

# SUNSET HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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“Celebrating Success”

School Web Page: <https://sunsetheights.ddsb.ca>

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## SNOWTIME: HOLIDAY FORECAST

Our Holiday concert will be on **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. **Details to follow in a letter to each family.** Thanks to Ms. Fletcher and staff for coordinating

this event.



## FOOD DRIVE / MITTEN TREE

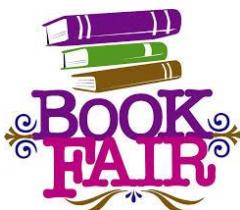
We will be holding a non-perishable food and clothing drive for our hat and mitten tree from December 9<sup>th</sup> until December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please send in a food item or a hat, socks, scarf or mittens to be placed on our ‘giving tree’ to help support our drive. All items will be donated to local families

and the settlement house.

## BOOK FAIR

Congratulations to the Sunset community on hosting a hugely successful book fair selling a whopping \$5100!! That means a lot of new books in our library as well in the hands of young readers. Thanks

for all of your support and thanks to Mrs. Bowes for organizing this event.



## SAFE ARRIVAL AND ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

Parents/guardians should report their child’s absence in advance through our **SchoolMessenger** program, before bell time for the current day in one of three ways:

1. **School Messenger App (Apple & Google Play Store)**
2. **[go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)**
3. **Toll Free Number: 1-844-350-2646**

As part of this program an automated notification system that will contact parents when a student is absent but no notification was relayed to the school. If our automated system is unable to reach a designated contact, office staff will follow up. Both phone and online options will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

***Parents are reminded to still report their child’s absence through the Safe Arrival Program if the buses are cancelled. Please see bus cancellation zones at the end of this newsletter.***



## BREAK FOR THE HOLIDAYS

This year our last day before the December break will be Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and is a full school day. Classes will resume on Monday, January

6<sup>th</sup>. Please enjoy a restful and memorable time with your families.

## POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER



Thank you to everyone that participated in our holiday fundraiser, it was very successful. A friendly reminder that pick up is on **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from**

**2:30-6:00pm in the music room. Please arrange for prompt pick up of your order, plants should be transported in a heated car to keep them looking their best.**



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- Ashley Noble – [ashley.noble@ddsb.ca](mailto:ashley.noble@ddsb.ca)  
School Community Officer – PC H. Dalton 905-579-1520



### **WINTER WEAR**

A friendly reminder to please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing for the winter months ahead so that he/she can enjoy our outdoor recesses. It is recommended that students keep an extra pair of mitts and socks at school in case they get wet. Snowpants are a must to enjoy time on our field!



### **GAMES CLUB**

Sunset Heights is excited to have games club happening at lunch recess for all divisions through the week. If families have any games at home they are no longer using and would like to donate, we would be grateful. The primaries especially are looking for some easier games ie. Bingo, Snakes and Ladders, etc.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Students are expected to be on time for school each day and where classes are on a rotary system, for each subject area.

#### **Reasons for Punctuality:**

1. To encourage a positive life-style habit.
2. To show a measure of consideration towards others. Lateness is an inconvenience, not only for the teacher who spends long hours preparing lessons, but also for the students who have accepted the responsibility for preparing for class and arriving at school on time.
3. To maximize optimum learning opportunities.

### **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**

Payment for school related activities (ie. trips, popcorn days, fundraisers) are now made through SchoolCash Online in order to help reduce students bringing cash & cheques to the school. You will need your child's OEN # which can be found at the top of any report card. If you need any assistance please contact the school.

To register go to <https://DDSB.schoolcashionline.com>

A friendly reminder that Pizza is purchased through Healthy Hunger (not SchoolCash Online). The website is [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca)



### **DURHAM STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES NOTIFICATIONS**

Get connected – sign up!! Receive automated notification on bus delay and cancellation, SIGN UP under Track Your Child's Bus at

[www.dsts.on.ca](http://www.dsts.on.ca).

Follow us on Twitter @ DurhamSTS.

