go behind the shed
- Only swing back and forth in straight line, in a sitting position
- JK/SK can only use the slides and swings
- The treeline is out of bounds
- The field by the tarmac is closed unless a space is needed for another soccer game that is supervised by a teacher
- No soccer or football on the tarmac
- All students are expected to line up quietly as soon as the bell rings
- No swearing
- Outdoor toys need to be put away at the end of both recesses
- Look for adults with a vest for help on the yard (there are always **at least** two adults on duty)



Nutrition

Break

- Everyone must eat at their own desk and stay seated
- Students must wait in their class until they are dismissed
- Milk/juice containers must be emptied in sink before placing in garbage

NO GUM CHEWING



Computers

- Computers are for educational purposes only
- Wherever possible students should be assigned a specific computer
- Student’s may only use the computers under the supervision of a teacher/EA/ECE
- No computer use during indoor recess

Toys from Home

- Ipods, gaming systems and other similar technology should not be seen or heard.
- The school will not be responsible for the safety of these items. We recommend they stay at home.
- Trading cards and special toys should not be brought to school.



Bus Lines

- Student leaders have been assigned to pick up bus lists
- Everyone is sitting, except for the student with the bus list

- Remember to leave big toys at home, they can’t be taken on the bus
- Everyone needs to listen to the adults on duty during bus lines