



# Delhi Public School

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Happy New Year! I hope all of you were able to enjoy some special family time over the holidays. December flew by in a flurry of Christmas activities, in addition to the usual routines of school.

As we return from holidays and resume our focus on our academic pursuits, there are some staff changes to tell you about. **Mrs. Lauwerier** has retired, after a 25 year career with our board. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement. **Mrs. Sidway** will be taking on her duties in providing prep coverage to many of our primary classes. Taking over Mrs. Sidway's Gr. 3/4 class, we are pleased to welcome **Ms. Sabourin** to our school. Many of you will recall that Ms. Sabourin has worked with us before, in a couple of different roles, most recently last year when she taught Grade 4. In the last few months, Ms. Sabourin has been working at a school in Brantford, but when a vacancy arose she was happy to return to D.P.S.



Our Turkey Dinner, on December 4 was a huge success. Sincere thanks to Jenna Sherman and the many parents who worked together organizing and running this festive event.

The Winter Fair, on December 13, was fun and festive too. Many thanks to Linda Richardson for organizing this annual tradition and to all the parents who helped the Fair run smoothly throughout the day. We are especially appreciative of the generosity of the larger community, for the donations to our students so they could do some Christmas shopping for their families.



The Kindergarten students entertained us well on December 18, singing their hearts out and sharing their holiday excitement. Sincere thanks to their teachers for organizing this special event.

Our volleyball teams enjoyed their opportunities to play in the county tournaments through the month of

December. They all played well and demonstrated good sportsmanship. All athletes were great ambassadors for our school. We are very appreciative of the coaching expertise of Mrs. Van Wynesburghe. We are fortunate that she was willing to take on the extra responsibility of coaching our teams.




The Students' Council was busy throughout the month of December. Mrs. Antonissen led these students in a Food Drive that involved all classes. More than 300 canned goods were brought to school to help the less fortunate. Thank you to all families who were able to be so generous in these efforts to help out the community throughout the Christmas season. As well, through the sale of Candy Cane Grams further money was raised for the Caring Pantry. A great effort indeed, capably led by our Student Council.



Our Healthy Schools Committee continued its' work in December, in partnership with the Health Unit. The students in Grade 5-8, who sit on the Healthy Schools Committee, challenged our students to drink more water on a daily basis, throughout the month of December. Mrs. McKinnon's Grade 1/2 class demonstrated the greatest increase in water consumption, based on their use of water bottles on a regular basis, earning themselves a healthy Smoothie treat just before the holidays. Well done!

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2020!

## Virtue for the Month of January - Justice

 Justice is being fair in everything you do. It is seeing with your own eyes and not judging something or someone by what other people tell you. It is taking responsibility if you make a mistake and making amends. Justice means that every person's rights are protected.

## STRONG START

Our Strong Start literacy program is running well



again this year. Currently our volunteers include Wendy Bonnell, Barb Burns, Ashley Compoli, Lorie Dertinger,

Meaghan Kelly and Adrienne Reddecopp. These dedicated ladies provide students opportunities for individual support to help increase their knowledge of letter names and sounds. If you are able to dedicate 2 hours once a week (or more) and are interested in volunteering for this great program please leave your name and contact information at the office, or contact Elizabeth Ferris (kindergarten teacher) for more information.

## Kindergarten Registration Begins in January 2020

### **Kindergarten registration now open as Grand Erie gets ready to welcome new class of young learners.**

It's not too early for parents and guardians of soon-to-be Kindergarten students to get ready for September. Grand Erie District School Board's online registration option is open, and parents of children who will be four years of age by the end of 2020 are encouraged to begin the process in the coming weeks to ensure a seamless start to the next school year. Parents interested in the French Immersion program will also want to note the deadline of February 7, 2020, to apply for a spot through a randomized selection process for new families. Students who currently have a sibling in the program are guaranteed a spot, but registration is still required. "January always brings a sense of excitement and new possibilities, so it's a great time to start getting ready for the beginning of your child's formal education," said Linda DeVos, Superintendent of Education responsible for the Elementary and Early Years programs. "Kindergarten is a time to explore, learn, and grow, and Grand Erie is working to make this milestone a successful transition."

Parents can visit Grand Erie's website ([granderie.ca](http://granderie.ca)) and click on the Kindergarten Registration banner for more information about the process, including identifying their child's home school, which documents are required, and information about transportation, community resources, and before-and-after-school programs. Registration can be done in person at the child's future school, or online, with the process completed through a visit to the school to verify documentation. Anyone requiring additional assistance can get in touch with their home school.

Contact Delhi P.S. at 519-582-1890 to arrange a visit or to learn more about what's needed to register.



