



February Newsletter

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**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/families/registration/kindergarten>.

There will be an Open House for Parent(s)/Guardian(s) 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!

**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 p.m.—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 p.m. —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>**

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).



# School 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 Tuesday February 12th. (Snow Date is February 19th) All Parent(s), Guardian(s) of students at DJS are welcome to attend.

School Council

Fundraiser

February 1-15th

Order Forms Can Be Sent In

OR

Orders Can Be Placed Online

There is a \$6.00 Profit Per Purchase. All profits will be used to support various events at DJS such as field trips, technology, guest speakers, special events/presentations.



## GREAT NEWS!!! PRO GRANT PLANS

SCHOOL COUNCIL WILL BE OFFERING FOUR FREE SESSIONS FOR PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

**Tuesday, February 26th (Snowdate Feb. 28th)—Triple P Workshop for Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**

**(Tips to Help Cope with Everyday Demands of Raising Children and Stress)**

**Tuesday, March 28th, (Snowdate TBD) - Dietician Workshop for Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**

**(Learn about healthy snacks and meals, prepare and taste test)**

**Tuesday, April 30th—Fitness for Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**

**Tuesday, May 28th—Yoga for Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**

**Free  
Childcare  
Available**

**MORE DETAILS ON HOW TO  
SIGN UP COMING HOME  
SOON**

**Free  
Refreshments/  
Snacks**

## Unexplained Non-Attendance Program – Policy 107 (formerly Safe Arrival)

In its quest for student safety, the Upper Canada District School Board supports “Unexplained Non-Attendance Programs” (formerly called Safe Arrival Programs) for elementary school pupils as outlined in the Ministry of Education’s Policy/Program Memorandum 123.

All elementary schools will have an Unexplained Non-Attendance Program in place. The program will work in conjunction with daily attendance procedures and will make reasonable efforts to account for students not in attendance at school.

Each elementary school will develop and implement its Unexplained Non-Attendance Program with advice from School Councils, parents, staff, volunteers and other community members in accordance with local needs and the particular circumstances of the school and the community.

Secondary schools are encouraged to implement similar programs.

As part of the program, parents are required to:

- Report your child’s absence in advance by calling the school; sending a note with the child before the day of the absence when it is known ahead of time; or sending a note with siblings;
- Provide current and suitable contact telephone numbers and update them promptly if they change;
- Stress the importance of daily and prompt attendance with their children.

**All unaccounted student absences will be followed up with a phone call to a parent. Calls will continue to be made until a verbal confirmation regarding the child’s absence is obtained. Attempts will be made to contact the emergency contact(s). Follow-up on unsuccessful contacts will include contacting:**

- the Special Services Counsellor,
- the police,
- the Superintendent,

as appropriate. Other subsequent steps might include contact with a neighbour or a visit to the home.

**THIS INCLUDES LETTING THE SCHOOL KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS A WALKER ,  
WHO IS STAYING AT HOME WHEN BUSES ARE CANCELLED.**



Please let the  
school know if  
your child will be  
absent.

Student safety is  
our 1<sup>st</sup> priority.

**AT DUNCAN J.SCHOULAR TO REPORT  
AN ABSENCE YOU CAN:**

Call 613-283-1367

Text 613-206-1443

Message via Facebook Messenger

Use MyFamilyRoom

Thank  
You

Gracias!

Special Thank you to Bill Montgomery, FNMI Teacher Lead, who came to Duncan J. Schoular to provide Mrs. Brennan's and Mme Baird's/Mrs. Knapp-Irvine's classes with a workshop—Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address, Medicine Wheel and Smudging.



Thank you to Mme Edwards, Mrs. Madden and Mrs. Crogie. They are coaching the basketball teams. Tournaments will be held in March.

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(Thank you)

Thank you to the Volunteers from the Smiths Falls Free Methodist Church, Chef Burns and the Hospitality Class from SFDCI for the delicious Taco Bake Lunch!

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

Thank you to Constable Tompkins and Constable Keogan from the Smiths Falls Police Department. They are in our school regularly as part of the community services program. They also work with us to practice safe school procedures, provide workshops to our students such as Social Media Information, Bike Safety, etc.



If there is a language that you speak in your home, please let us know...

[tracy.staples@ucdsb.on.ca](mailto:tracy.staples@ucdsb.on.ca)

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## Special Free Lunch

Wednesday, February  
20th—Shepherd's Pie  
Inclement date...next  
day

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please contact the school  
prior to 9:20 a.m. (This in-  
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## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 12th  
6-7:30 p.m.

DJS Conference Room  
Inclement Weather

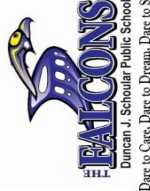
## Family Day

Monday, February  
18th, 2019  
No School

Kindergarten Infor-  
mation and Registra-  
tion, February 21st  
8:30—10:00 a.m and  
2:00—4:00 p.m.

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

# February 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Day 4  Sub Day	2
3	4 Day 5	5 Day 1	6 Day 2 March Hot Lunch Orders Sent Home	7 Day 3	8 Day 4  Pizza Day	9
10	11 Day 5	12 Day 1  6:00-7:30 p.m.	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 Sub Day Little Caesars Orders Due	16
17	18 Family Day No School	19 Day 5 Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home	20 Day 1 Free Hot Lunch Shepherds Pie	21 Day 2	22 Day 3  Pizza Day	23
24	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 March Hot Lunch Orders Due TRIPLE P WORKSHOP	27 Day  Pink Shirt Day Anti - Bullying	28 Day 2	1	2

**On Inclement Weather**  
Days such as very cold days or when buses are cancelled, to ensure students know to come inside, there will be:

- Announcements outside asking students to come directly inside.
- A supervisor outside at the back of the school with an orange vest on directing students inside.
- A staff member at the primary and junior/intermediate doors welcoming students inside.

**NOTE:** Kindergarten students can be taken directly to their classrooms.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.