

# **Brier Park School Newsletter**

#### Dates to Remember January, 2020

- Jan. 8 Pizza Lunch
- Jan. 13 School Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library
- Jan. 15 Pizza Lunch
- Jan. 20 Valentine Day Cookie Orders available on line. Opens on the 20<sup>th</sup> and closes on the Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a fundraiser being offered through the School Council. Cookies are \$2 each. Cookies will be delivered to students on the second nutrition break on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Jan. 20 PD Day- No school for students, teachers are working on report cards
- Jan. 22 Pizza Lunch
- Jan. 22 Spirit Day Students contribute a dollar to chew gum at school. Donations are given to Brant Food for Thought. On line orders open on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> and close on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Jan. 22 Harvey's Night, 3 to 7 pm, Harvey's at the Leon's plaza
- Jan. 29 Pizza Lunch
- Feb. 4 Character Trait Assembly, Fairness at 9 am
- Feb. 14Valentine's Day for grades six, seven, eight. On line orders open on Jan. 29th<br/>and close on Feb. 5th. Admission to the dance is \$3.

## **Principal's Message**

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a great holiday. It has been a pleasure meeting Miss Oxley, our exchange teacher from Australia. Mrs. Potruff, our new secretary has been meeting the families and students this week. Thank you for your warm welcomes to our new staff members.

January can be a month of chilly temperatures. Please ensure your child has proper clothing for the weather. We will be outside for recesses until the temperature reaches -20\* C with the wind chill.

The PA day on January 20<sup>th</sup> is for teachers to complete assessments, prepare report card grades and future planning.

#### **Change to Pizza Lunches**

Starting February, pizza lunches can be ordered weekly and / or monthly. Please check the cashless on line ordering to see the dates and order time lines for February pizza orders.

### Safety Concern

Our staff parking lot and our drive through area are congested during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

The staff parking lot is for staff only. The Kindergarten classes exit out to the sidewalk near the parking lot. It is unsafe for families to park, pick up kindergarten students and leave using the staff parking lot.

WE are looking for parent volunteers to help with Kindergarten drop off in the morning. If you have 10 minutes in the morning from 8:30 am to 8:40 am, to help with taking students from the Kiss and Drop area to the Kindergarten pen, please email me at

<u>Christina.brittain@granderie.ca</u>. You will need to have a valid police check with a vulnerable sector check.

I would like to ask you to park in the parking lot between Resurrection School and Brier Park and allow your child to use the pathway to that parking lot. As well, students could walk the pathway to Winding Way and then be dropped off/picked up there. Also, if you could park on Brier Park Road and then you could walk to the school to drop off/pick up your children. Following one of these suggestions would be greatly appreciated as it respects everyone's safety.

Thank you for an excellent start up in January, 2020!!! Sincerely, Mrs. Brittain

The Grand Erie District School Board have itinerant teachers to help us with math instruction. This website below was suggested by Mrs. Passmore, our itinerant teacher. Please check it out.



# Math Before Bed – Nighttime or Anytime Numeracy

Families have a fear of math! Many families are afraid of talking about math at home. Imagine our children growing up enjoying math, not afraid of it, and confident. Math Before Bed brings math INTO your conversations with your family. The beautiful images open a doorway for you and

mathbeforebed.com

#### January is Kindergarten Registration Month!

Parents: starting Kindergarten is a big deal – for your little one, and you! There's so many new things to learn and explore. There's new routines to start, new friends to make, and new teachers to meet. We understand it's a big step, and a major milestone. But, when you're ready to let them go, we'll be here to welcome them!

# Documentation required: Proof of Citizenship: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Status Card or other out of country documentation

Proof of Address from a current Utility bill, Credit Card bill, Rental Receipt showing full address signed by owner or Proof of Sale of Property.

Please call 519-759-8682 to make an appointment for registration.



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