**A Big Thank You From D.P.S.** We would like to thank Nor-Del Cablevision and Mark Baxter for offering to donate skate sharpening services to our school skating program. Mark has offered to pick up the skates from our school and return them

sharpened. We appreciate the community support we have received for our skating program in the form of monetary donations and donations of skates.

## **Skating Fridays 11:30 – 12:30**

### Grades 1- 4

December 19, January 17, February 28

### Grades 5-8

December 20, January 24, March 6



### **PERSONAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL**

Students are reminded that we discourage bringing personal items to school that have personal or monetary value. We cannot be certain that personal items will not be damaged or lost while on the bus or at school. Students and their families need to be aware that desks and coat closets are school property and there is no expectation of privacy on the part of students. Therefore, a search of such property is permissible by the school principal. In this case, the principal would be acting under the authority of the Education Act to maintain proper order and discipline in the school.

### **Inclement Weather Information:**



- Information on Student Transportation Services can be found here: <http://www.stsbhn.ca/>  
For transportation delays, cancellations or school

closures, visit:

[www.transinfobhn.ca/Cancellations](http://www.transinfobhn.ca/Cancellations)

- If there are school or board facility closures, Grand Erie will post a notification by 6:30 a.m.
- on the Board's website here: [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)  
Information will be posted on Grand Erie's Twitter (@GEDSB) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/GEDSB](http://www.facebook.com/GEDSB)) accounts
- Closure information will also be shared with local media (i.e. radio, television)
- Find the Board's Inclement Weather Policy here: <https://bit.ly/2HoC1YX>
- Learn how Student Transportation Services makes its decision about inclement weather here: [bit.ly/2JIVSk9](https://bit.ly/2JIVSk9)

## Before and After School Child Care Survey

Before and After School Child Care programs provide children with more opportunities to learn and grow outside of regular school hours. Not-for-profit agencies already operate many programs in Grand Erie schools for children from Kindergarten to Grade 6.

If your school does not have access to a Before and After School Child Care or Recreation program, we are asking parents/guardians to complete a survey by Friday, February 7, 2020, to determine if there is enough interest to offer a program at your child's school. If you currently have child care arrangements outside of school hours and are satisfied with this arrangement, we encourage you to remain with this option.

**Please note: the completion of this survey does not guarantee that a Before and After School Child Care program will be offered at your child's school.**

To complete the survey, please follow this link: [Before and After School Program Survey](#) or go to [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca) and follow the link to the Before and After School Child Care survey through our Kindergarten Registration page.

The fees for Before and After School Child Care programs are determined by the provider and can vary with costs ranging from \$13 to \$24 per day, per child.

## Getting Enough Sleep



Why is getting enough **sleep** important for my child's physical health? School aged children require an average of 9 to 11 hours of sleep per night. Canadian research shows that 25% of our school aged children are not meeting the sleep recommendation.

33% of 5-17 year olds struggle with their sleep routine. Having a consistent bedtime routine is vital for healthy sleep habits. This includes consistent bed and wake times with no more than 30 minutes in variation. Limiting access to and removing electronic devices has also been found to improve sleep routine.

A good night sleep can positively improve attention, memory, reasoning, emotional regulation and overall school performance. When children are tired from lack of sleep it negatively impacts their ability to achieve their recommended 60 minutes of daily moderate to vigorous physical activity. Do you have a sleep schedule for your child(ren)? How can you improve?



## Breakfast Program News

Our Breakfast Program continues to be available to our students each day. Everyday there are healthy food choices available from each of the food groups. We are fortunate to receive funding from the Child Nutrition Network and President's Choice Children's Charity. But, as you can well imagine, this is a costly program. To stretch our nutrition dollars we are having a **Cereal Drive** throughout the month of January. If anyone who would like to send in a box of cereal to support our Breakfast Program we would be very appreciative. The cereals we serve have limited amounts of sugar and whole grains. Examples include

REGISTRATION PACKAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE



## FUTURE GRADE 9 PARENTS INFO NIGHT



## DELHI DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL

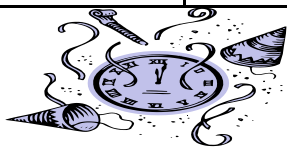

Featuring:  
Presentation, Question and Answer sessions, Classroom visits, Grade Nine Teachers, and Tours



**JAN. 15. 2020**  
6:00pm – 8:00pm  
393 James Street



PLEASE CONTACT (519) 582-0410 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2020</h1> 						
			1  NO SCHOOL	2 HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	3 HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	
5	6	7	8 School Council 6:30 pm Panzerotti	9	10 Pajama Day	11
12	13 Hot Dogs	14	15 Chicken Bites	16	17 Skating Gr 1-4	18
19	20 <b>PA DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	21	22 Pita Pit	23	24 Skating Gr 5-8	25
26	27 Pizza	28	29 Lunchbox For Learning!	30	31 Jersey Day	