



January Newsletter

Principal: Ms. T. Staples

Vice-Principal: Mrs. K. Link



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Principal's Message:

We welcome new families who have joined us at Duncan J. Schoular. We also have some new staff that have joined us in the fall of 2018 and recently. Please welcome Mrs. Munro, EA, Mrs. Morrison, EA, Ms. Lewis (sharing classroom with Mr. Hudson) and Mrs. Drummond, EA—covering Mrs. Lackey's maternity leave.

The 2018-19 school year calendar is on the back of your child's agenda as well as within the first few pages of the agenda. Some of the dates to note that are coming up in January/February are: January 31st PA Day; February 18th Family Day and Feb. 19th Report Cards Go Home.

With winter weather upon us, there may be inclement weather days. **HOT LUNCH and MILK ARE NOT PROVIDED ON SNOW DAYS.** Please send a lunch with your child if he/she is at school on a snow day. If a hot lunch day falls on an inclement Friday, then it will be rescheduled to the following Monday.

If your child regularly walks to, or is driven to school, please call the office (or text 613-206-1443) by 9:20 a.m. to let us know if he/she is not attending. We want to ensure that all students are safe.

If you are dropping off your child in the a.m. or picking up at 3:20 p.m., you will notice there are large orange pylons set out blocking vehicles from entering the bus loading zone. We appreciate your support in ensuring student and staff safety. At dismissal time, dismissal for students in grades 1-8 is out the back doors of the school. Some families are parking on McGill St. or Anderson St. at pick up. These students are to walk on the sidewalk in front of the school and cross where the pylons are if they are meeting parents on McGill St. or continue on the sidewalk down Anderson St. This will ensure students are not walking between buses, vans, etc.

2018-19 School Schedule

**9:00 a.m. Playground Supervision Begins/
Breakfast Program in Atrium**

9:20 a.m. Classes Begin

11:50 a.m.—12:10 p.m. - KDG/Primary Lunch

12:10-12:50—KDG/Primary Recess

11:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Jr/Int Recess

12:30 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. - Jr/Int Lunch

3:20—Dismissal

Duncan J. Schoular Families

If your child is absent, please contact the school prior to 9:20 a.m. (This includes walkers on snow days.)

Phone: 613-283-1367

Text: 613-206-1443

Register through My Family Room and input electronically

<https://myfamilyroom.ca/Account/Login>



Parent Council Corner

This year's School Council Executive:

Chair—Jenna Ducharme

Vice-Chair—Katrina Steele

Secretary—Looking for Nominations

Treasurer—Peggy Norlock

Community Representative—Lisa Magee

Our next school council meeting is TODAY, **Tuesday, January 15th**. All parent (s), guardian(s) of students at DJS are welcome to attend. The council will be sharing exciting news about the Parents Reaching Out Grant that they applied for. Also, the council will be embarking on a Little Caesar's Fund Raiser again this year...more details to follow.

The council would like to thank all families and community members who donated to the annual Holiday Gift Shop this year. A special thank you to the volunteers who helped out and students who supported wrapping and helping younger ones shop for their loved ones.



Reminder...App launched last year

You can receive notifications via the Bus Planner App (link on STEO
<https://www.steo.ca/free-app/>)

DOWNLOAD OUR NEW FREE DELAY/CANCELLATION APP!



FIND "BUSPLANNER DELAYS" ON THE APPLE/ITUNES OR ANDROID/GOOGLE PLAY APP STORE.
USE ACCESS CODE "STEO" TO VERIFY





- RECEIVE PUSH NOTIFICATIONS FOR DELAYED AND CANCELLED SCHOOL PURPOSE VEHICLES
- MORNING AND AFTERNOON DELAY INFORMATION FOR ROUTES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO BE DELAYED 10 MINUTES OR MORE
- RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD AND/OR SCHOOL

FREE DOWNLOAD ON YOUR APPLE OR ANDROID DEVICE

NEW BUSPLANNER APP



Instructions:

iOS - go into your "App store" on your Apple mobile device, search for **busplanner delays** download and open the App.