### **TRAFFIC LOOP – SAFETY**

Please follow the rules stated below in order to help us insure safe and convenient use of the traffic loop for all.

When dropping off or picking up students in the morning or afternoon:

1. In the morning, arrive at the Traffic Loop between 7:55 am and 8:10 am when a staff member will be on duty to supervise students exiting cars.
  2. Keep all access points to homes and roadways clear at all times.
  3. In single file, enter through the North end of the Traffic Loop, and exit through the South end of the loop.
  4. Stay in line until exiting, without pulling out of the line to pass other cars debarking students.
  5. Pull up to the Kindergarten fenced in area to drop off Primary students (Junior and Intermediate students may make a QUICK exit onto the sidewalk of the Traffic Loop).
  6. **Remain in your vehicle in the Traffic Loop. If you must exit your vehicle, please find street parking in order to do so.**
  7. In the afternoon, return to the Traffic Loop between 2:40 pm and 2:50 pm, when a staff member will be on duty to supervise students entering vehicle. (also follow steps 2-5).
  8. If your child(ren) are not at the loop, please exit and circle around the crescent and rejoin the end line.
- As was the case last year, we anticipate a co-operative use of the Traffic Loop including patient and supportive parents with a primary focus on **safety** while taking advantage of the convenience.

### **VOLUNTEER OF DISTINCTION**

Congratulations to Mrs. Leona Fletcher who is our Volunteer of Distinction for 2018-2019. Mrs. Fletcher was honoured along with other volunteers at a ceremony held at the Durham District School Board office on October 24th. Thank you Mrs. Fletcher.



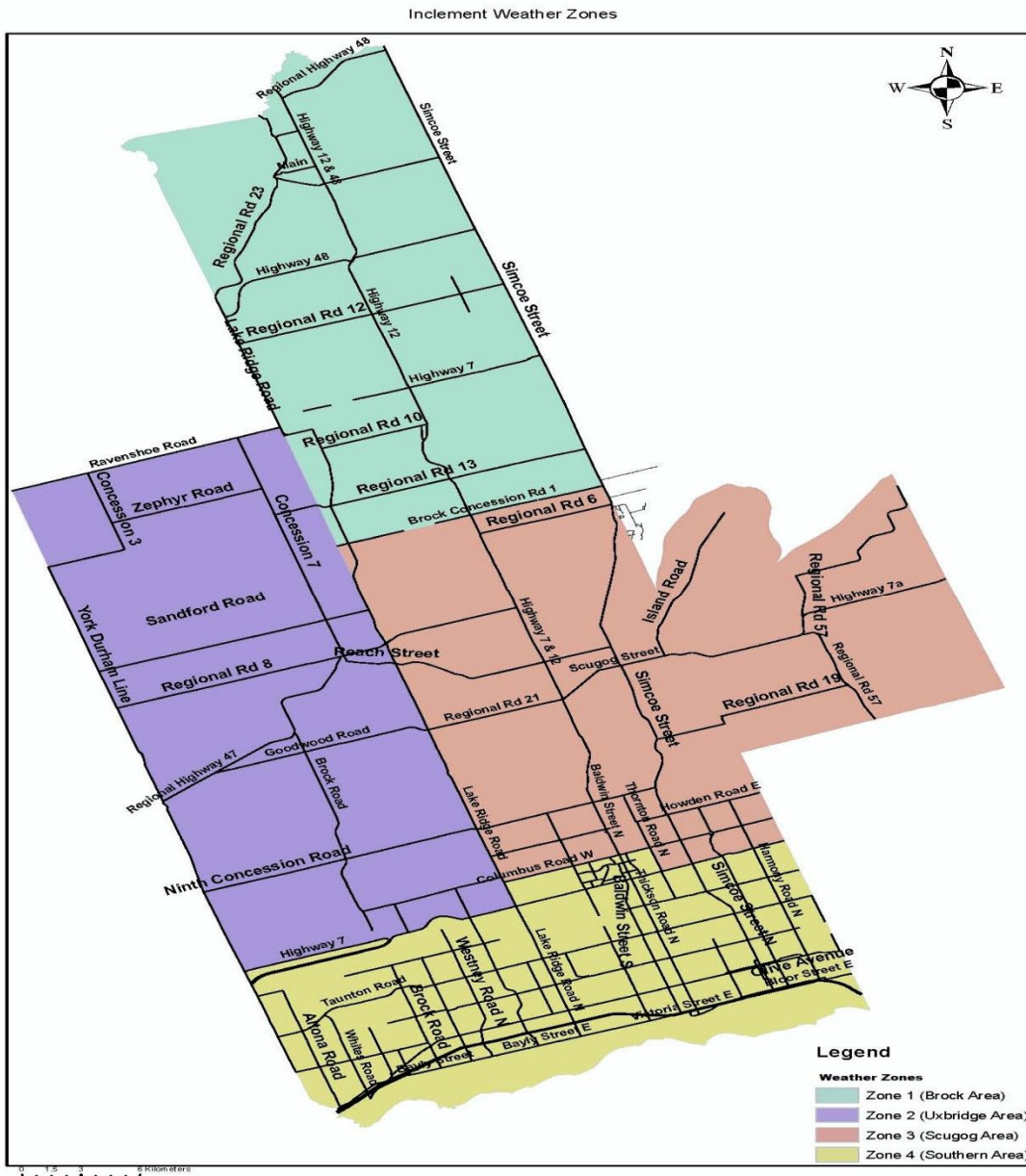
### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| December 4  | Poinsettia pick up 2:30-6:00 pm<br>Re-take Orders due |
| December 5  | Popcorn Day   |
| December 12 | Holiday Concert                                       |
| December 13 | Pizza Day   |
| December 18 | Character Assembly                                    |
| December 20 | Pizza Day<br>Last day before break                    |
| January 6   | First day after break                                 |

