

JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

DPAC NEWS

DONCASTER'S PARENT COMMUNITY WORKING TO ENHANCE
OUR KIDS SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.

Message from the VP: The End Is Almost Here....

It's hard for me to believe that the school year is almost done. Where did the time go? But we sure had fun along the way – welcome dinner, bingo and movie nights, Math Mania, craft fair, walk/bike to school weeks and French folk dancing. Plus lots of yummy pizza and Subway days. None of these could be possible without the parent volunteers nor the families that come and support these fun gatherings....

But it's not over yet! We still have more to look forward towards. Next month is the Year End dance, which will be a great time for both parents and kids. Plus more! So let's cherish these last moments together as some of us leave the school and go on to new things. And our kids, who will leave school books behind for the piles of sand that will collect in the back seats of our car over the holidays.

Dawn Neilson (aka Reid's mom).

Thanks!!!!

Big thanks for all the parents this year who helped with the DPAC. I want to say thanks for all the volunteers that have helped make this school year great. But it wouldn't happen without the parents who come and support the events that were listed above. Some of the funds raised have been used to contribute over \$6,000 supporting the Arts at Doncaster. Some examples are: Art Starts, the new stage curtains and art supplies. Way to go!

Don't Miss....

May 24 –Subway Day

June 2 – DPAC meeting

7pm in library

**June 9 – End of year
Dance**

June 15 – Pizza day

June 20 – DPAC news

Submissions in by June 14



DPAC Notice Board

There's a DPAC notice board outside the school office. Check it regularly for news of upcoming events.

Community Partners

Did you know that DPAC collects Canadian Tire money?

Not sure of what to do with that colourful 5 cent bills? Just leave them in the PAC drawer in the staff room.

We have collected over \$200 and have used the funny money to purchase sports equipment! So empty out those wallets and bring in the Canadian tire money – you weren't really going to use it, were you?

Have Something to Say?

The DPAC newsletter is published the last week of every month that school is in.

If you have something you'd like to contribute, please email Dawn at dawnbsnca@yahoo.ca.

Submissions in the Monday before publication.

Big Thanks!

DPAC has put up the entire \$600 for a new a new egg hatcher for the Grade 2 class. It seems the old one didn't produce many chicks, which not only interfered with learning, but also made the kids sad. Yay DPAC!!



WAY TO GO! DONCASTER SPRING CHALLENGE UPDATE

April 26 – June 8

Greening Tree Have you seen the Greening Tree covered in colourful leaves? This event kicked off Spring Challenge and involved an unannounced visit to each class for a short presentation about school travel and how our travel choices affect our personal health and the environment. Students were encouraged to discuss with their families other ways of traveling to school once or twice a week. Each student was asked to write down how they came to school that day on an 'entry form'. At the end of Spring Challenge there will be a draw prize from all the entries. It also provides information for putting leaves on the Greening Tree – a coloured leaf for each student that corresponds with how they travelled to school. The result is a visual 'snapshot in time' of how students traveled to school on April 26:

Walk – Light Green:	23% (75)
Park & Walk – Orange:	5% (17)
Bus – Yellow:	3% (10)
Drive – Brown:	54% (180)
Rideshare – Beige:	8% (25)
Bike – Dark Green:	7% (23)



The Greening Tree will be repeated on **Wednesday June 8th**, the last day of Spring Challenge. Let's see if we can achieve our **goal of reducing auto school travel trips to below 40%** and turn those brown leaves into more yellow and orange and green and beige. Way to Go Doncaster!

Bike to School Week May 30-June 3

Warmer spring weather has finally arrived. Make the most of it by riding to school and to work! Students earn a raffle ticket for a chance to **win a bike tune-up** each day they travel to school by bike. Raffle tickets will be posted on the Spring Challenge bulletin board, and draw box in the office. There are two sets of bike racks, one near the main entrance and the other near the doors behind the school. Don't wait for the **Bike Rodeo on June 9** to do a quick ABC safety check: Air – Brakes – Chain.

New this year: **Bike to School Week Art Contest!** The student whose artwork is chosen



to be featured on posters around the school will win a pair of cool sunglasses.

Way to Go! Class Challenge Weeks

Classes are using colourful Trip Tracker wall banners and weekly summary sheets to record how they travel to school each day. Many are challenging other classes to a friendly completion for the most active travel trips in a week. **Draw prizes** for great **Ryders sunglasses and cycling accessories** for students from participating classes.

3rd Annual Principal's Walk to School Day, Wednesday June 8

Join Principal Hansen at Wetherby Park to celebrate **Clean Air Day** and our school's achievements during the Way to Go! Spring Challenge. Meet at Wetherby Park at 8:15 am, Cedar Hill Rd at McRae Ave (see larger map on bulletin board at school). The distance is about 650 m with a sidewalk and a controlled intersection at Derby Rd. Visit the celebration station for light refreshments and stickers at the school near the wooden structure playground. Everyone welcome!



*Bike to School
Week*

All students will be entered for a chance to win a prize during the Greening Tree events.

Greater participation during Spring Challenge earns more chances to win.

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