

DUNCAN J. SHOULAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1st, 2005

School Agendas

Just a friendly reminder that if you have not sent the \$7.50 in to pay for your child's agenda it would be greatly appreciated.

Notes are Essential to Ensure Safety

A written note or a phone call is always necessary if a change of daily routine is to take place. We will not allow students to independently make plans without parental permission, nor will we allow your child to leave the building with an individual who does not have parental permission. Senior students who are wanting to leave the school for lunch with friends will not be permitted to make last minute phone calls to home or parents work place during the school day to make these last minute lunch plans. If they are planning lunch away from the school they will need to bring a note to their classroom teacher for that day only.

Student Absences

Thanks to all those parents who continue to contact the school when your child is going to be late or absent. The Safe School Policy requires the office to contact someone for every child who is not in school and we have not heard from a parent/guardian. If your child is going to be late or absent please contact us before 9:00 a.m. Our answering machine is on before 8:30 or after 4:00 p.m. for your convenience, please phone and leave a message concerning your child's absence.

Criminal Reference Checks

It is required by the Upper Canada District School Board that criminal reference checks be on file at the school.

If you plan on volunteering at the school or accompanying your child on a class trip you must have a criminal reference check on file at the school office. Please contact the school office for the necessary forms. Please note you will be required to show two pieces of identification, both of which must contain the

person's name and date of birth and one must include a photograph.



Hot Lunches

We are offering pizza for sale on Friday at \$1.25 per slice and hot dogs for sale on Tuesdays at \$1.00 per hot-dog. Students can pay on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Sorry but Kindergartens are not able to purchase hotdogs as their lunch is at a different time of day and the hotdogs are not ready to serve at that time. Please remember to bring your money. A great deal of office time is spent trying to reach parents when money is forgotten.

The School Day

Please note our format for the school day.

8:35 a.m. Playground Supervision Begins
8:45 a.m. Morning Bell Rings
8:50 a.m. Classes Begin
9:00 a.m. Morning Announcements
11:20 to 11:40 a.m. Recess
12:40 to 1:40 p.m. Lunch
3:10 p.m. Dismissal

We would like to remind you that students who leave the school at lunch time are expected to return before 1:40. Students who return late from lunch will be given a detention after the second late slip is issued.

Medication Forms

Any medication to be administered at school will be stored at the office. A medication form must be completed for this purpose.

Early Dismissal Day

Please note that students will be dismissed early on Friday, October 21st. **Dismissal is scheduled for 12:15 on this day.**

Parents please note there will be NO milk or pizza available on this P.A. Day.

Parent Council

Our next meeting will be held October 20th **from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the school library** to discuss new projects.

Please feel free to join us for a meeting. All are welcome. If you would like to nominate an individual to sit on the council please call the office.

School Photographs



School Photographs will be taken on Tuesday, October 18th all students & Wednesday, October 19th for alternate kindergartens (A)

School Calendar

Be sure to check out the attached calendar for important upcoming October events that are happening here at Duncan J. Schoular School.

Head Lice (Pediculosis)

Head lice checks are being conducted on a regular monthly basis. If you can spare an hour or two each month to volunteer for this task please call Mrs. Kerr or Mrs. Halladay in the school office. **283-1367**

School Trustee- Susan Richards is the Board Trustee for Duncan J. Schoular School area.

E-Mail susan.richards@ucdsb.on.ca
Phone 283-3709 or fax 283-2738

Questions or Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any issues in the newsletter or happenings at Duncan J. Schoular School, please don't hesitate to contact the school office at 283-1367_

Hepatitis B Prevention Program

Grade 7 students received information regarding Hepatitis B immunization, permission are to be returned by **Monday, October 3rd.**

Immunization will take place on Thursday October 6th.

Terrific Kids –

We have lots of Terrific Kids here at D. J. but special mention goes out to Sarah Hendy, Darcy Steele, Alycia Preece, Samantha Moore, Daniel Leger

FREE – Parent Workshop

How to Talk to Kids So Kids Will Listen. Six sessions beginning Oct. 26th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Chimo Elementary School. This workshop focuses on communication skills between parents and children.

Call the Ontario Early Years Centre to register 1-800-267-9252 or 283-0095

Piano Lessons-

We are happy to be able to offer Piano Lessons here at Duncan J. Schoular. Please contact Arlene Sharpe for more information at 284-0007.



Annual Snowsuit Campaign

The Children's Aid Society of Lanark and The Town of Smiths Falls are collecting gently worn snowsuits and winter jackets for this year's Snowsuit Campaign. Connections will also be collecting warm children's clothing. The snowsuits and warm winter clothing will be distributed to children and youth in need throughout Lanark County and The Town of Smiths Falls **on Saturday, November 5th, 2005**

If you can donate a clean snowsuit, winter jacket, or warm children's clothing, that is in good repair, to this worthy cause, please bring them to Duncan J. Schoular no later than Friday, October 21st, 2005. Thank you for your continued support in this community outreach program. A request form is available at the school office if you know of a child or youth who requires a snowsuit or warm winter jacket. **All requests should be in by Friday, October 21st.**

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Literacy Night at Duncan J. Schoular

October 25th we will be hosting a Literacy Kick Off Evening here at the school. Watch for a flyer coming your way in early October with more information.

Family Pizza Winner –

Our winner of a family pizza for September was Brook Czuprys. Remember to fill out the bottom portion of your newsletter and return to the school in order to be placed in the draw for October.

No Lates Celebration –

The following classes had no late students during the month of September;

Ms. Johnson
Mrs. Kennedy
Mr. Hunter
Mrs. Boisclair
Mrs. Brandino
Mrs. Nelson
Mme Dufort

The winners of the box of popsicles were Mme Dufort and Mrs. Boisclair classes.

Let's try to have even less lates during the month of October.

Dental Screening-

Dental Screening will take place Oct. 17th and Oct. 18th for students in Grades J.K/S.K., 2,4,6,8. Should you have any questions or concerns you should contact the Health Unit dental team at 283-2740.

Terry Fox Fundraising-

WOWAll that change adds up - students brought pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies and toonies all to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. At the end of the week it added up to a donation of \$775.76 which has been donated. Students and staff walked for one hour on September 16th in honour of Terry Fox. Thank you so much for your generous donations to such a worthwhile cause.



Duncan J. Schoular Walk-

On **Wednesday, October 19th** (Rain Date October 24th) students may participate in a walk for D.J. Watch for more info and pledge sheets coming your way soon.