## Bus Cancellations Due To Inclement Weather

### Important Information About Inclement Weather Cancellations

Occasionally transportation is cancelled due to weather. Depending on the location and type of weather occurrence Transportation can be cancelled for a **specific zone** of Durham Region that DSTS is responsible for. Please use the Map Below **to refer to if your Bus Stop falls within a specific weather zone** that has been cancelled. Please note that DSTS offices remain open regardless of cancellations. *Also remember, if buses are cancelled in the morning, they are cancelled for the whole day.* Visit <http://www.dsts.on.ca> for details.



# SchoolCashOnline

## SchoolCash Online Registration:

*It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you can begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).*

### Step 1: Register

- a) If you have not yet registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://DDSB.schoolcashonline.com> and select the **"Get Started Today"** option.
- b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps. \*For Security Reasons your password requires **8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**

### Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be sent to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

### Step 3: Find Student (OEN is required here – found on your child's report card)

*This step will connect your children to your account.*

- a) Enter the School Board Name
- b) Select the School Name
- c) Enter your child's OEN number and last name
- d) Select **continue**
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **continue**

### Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat step 3 above. Up to 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items for Students"** option. A listing of items for purchase will be displayed as soon as they become available.

*NOTE: If you require assistance, select the SUPPORT option in the top right hand corner of the SchoolCash homepage*

# Make every day count!

## Send me to school if:

I have a runny nose or a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't needed to take medication for a fever in the last 24 hours.

I haven't thrown up or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours.

## Keep me home if:

I have a fever higher than 37.5° C.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.

I have a cough that keeps me awake.

I have a sore throat.

I have an infection/disease that can be spread to my teachers and friends.

## Call a doctor if:

I've had a fever higher than 37.5° C for longer than 2 days.

I've had a runny nose for more than a week and it is not getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my regular asthma medication.



**Attendance  
MATTERS**



To talk to a public health nurse, call Durham Health Connection Line at [1-800-841-2729](tel:1-800-841-2729) or [905-666-6241](tel:905-666-6241)

# Simple Steps to Prevent the **Flu** this Season!

Get your flu vaccine every year.



Stay home when you're sick.



Keep common surfaces clean.



Avoid touching your face.



Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve.



Clean your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.



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[durham.ca/flu](http://durham.ca/flu)

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