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## février/February 2023

Dear Dufferin Families:

It's hard to believe that the first month of 2023 has passed us by already, but here we are! Term 1 report cards will be sent home with students on February 6.

We wish all of our families a restful Family Day long weekend.

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith  
Principal



Feb. 1-Johnny Greeko Lunch

Feb. 3- Final day for FI Kindergarten Registration for September 2023, Mme Guy and Mme Szydowski's classes to App's Mill, Mme Haughton's class to Safety Village, Learn, Lead, Inspire Assembly

Feb. 6-Term 1 Report Cards sent home, M. Burton and Mme Solis Caro to App's Mill

Feb. 7-Mme Haughton's class to App's Mill

Feb. 8-Pizza Day, Mme Szydowski's class to Safety Village

Feb. 13-17-Carnaval Activities

Feb. 15-Pita Pit Day

Feb. 17-Carnaval Activities outside

Feb. 20-Family Day-No School

Feb. 21-Mme Simmond's class to BCI for Jacob Two Two (pm)

Feb. 22-Pink Shirt Day, Pizza Day

Feb. 26-March 1: Intermediate Trip to St. Donat

## Winter Weather Guidelines

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the



structure of the classroom. With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to donning extra mittens and a hat, depending on the season. In the winter, it's important children come to school prepared for the cold. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn to school and it's a good idea for parents to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed.

## Parking Reminders

Families who drop off and/or pick up their children are reminded to follow the posted signage outlining parking restrictions. On Chestnut St, there are a limited number of spaces along the sidewalk that borders the school property. The opposite side of the road is restricted parking by permit only for the residents of the homes in that location. Please be mindful of this. From time to time, bylaw enforcement have been present in these areas to remind motorists of the parking laws.

The staff parking lot is not available during student drop off and pick up for safety reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Dufferin Parent Council

Our next virtual school council meeting will be on March 8 at 6:30 p.m. Please email Mme A. Smith for the link if you would like to join us. Thanks to all who requested a sample box for our Big Box Greeting Card Fundraiser. If you wish to have a sample box for this campaign, please fill out the paper form sent home in January, or the form attached to the email for this newsletter by Feb. 13. Sample boxes will be sent home with students the week prior to March Break to kick-off a 3 week campaign. If you did not request a sample box, you can still participate and enter your orders through School Cash Online. To see a sample of the box with details, click the link below:

[Big Box Gift Cards](#)

**Spiritwear Campaign:** DPC will be launching a Spiritwear campaign. Please see the flyer included with the email for this newsletter. Families can order directly through the link provided in the flyer. All items will be shipped to the school and distributed to students at school.

## Carnaval Activities

We will be celebrating all things Carnaval during the week of Feb. 13-17. On February 17, we will host our own outdoor Carnaval activities for students during the day. Students will need to ensure they are dressed appropriately to be outside for the bulk of the day. If the weather is not conducive to our event, we will postpone until Feb. 24.



## Kindergarten Registration for 2023-2024

Families new to Grand Erie's French Immersion program and those who currently have a child in the program must register no later than February 3, 2023

Overview of the Registration Process

\*A cap for Junior and Senior Kindergarten as well as Grade 1 is in effect for French Immersion at all sites.

\*There are limited spaces available for students entering the program.

\*Students who currently have siblings in the program are guaranteed a spot provided they register by February 3.

\*No out-of-area requests will be permitted.

\*A randomized selection process will be used for new families to grant access into Grand Erie's French Immersion program.

\*Families will receive confirmation of placement in the French Immersion program or information on the wait list process no later than February 17, 2023

Visit the registration link on our website to begin the process:

<https://granderie.ca/schools/dufferin>

A member of our clerical team will contact you to complete the registration process.



## Inclement Weather and Transportation

Winter is just around the corner. In the event of inclement weather, there is the potential for transportation delays or cancellations and school closures.

**Dufferin bus routes are in Zone 4.**

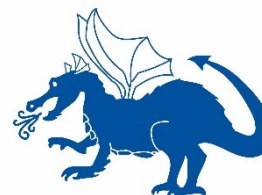
If transportation is cancelled for schools in Zone 4, École Dufferin will be closed.

**Inclement Weather Information:**

- Information on Student Transportation Services can be found here: <http://www.stsbhn.ca/>
- 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)
- Find the Board's Inclement Weather Policy here: <https://bit.ly/2HoC1YX>

## Valentine's Day

Some classes may be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 14. Individual classroom teachers will communicate directly with families if there are classroom plans. A reminder that we are a nut aware building and food items that are provided for sharing with the class must be nut free. In some instances, there may be other food allergies that impact shared treats in the classroom. Your child's teacher will make families aware of this if needed. A reminder that the Brant County Health Unit requires any food that is shared in schools be prepared in a commercial or health unit inspected kitchen. We thank you for your cooperation.



## Dogs on the School Grounds

For the safety and well-being of all students and staff, dogs will no longer be allowed on school property during school hours.



Trained and certified service animals, on a leash, are the only exceptions. Dogs on a leash, and after school hours and dismissal, continue to be welcome, provided their owners clean up after them. Thank you for your support as we work to make our school safe and welcoming for our whole community.

## Badminton Racquets

Badminton practices for Junior and Intermediate students have started. Mr. Zylstra is looking for any donations of badminton racquets families may have at home that are no longer needed. If you have a racquet to donate, please send it to the school.

## Triple P Parenting

The Triple P positive Parenting program is being offered this Spring. Triple P is an evidenced-based Positive Parenting program that provides parents with new ideas, strategies, and skills to help build positive behaviours in their children (0-12). To register please visit <https://www.triplep-parenting.ca>. Light refreshments will be provided.

DATE: March 8, 15, 22, April 12, 2023 (in person)  
March 29 and April 5 (phone call check ins)

TIME: 6pm-8pm

VENUE: Early ON Brantford – 30 Bell Lane,  
Brantford ON, N3T 6K5

For more information please call: 519-759-3833  
Ext. 122 (Debbie) 106 (Kelly) or 105 (Barb R.)

## Inspiring Your Child to Love and Learn Math

You are a mathematician! Children learn by imitating the people around them. They make meaning through experience and by interacting with important people in their lives. Parent imitation and modelling is essential for children to develop healthy academic skills.

Think Out Loud:

One of the best ways for you to be a math role model is to talk out loud as you work your way through everyday tasks. Thinking out loud allows your child to hear how you think, and it helps them to develop important skills required for “thinking things out” by posing and solving problems. When your child sees you making predictions and observations, identifying problems, using problem-solving strategies, and solving real problems, they are more likely to adopt your behaviours and attitudes.

Don't take shortcuts:

When you see your child using an unfamiliar strategy to add multi-digit numbers, try not to say, “Here, let me show you my way—it’s simpler and faster.” This response might undermine the teacher’s instruction, which is based on principles of children’s mathematical development. It also might confuse your child if they are not at the right stage of their math learning journey to understand your shortcuts or “tricks”.

(Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math.. C.O.D.E-  
The Council of Ontario Directors of Education)

