




Summer2010

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From the Principal's Desk – Good things happening at Central

1. Goodbyes and Hellos

Even in this busy month, it is important to “stop” and take a moment to reflect upon what we have achieved together as community of staff, students and parents. This week is one of significant moments—the end of our grade 8 students’ elementary school career, and for our JK students, the end of their first official year of school! For some of our staff members, June denotes the end of their first year of their careers. For others, June marks another satisfying year in a long career. Mrs. Graves is finally “graduating” too—this June marks her last official year of teaching. We her (and her family) all the best in her retirement!

The Dundas Central community will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Gardner and Mrs Lawson, who have been filling in for Mrs Pipe who will be returning in the Fall. Congratulations and farewell to Miss Dolson who will be married this summer, and moving to a full time position at Strathcona school in the Fall. A final congratulation and farewell to Mr Jared Bennett who will be leaving DC to the role of Information Technology Consultant for the Board. We wish them the best in their next positions! They all will be missed, but we know that they will be visiting us as they have ties to the DC community!

A warm welcome to Mrs. Bowhey who will be joining DC to teach grade 5 half time.

2. School Organization / Class Lists

Please see the current list of teaching assignments for the school. This list is tentative as many factors impact the school staffing process. We will be posting class lists just outside the office the last two days in August just before Labour Day. Class lists will be also posted on the outside of the main school doors, over the Labour Day Weekend. We will not be posting names—you will need your child’s OEN number which will be on the top of the third term report card.

Staff will meet students on the first day outside prior to the commencement of school and inform them what class they will be in.

JK	Mrs. Gillis	Grade 2/3	Mrs Pierce	Grade 62	Mrs Siwak
JK/SK	Mrs. Pipe	Grade 3	Mr Gardner	Grade 63	Mr Carpino
SK	Mrs Pipe	Grade 3	Miss McNulty	Grade 71	Mr Swackhammer
Grade 1	Mrs DiDonato	Grade 4	Mr Varady	Grade 72	Miss Lyall
Grade 1	Mrs Bloom	Grade 4/5	Mr Bennett	Grade 81	Mrs. Shupe
Grade 1 /2	Mrs Groves	Grade 5	Mrs Bowhey	Grade 82	Mr Dean
Grade 2	Mr Bell	Grade 61	Mrs Swartz	Grade 5/6	Gifted TBD

Please do not call the school on asking for your child’s class assignment. We are unable to give this information out over the phone.

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If you are moving over the summer, please stop by and let the office know!

From the Principal's Desk (cont')

3. Summer Renovations

Dundas Central is having a number of renovations over the summer. The gym floor is going to be done refinished over the summer. The hallway floors in the old wing (upstairs and downstairs) are will be tiled. New air exchange units are being installed in the gym and finally there will be a fresh coat of paint here and there!

4. School Hours—Returning Items!

The school office will be open on Wednesday, after that time students who have items to return to the school (e.g., textbooks, library books, uniforms, etc) please put them through the mail slot located at the front entry doors. The office will open again the week of August 30th.

Have a happy and safe summer!

Grade 8 Graduation Update

Last night we celebrated the graduation of our grade eight students at Copetown Community Centre. It was a beautiful night, the students looked amazing and made Dundas Central proud! The celebration would not have been possible without all of the hard work of the parent volunteers lead by Margo Carahan and Theresa Lennox, as well as the Dundas Central intermediate staff. Thank to Fortinos for donations and deals on refreshments, Home and School for their funding, and individual parents for donations towards the event. Also kudos to the yearbook committee for memorable slideshow that reminded students of their good times at Dundas Central School.

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined
Henry David Thoreau

Summer Reading Club 2010 - Destination Jungle!

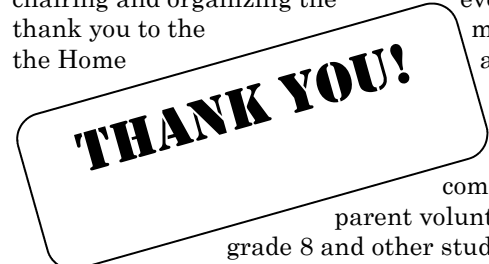
All summer long, the Hamilton Public Library has something for everyone from birth to 18 years of age. Join a club this summer and read your way to some cool prizes including McDonald's ice cream cones, posters, stickers and a book to add to your own library.

Visit www.myhamilton.ca/kids or the library nearest you!



Spring Picnic

A BIG thank you to all of the volunteers that made the Spring Picnic the success that it was! Special thanks to Carolyn and Dennis Cocchio for chairing and organizing the event. Also thank you to the members of the Home and School



committee, parent volunteers, grade 8 and other student volunteers for their dedication and teamwork. Everyone enjoyed the playing the games, listening to the music, eating the food (the cotton candy and snow cones were worth the wait) and of course waiting to see if Mr Morlog would hold one of the giant bunnies! A fun time was had by all, even mother nature cooperated. Looking forward to next year's event already!



Dates to Remember 2010/2011

<i>School start Tues. Sept. 7, 2010.</i>	
<i>PA/LC days</i>	
2010	2011
<i>Wed. Sept. 1</i>	<i>Mon. Jan. 17</i>
<i>Fri. Oct. 1</i>	<i>Fri. Feb. 11</i>
<i>Fri. Nov. 19</i>	<i>Fri. June 10</i>
	<i>Thur. June 30</i>
<i>Christmas Break</i>	<i>Dec 18 – Jan 2</i>
<i>March Break</i>	<i>March 12- 20</i>

For copies of the HWDSB school year calendar, complete with Board holidays, PA/LC days and/or a copy of the Kindergarten A/B schedule please visit www.hwdsb.on.ca/calendar/