

December Newsletter, 2018

Dates to Remember

- Dec. 5 Hot lunch
- Dec. 3 to 7th - canned food collection for Fill - a - Bus campaign (voluntary)
- Dec. 4 Grade Nine Info. Night at NPC at 6:30 pm
- Dec. 11 Grade Nine Info. Night at NPC at 6:30 pm
- Dec. 12 Hot lunch
- Dec. 14 Kindergarten Hot Chocolate and a Movie
- Dec. 17 Character Trait Assembly
- Dec. 18 NPC Wind Ensemble performing for the school, 1:45 to 2:30 pm
- Dec. 19 Hot Lunch
- Dec. 19 Christmas Open House, Glenhyrst Gardens, 6 to 7:30 pm-see details below
- Dec. 20 Ice Cream Sandwiches sold at 2nd nutrition break to fundraise for Grade 2/3 trip
- Dec. 20 Gr. 6 to 8 Dance, 1:45 to 2:45 pm (\$3 admission, Open on Cashless On-line on Dec. 6th, closes on Dec. 13th 12 midnight)
- Dec. 20 Grinch Day, K to Gr. 3, dress in green and/or have a "Who" inspired hairdo
- Dec. 21 Last Day of School until Jan. 7, 2019

We Need Your Input! Grand Erie's Special Education Plan Survey: November 14 to December 14, 2018

At Grand Erie, we believe all children have individual learning needs. Some children, however, have exceptional learning needs and may require additional resources to reach their learning potential.

Help us ensure *Success for Every Student* by reviewing our Special Education Plan here: [Annual Review of Special Education Plan 2017-18](#) and by providing your input on our Special Education Feedback Survey here: [Special Education Feedback Survey](#)

A Message from the Principal...

Thank you to our families whom have gone to Harvey's supporting the School Council's fundraising efforts. We also appreciate your donations for the Sock Drive in October, the Coat Drive in November and the Fill-A-Bus campaign in December.



We are doing something a little different for our **December Christmas Event**. We are having an open house on **Wednesday, December 19th** from **6 to 7:30 pm** at **Glenhyrst Art Gallery**. We are asking families that have children in **K to grade 4** to come from **6 to 6:45 pm**. We're asking families with children in grades **five through eight** to come from **6:45 to 7:30 pm**. If you have children in primary and junior/intermediate grades, you choose your time. We're trying to ensure the room isn't too crowded.

As Glenhyrst, you can walk around the park to see the lights, visit the art gallery where Brier Park has some art work displayed and enjoy hot chocolate and a cookie in the Coach House. There will be two tables in the Coach House for your children to do a small craft.

I want to thank Mrs. Cowan and Ms. Matheson for coaching the junior volleyball team, Mr. Neeb for coaching the intermediate boys' volleyball team, Mr. Nicholson for coaching the intermediate girls' volleyball team, Mrs. Dietrich and Mrs. Martyniuk for organizing and coordinating Strong Start, our School Council for organizing our Pizza Lunches and our Christmas Open House, to Mrs. Halabecki for organizing our Coat Drive, Mrs. Vanka for organizing our Fill-A-Bus and Mrs. Piovesan for organizing our Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentors.

I hope you have a great holiday, filled with fun, laughter and good memories.

Mrs. Brittain

A Note From The Public Health Nurse at Your School...

Tips for Keeping Your Family Safe This Holiday Season

The holiday season may be the most wonderful time of the year. It is also a time of year where mishaps and visits to the emergency room may increase, especially for children. Protect your little ones from common holiday dangers by following some of these holiday safety tips:

- Make sure your Christmas tree is sturdy. Trees that are not secured properly can fall onto children.
- Keep trees away from sources of heat such as electrical outlets, radiators and portable space heaters.
- Practice fire safety and have a family emergency plan in the event of a fire.
- Hang smaller decorations higher up on the tree. Small decorations may look pretty but can pose a choking hazard for young children.
- When buying toys, look for ones that are well-made and age appropriate. Remember to check the Government of Canada's Recalls and Safety Alerts database to see whether any toy has been recalled.
- Keep holiday plants out of children's reach. Mistletoe and holly are poisonous and can cause an upset stomach.
- Be aware of food safety guidelines to avoid accidental food poisoning over the holiday season.

For more holiday safety tips, visit the injury topics section of Parachute Canada at www.parachutecanada.org.

A message from the Health Unit...

A reminder that vaping and smoking are not permitted on school grounds. You must be at least 20 metres away of public areas outside school property. Thank you for your co-operation.