Android – Go to the App Play Store/Google Play store – search for **busplanner delays** install, Accept, Open

Configuration, you will need to enter the ACCESS code which is **steo**

Subscription options:

- 1.For My Child's Transportation – individualized transportation route delays and cancellations
- 2.Select School
- 3.Find school from pick list and Add
- 4.Next
- 5.Select Route/Run
- 6.Find route/run from pick list and **Add**
- 7.**Done** You will now receive any delays or cancellations affecting your selection.
- 8.To remove a Route/Run
- 9.iOS - Swipe left and **Remove**
- 10.Android – Press and hold down and **Remove**
- 11.For My School(s)
- 12.Select School

Kindergarten Registration

The Upper Canada District School Board invites Parents/Guardians of Junior Kindergarten and **NEW** Senior Kindergarten aged pupils to register for the 2019-20 school year. Senior Kindergarten students presently enrolled do not need to be registered. **NEW** Senior Kindergarten pupils must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2019. Junior Kindergarten pupils must be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2019.

Our Kindergarten Information Session and registration is **Thursday February 21st from 8:30-10:00 a.m. and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

If you have a child or know of a child who will be of Kindergarten age, please call the school at 613-283-1367 for information regarding registration.

For information and on-line registration through My Family Room, please go to: http://www.ucdsb.on.ca/for_families/registration/kindergarten.

Or go directly to our on-line registration at www.myfamilyroom.ca

There will be an Open House for Parents/Guardians and **NEW** Kindergarten students on **Thursday, May 2nd from 5:00-6:30 p.m.** The purpose of this visit is to get more familiar with the school, the staff and community partners. Students will have an opportunity to visit classrooms, participate in activities and take a ride on a school bus.

It is always so exciting to meet our newest students!

We offer French Immersion Kindergarten (students receive 50% of their day in French and 50% of their day in English)

and

Core Class Kindergarten Program (students receive 40 minutes of French per day).

Our
Family
Welcomes
Yours!

Cold Weather Conditions:

There may be days when it is too cold for the students to be outside for recesses and/or planned activities, even though they are dressed for the elements. If the local temperature and/or wind chill exceeds -20C, recess may be shortened and/or cancelled.

Low temperatures, especially combined with strong winds, can lead to frost nip and frost bite and in extreme cases, hypothermia (refer to Appendix B (next page) for a list of cold related signs and symptoms and preventative measures that can be taken). Table 6 indicates temperature and expected action re outdoor routines.

Outdoor Temperature with Wind Chill Factor (as per local forecast)	Action re Outdoor Routines
Up to -20 °C with wind chill	Regular routine of outdoor recess/activities
-20 to -25°C with wind chill	Administrator discretion re outdoor recess/activities, may consider shorter outdoor exposure period
-25°C with wind chill and colder	Cancellation of outdoor recess/activities (Exception may be made for preplanned excursions with supervising staff reducing outdoor exposure and increased monitoring)

INCLEMENT WEATHER

STEO receives up-to-date information regarding local weather and road conditions from Pelmorex/The Weather Network. Decisions concerning the cancellation of school bus and special vehicle transportation are made cooperatively based upon this information. Unless otherwise announced, schools will remain open for students and staff, even if transportation is cancelled. If transportation services are cancelled in the morning, transportation services will also not operate in the afternoon.

Announcements regarding the cancellation of school bus and special vehicle transportation will be broadcast starting at 6:15 a.m. on your local radio station. Occasionally this will only be for certain schools in the board. Alternatively, parents/guardians and students can verify if buses are cancelled by accessing:

1. STEO's website at www.steo.ca and visiting the "View Bus Delays & Cancellations" link. There is an option on the website to allow you to receive text messages.
2. UCDSB Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/UCDSB> and Twitter feed (@UCDSB).
3. Parents registered with "My Family Room" will receive bus cancellations through their preferred communication; email, text message, or telephone. Parents simply need to contact their school(s) to register for a UCDSB "My Family Room" account.
4. Download the Bus Planner App see page 3 of this Newsletter,

Please do not call the bus companies as the radio and website reflect the most accurate information.

Winter weather conditions can change suddenly. If roads become impassable during the school day or they are judged to be risky, students will be kept at school until either their parents/guardians can pick them up or it becomes safe to resume school bus transportation.

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COLD WEATHER INJURIES:

KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR! KNOW WHAT TO DO!

