



PRINCE CHARLES PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Important Dates

Feb. 5– Twin Day

Feb. 11– KIDS Program for
Grade 6 students, School
Council Meeting (4:30)

Feb. 17– Family Day (no
school)

Feb. 26– Pink Shirt Day

Feb. 28– Hot Dog Day

Message from the Principal

The school year is marching on and we have had some changes to our staff in recent weeks. Mme. Walters and Mrs. Martin will be off for the remainder of the school year as they await new additions to their families. We wish them the best of luck and all of the happiness in the world as they welcome their babies. Mrs. Hunter is excited to be teaching our Grade 1/2 class, and Mr. Bryson has been filling in teaching French. Mr. Doumani has accepted a position at Cedarland School. Miss Smith is our new half time prep teacher to mainly withdraws groups of students to focus on skill development. In the coming weeks, Mr. Sharma will take over his position teaching various subjects to our primary students. Ms. Pustai is now a permanent member of the Prince Charles staff and will remain in the position of Learning Resource Teacher for the rest of the school year. In the coming days, we will have a new teacher to replace Mr. Sharma in his class. This has been a busy month! We welcome all of the new staff members to the Prince Charles family!

As we reach the mid point of the school year, teachers and students alike have reflected on their achievement and set goals. Regular communication between home and school is important for student achievement and community wellbeing. All staff members have communication systems that they use to communicate with parents. If you have questions or ideas that might impact your child’s learning or the school culture, please reach out to their teacher.

We are always so proud when our students see a problem in the world and take steps to make a difference. Some of our classes have been following the wildfires in Australia and felt compelled to help. They decided that an additional Spirit Day would be a good fundraiser to assist with the relief efforts. On Friday, January 31st, we held Superhero Day. Together we raised \$165 to help with the relief efforts in Australia. This event was completely planned and implemented by our students when they saw articles and images that spoke to them. They are learning how they can make a difference in the world.



Pink Shirt Day

This year, **Pink Shirt Day**, or Anti-Bullying **Day**, is on February 26. It is a **day** when people come together by wearing **pink shirts** to school or work to show

they are against bullying. The focus for **2020** is "lift each other up."

At Prince Charles, we will adopt the theme of "Lift Each Other Up" in the last week of February and encourage everyone to wear a pink shirt on February 26th. Let's work together and support our community to encourage fair treatment of everyone. Bullying is not a home problem, it's not a school problem, it's not a workplace problem, it's not an online problem . . . It's an everywhere problem that we can only solve if we work together and support each other.

Labour Update

As you are all aware, ongoing labour negotiations have impacted schools in Grand Erie and across the province. For the most up to date information about any labour disruptions, please visit www.granderie.ca/board/community/newsroom/labourUpdates.

Any changes to schools (ie. Closures) will also be communicated through email to all families. At this point, all Grand Erie District School Board schools are closed this Thursday, February 6, as a result of a full withdrawal of service by ETFO members. Any changes will be communicated to families by email and posted on the GEDSB website and Twitter feed.

School Council **Our Voice counts....**

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 at



4:30 in the Staff Room. At this meeting, we will start to plan for a spring fundraiser and discuss spending to improve the resources at the school. School Council is an excellent way to get involved and make a positive impact on the school for the benefit of all students.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-21 school year opened in January and will remain open. Students are eligible to register if they were born in 2016. To register, please bring proof of address (utilities bill/rental agreement) and your child's birth certificate to the school office. The office is quite busy from 8:40-9:15. Please avoid this time if you can.

OPHEA Healthy School Certification



In the 2017 and 2018 school years, Prince Charles School was certified a "Healthy School" at the GOLD level by OPHEA. We are once again pursuing this certification with a focus on mental health. If you have any

ideas on how we can address mental health topics at the school (speakers, events, activities, resources), please contact Mr. Walker by phone or email.

Mental wellness is becoming an increasingly important conversation to have, particularly with our young people. Let's work together to lift each other up!

Hot Lunches

Our hot lunch program will continue in the month of February. Only online orders can be taken at this time. Pizza is served every Thursday and orders are due on Tuesday. Boston Pizza lunches are served on Tuesdays and payment is due on Thursday.

The Boston Pizza menu is as follows:

Feb. 11– Salad and Garlic Bread

Feb 18– Bugs and Cheese

Feb. 25– Chicken Tenders

March 3– Penne Marinara

Since moving to online orders only, we have seen a large increase in the number of people using School Cash Online. This has significantly simplified the logistics of running our hot lunch days, and we now have roughly the same number of lunch orders that we did when we accepted cash. Thank you for working through any inconveniences that you faced when setting up School Cash Online.

