



Dear Principal,

**Re: Toonies for Down Syndrome**

The Down Syndrome Research Institute (DSRI) is pleased to announce our annual “*Toonies For Down Syndrome*” fundraiser to help celebrate “International Down Syndrome Day”.

Our organization works with individuals with Down syndrome in London and surrounding communities.

DSRI:

- runs preschool, primary, and secondary summer schools every July
- sponsors a homework club throughout the school year
- conducts research studies in cooperation with McGill University
- develops resources and curricula
- facilitates professional development workshops for teachers throughout the province
- promotes public awareness and education emphasizing the positive contributions of individuals with Down syndrome

As the father of a child with Down syndrome and a teacher, I have volunteered my time for the past four years to direct DSRI. We have dreams of eventually offering meaningful employment, independence and opportunities for people with Down syndrome to be integrated into our communities.

DSRI invites your school to help us celebrate International Down Syndrome Day, by encouraging your students to give generously to help us further our work on behalf of young people with Down Syndrome. If you also have a student in your school with Down syndrome, this is your opportunity, as a school community, to show solidarity with that student.

**ALL materials will be supplied for your school, no costs involved.**

**Please confirm your participation ASAP to Steve Nadeau by phone at 519-633-6999 or e-mail at [toonies@dsri.ca](mailto:toonies@dsri.ca) . Simply confirm a contact person and total student enrollment for your school.**

Your support will allow us to make our dreams a reality.

Sincerely,

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