

Dates to Remember – September, 2018

13th Terry Fox Run/Walk Assembly
14th PA Day
21st Terry Fox Run/Walk
25th Picture Day (Oct. 23rd is retake day)
27th Meet the Teacher, 5:30 to 6:30 pm
28th Orange Shirt Day
Oct. 9th Immunizations in the gym for intermediate students

School Council Meeting Dates for 2018-'19 School Year
October 9th, Nov. 6th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 5th, April 2nd, May 7th.

Principal's Message

The return to school went very well this year; it was a smooth transition for all students and staff. How exciting to see a few of our students featured in the Brantford Expositor article about "Back to School." A copy of the article will definitely be featured on our "School Bulletin Board."

I want to thank Mr. Torelli, our custodian, and Mrs. Head, our caretaker, for their efforts this summer cleaning our school. It looks fantastic!!!! Let's hope we can keep it this clean. You may have noticed the outside trim of our building was painted black over the summer. As well we had interior doors painted red and the door trim painted black to match our school colours. Many of our teaching staff were in the school during the last week of August preparing for the new school year. Thank you to the teacher teams for preparing their rooms and First Day activities for our students. As well, thank you to Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. Smith (casual secretary) for their efforts getting the office ready and the school year organized.

I look forward to meeting families on Thursday, September 27th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at our Meet the Teacher evening.

Safety Concern:

A student came home with a tick from the school yard. Please ensure you check your child's head to ensure there aren't any ticks. If one is found, please pull it out using tweezers, put it in a plastic baggie and you can take it to the Health Unit for testing.

The school monthly newsletters will be ready early each month. I am sending home this one on paper. In the future, the newsletter will be emailed to families and then posted on the school's website, accessed on the board's website.

If you have questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher using one of the many communication forms available: calling the teacher, possibly emailing the teacher, writing a note in the agenda and/or by arranging a meeting. The Board of Education has

provided an outline of a **pathway for addressing your concerns**....please see the information attached. Please note how the pathways delineate a classroom concern and a school concern.

The **Brier Park Strong Start Reading Program** is getting underway for the 2018-2019 school year. **We are in need of dedicated volunteers** who are willing to attend two 2-hour training sessions and commit to at least one hour per week for a ten week period to read with primary students who need a boost in their reading development. All programming is provided and the students are eager to play the fun activities that reinforce their knowledge of letters, sounds and words. For more information, contact Mrs. Martyniuk via email at linda.martyniuk@granderie.ca or Mrs. Dietrich at kelley.dietrich@granderie.ca. You can also visit the strongstart.ca website for more details.

There will be a Terry Fox kick-off assembly at Brier Park on Thursday, September 13th to promote the "**Toonies for Terry**" fundraising campaign this year. The goal is for each student to donate a toonie for cancer research in honour of the event. The Terry Fox Run/Walk at Brier Park will be held on **September 21st @ 2pm**. Cash donations can be made on the day of the event or through school cash online. Thank you for your support of such a worthy cause.

IEP Reporting

If your child has an IEP, you should expect to see a IEP Parent Consultation form coming home this week asking for your input into the IEP. Please take a few moments to complete the form as it is due back to the school on Thursday, September 13th. Thank you.

From the Arnold Anderson Sport Fund...

The Arnold Anderson Sport Fund is a local charity organization that serves financially disadvantaged families in Brantford and Brant-County. We assist parents and caregivers who may have limited financial freedom to provide opportunities for their children to experience an active lifestyle in an organized sport. We believe that participating in sport has many recorded and documented values for children and youth but also to families and to the community. Eligible County of Brant families can apply once a year to receive financial sports grants of up to \$350 (per child) to use toward registration fees for the sport of their choice.

Applications can be obtained by emailing me at christina.brittain@granderie.ca.

Have a great day!

Mrs. Brittain