	FROST BITE	HYPOTHERMIA	
	Freezing of skin and tissues such as fat, muscle and bone.	Excessive loss of body heat and lowering of internal body temperature below 35 C. People may not be aware they need help.	
Signs & Symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pink: reddish area is first sign of frostbite. Pain: area will become painful. Patches: white, waxy patches. Pricklies: affected area may feel numb or tingling. 	MILD – MODERATE	MODERATE – SEVERE
		<p>Adults:</p> <p>Shivering and the “-umbles”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stumbles Mumbles Fumbles Grumbles <p>Infants & Young Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bright red, cold skin Very low energy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The “umbles” getting worse Drowsiness, low energy, lethargy Cold, pale skin Confusion, poor memory, irritability Poor judgement (may include taking clothes off) Slowed breathing or pulse Fast beating heart May stop shivering Unconscious
First Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get into a warm room. Do not walk on frostbitten feet or toes unless necessary. Loosen or remove tight clothing or jewellery. Slowly re-warm area using body heat (i.e. arm pit) or immerse affected area in warm water (do not use hot water). Do not rub or apply heating pads – this will increase tissue damage. <p>Get medical help if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> swelling, blistering or peeling is present, there is severe pain, colour and sensation do not return shortly following first aid treatment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gently move the person to a warm and dry area. Remove wet clothing. Cover with several layers of blankets. You may warm the person with your own body heat. If person is alert give a warm, sugar drink – never alcohol; avoid caffeine. If the person is alert give the person food slowly over time When shivering is controlled encourage the person to go to the bathroom to urinate. Do not use a hot water bottle or electric blanket. <p>Get medical help if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> first aid does not quickly control shivering 	CALL 9-1-1
			<p>While waiting for medical help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handle the person gently. Move the person to a warm and dry area. Remove wet clothing. Lay the person on a blanket if outside then cover with several layers of blankets and warm the person with your own body heat (person to your skin). If the person is alert give a warm, sugary drink – never alcohol; avoid caffeine. When stable encourage the person to go to the bathroom to urinate. Do not use a hot water bottle or electric blanket. You may apply warm first-aid compresses to the groin, arm pits and neck only. Monitor breathing and pulse and begin CPR if no breathing/pulse appears to be present
Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cover exposed skin. Use gloves or mitts, face mask and hat. Stay indoors when there is high risk of frostbite. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cover up. Wear a hat. 50% of body heat loss occurs through the head and neck. Overexertion. Avoid activities that make you sweat. Layer. Loose fitting, layered clothing. Dry. Stay dry, change wet clothing. Avoid alcohol use. 	

Adapted with permission from KFLA Public Health

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Gracias

Annual Turkey Lunch

Thank you to the many contributors from the community including: local businesses, service clubs, Free Methodist Church, and private donations that helped to make our Annual Turkey Lunch a huge success. Thank you to the Hospitality Class led by Chef Burns at SFDCI, for preparing this delicious meal. Thank you to the many volunteers who served the lunch and our Glee Club, led by Mrs. McGrath with special guest Mr. Staples, who provided entertainment. We even had some special guests arrive...thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Claus.



Thank you to Mrs. Venner, our Learning Commons Informationist who is working with our teachers to provide students with virtual field trips!

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Thank you to the many volunteers who support our breakfast program!



If there is a language that you speak in your home, please let us know...
tracy.staples@ucdsb.on.ca

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Special Free Lunch

Wednesday, January
23rd—Taco Bake
Inclement date...next
day

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 15th
6-7:30 p.m.

DJS Conference Room

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Kindergarten Open
House, May 2nd
5:00—6:30 p.m.

January 2019



Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5					
6	7 Day 1 Welcome Back	8 Day 2	9 Day 3 February Hot Lunch orders going home	10 Day 4	11 Day 5  Pizza	12					
13	14 Day 1	15 Day 2  6:00-7:30 pm	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5  Subway	19					
20	21 Day 1	22 Day 2 Inclement Weather for School Council	23 Day 3 Special Free Hot Lunch Taco Bake	24 Day 4	25 Day 5  Pizza February Hot Lunch Orders Due	26					
27	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 No School for Students PA Day 	1	2					