



Doncaster Parent Auxiliary Council

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Notes from your DPAC

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year.

Doncaster Parent Auxiliary Council (DPAC) would like to provide you with a quick reference of all things DPAC. Please have a read and if you have any questions about what is here or something that is not, **please email us at dpac.doncaster@gmail.com**.



We look forward to working with you all this year to provide our children with the best possible experience at Doncaster Elementary School.

Keep up-to-date on DPAC News



Like our page and keep informed on DPAC's latest information and activities. The page is regularly updated so you won't be disappointed.

DPAC Website

doncasterpac.wordpress.com

Your one stop for all things DPAC.

- Executive contacts
- Event information
- DPAC meeting agenda and past minutes
- DPAC monthly newsletters
- FUNdraiser information

Receive News by Email-DPAC Website

Go to the DPAC website and on the bottom right menu bar there is an area labelled, "Receive News by Email" and enter your email address. You will receive an email every time the website has a new post.

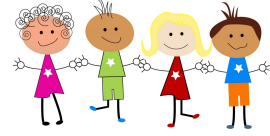


DPAC Meetings

DPAC meetings are held the first Thursday of each month.

7PM | Library

Next Meeting: October 6



We welcome parent/guardian engagement with the planning and assistance of all DPAC events and discussions. Your participation is what helps make the events/plans successful ☺ We hope to see you at our next meeting.

FUNdraisers

Check out the FUNdraiser area on the DPAC website for simple and great ways to help raise funds for DPAC to make a difference. Wonderful community stores like Thrifty Foods, Cobs, Fairway Market, Soap Exchange & more.



Important Safety Message: from the Crosswalk



Welcome to the beginning of a new school year.
I would like to remind everyone of the rules for using the crosswalk safely.

The crossing guard is on duty from 8:10 to 8:45 am and again from 2:45 to 3:10 pm every day school is in session.

Everyone, including unaccompanied adults, is asked to **wait for the crossing guard before crossing** both Rowan St and Cedar Hill Rd. This sets a good example of safe crosswalk behavior for the children. It also allows cars to move more safely through the intersection.

Cyclists on the sidewalk are asked to dismount and walk their bikes in both crosswalks. Cyclists riding in the bike lane or on the road must observe all traffic rules.

If you are driving, **please do not block the crosswalk**. This makes it more difficult for drivers to see pedestrians in the crosswalk.

If your child is riding a bicycle to school in winter, please ensure they have bicycle lights both front and back and that the lights are turned on and flashing. Turtle lights are adequate, but dedicated bicycle lights are better. It is very difficult to see a cyclist on a dark and/or rainy morning because they are moving quickly; they blend into the background and are obscured by the glare from car headlights. Children on bicycles are also below the normal sightline of a driver and easily missed.

*Thank you,
Christine Purse
Crossing Guard*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Parent Presentation Internet Safety for Parents with Darren Laur

**September 29, 2016
7-9PM**

**Doncaster Gymnasium
Cost: \$5/person or couple**

DPAC welcomes all parents and guardians from Doncaster and beyond to attend an evening with the White Hatter, Darren Laur, to discuss important information to 'understand the enabling power of digital technology and mobile communications...' as it describes on Darren's website (link below).
<http://www.personalprotectionsystems.ca/internet/internet-safety-parents.html>

Doncaster Bottle Drive

**Save-the-Date & Your Bottles
Saturday, October 1**

Tell your family, friends, and neighbours to save all deposit bottles and bring to Doncaster School on this date. All proceeds will go toward future playground purchases.



Alternatively, go to any Bottle Depot and mention Doncaster Elementary School before they enter your returns. The amount will be donated to DPAC and our playground savings.

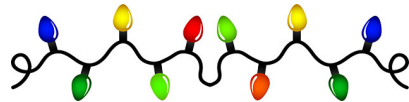


Be part of the fun, connect with the children and community, and get involved. Volunteers from our Doncaster parent/guardian community are who make our planned events successful. Also by volunteering you are teaching our children compassion, empathy, gratitude, and community responsibility.

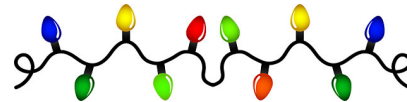


International Walk to School Day October 5, 2016

We are looking for parents interested in walking and biking to school to help with activities for Walk to School Day. Please contact the erinpres@yahoo.com. Possible activities may include: a walking school bus, park and walk locations, identification of best walking routes. Stay tuned for more information closer to Walk to School Day.



Doncaster Craft Fair November 19, 2016 Call for Volunteers



It might seem like a long time from now but this incredible event is just around the corner and we need your help and support! Volunteers are needed in the following areas.

- ❖ **Kids' Room** It's all in your hands. You (*or together with others*) can decide what you want to do that the kids would love. Cookie decoration? Holiday crafts? Wrapping station? All of it? We need a volunteer(s) to be in charge of the kids' room at the craft fair.
- ❖ **Signs** Volunteer to put up craft fair signs the weekend before the fair (Nov 12-13) and take them down the Sunday after the fair (Nov 20).
- ❖ **Raffle Baskets** Get creative! A few people are needed to sort through the gifts brought by the crafters and organize them into raffle baskets. Fun is an understatement with creating these highly popular raffle baskets.
- ❖ **Helpers for Set Up (Nov 18) and Event Day (Nov 19)** in addition to the specific jobs above, we will need many more hands on the day before the fair (Nov 18) to set up, and the day of the fair (Nov 19) to help the crafters at the beginning and at the end of the day, and to help out with concession and the bake sale. Details to follow but please save the date!

**This is a great event for the school and the community and our biggest fundraiser of the year!
Please consider making it a success again this year by volunteering!**

Contact Katia Dilkina, Craft Coordinator at doncastercraftfair@gmail.com

Reminder Closed Programs

Please note that these programs have closed and we will no longer be accepting the following:

Campbells Labels for Education
Program closing at end of 2016. We will no longer be accepting soup labels (or other Campbell product labels). We thank you for all your past contributions. All labels collected over the years have contributed towards a small collection of musical instruments (still be received).

Island Farms UPC labels
Program closed in 2015.



Class Reps Wanted

We are still seeking a volunteer for each class division to assist with emailing class parent lists important DPAC information.

If you are interested in volunteering for this important role this school year please email deannejill@yahoo.com no later than Monday, September 19, 2016

Please provide the following information:

1. your first/last name
2. preferred email address
3. child's class division #/teacher

NOTE: Division #s are 1 thru 18

✓ *Some Divisions have confirmed class reps.*

Division 1 (Thomas)

✓ *Division 2 (Malo) filled*

Division 3 (Coons/Taylor)

✓ *Division 4 (Beaupre)- filled*

✓ *Division 5 (Paris/Lebel) filled*

✓ *Division 6 (Darling/Bigsby) filled*

✓ *Division 7 (Diegso) filled*

Division 8 (Cohen)

✓ *Division 9 (Pratt) filled*

✓ *Division 10 (Skinner) filled*

Division 11 (Bigam)

✓ *Division 12 (Roberts) filled*

Division 13 (Prendergast)

Division 14 (Ewald)

Division 15 (Child)

Division 16 (Montgomery)

Division 17 (Mills)

✓ *Division 18 (Spicer) filled*



Dates to Remember

Sept 15: Back to School BBQ

Sept 22: Photo Day

Sept 23: Lice Check

Sept 29: Darren Laur presents Internet Safety (parent only presentation)

October 5: International Walk to School Day

October 6: DPAC Meeting

