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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Monday, October 2nd, 2023

Message from the Principal

Last Friday the Grade 1-8 students attended the Caledonia Fair and did a wonderful job representing Oneida Central. The cheer squad's, including our mighty Eagle, routine was second to none and the ending was fabulous. Thank you to all the volunteers who were able to assist the classes and teachers with supervision.

This year Halloween once again falls on a school day (i.e., Tuesday, October 31st, 2023) and I'm sure staff will eventually plan activities revolving around Halloween. Students are encouraged to wear orange and black or their awesome Halloween costumes.

The criteria for costumes are as follows:

- Please select a costume that is easy for your child to change out of if need be;
- Costumes that support violence, gore, or of a sexual nature are not permitted;
- Pretend weapons (i.e., guns, swords, lightsabers) are not permitted;
- Due to safety concerns masks are not permitted to be worn to school. However, they can be brought to school in your child's knapsack and worn upon staff request.
- *Cultural Appropriation (parents.com) – Refers to the use of objects or elements of a non-dominant culture in a way that reinforces stereotypes or contributes to oppression and doesn't respect their original meaning or give credit to their source. For example, costumes should not include darkening one's face, wearing ethnic garb, and/or dressing up to provoke laughter rather than show respect for a group or person.*

Yours in Education,

Mr. J. Poulimenos

OCTOBER IS . . .

- ~ADHD Awareness Month~
- ~Child Abuse Prevention Month~
- ~Canadian Autism Awareness Month~
- ~Cyber Awareness Month K-12~
- ~Disability Employment Awareness Month~
- ~German Heritage Month~
- ~Healthy Workplace Month~
- ~International Walk to School Month~
- ~Islamic Heritage Month~
- ~Learning Disabilities Awareness Month~
- ~Women's History Month~

STSBHN – Chipmunk App

Chipmunk is a free app which allows families to:

- see where the bus is located along its AM and PM run path;
- be given notices when the bus arrives at the school in the AM and when it departs in the PM;
- know the ETA to their bus stop in the AM and PM.

Additional info is available at:

<https://stsbhn.ca/faqs>



Any questions can be directed to Rosemary Stearns (STSBHN) @ 519-751-7532 ext.3.

FlipGive – School Council

The Oneida Central School Council is once again participating in FlipGive. FlipGive is the shopping rewards app for families that unlocks sales and shopper loyalty, which directly returns givebacks to the council.

FlipGive partners with some of the world's leading brands, using personalized rewards to connect with shoppers and inspire deep-rooted brand loyalty at meaningful moments in the shopper journey.

The link to be part of the school's FlipGive app is as follows:

<https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=3F9YCZ>



Dates To Remember – October 2023

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023

- PA Day – No School for Kids

Friday, October 6th, 2023

- Hot Lunch Day – Subway (PM)
- Favourite Shirt Day

Monday, October 9th, 2023

- Thanksgiving Monday – No School

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023

- Cross Country Meet

Thursday, October 12th, 2023

- HNHU - Immunization Date HEP B/HPV
- Dairy Presentations – Primary Classes
- Rain Date – Cross Country Meet

Friday, October 13th, 2023

- Hot Lunch Day – Dominoes Pizza (PM)
- School Colour Day

Tuesday, October 17th, 2023

- Initial IEPs Sent Home

Thursday, October 19th, 2023

- Orienteering Competition – Ruthven Park

Friday, October 20th, 2023

- Hot Lunch Day – Subway (PM)

Friday, October 27th, 2023

- Hot Lunch Day – Dominoes Pizza (PM)
- School Colour Day

Tuesday, October 31st, 2023

- Halloween – Trick or Treat

Child and Youth Worker (CYW)

For 2023-2024 the school's Child and Youth Worker is Ranae tenBrinke. She will be at the school offering support to both staff, students, families, and may have contact with your child.

Ranae is available to offer support in areas such as self-regulation, mental health literacy, conflict resolution, and healthy relationships in the classroom. She is also able to assist families in connecting with a variety of community agencies and resources.

The Old Farmer's Almanac

October 2023 Long Range Weather Forecast for Southern Ontario.

Dates	Weather Conditions
Oct. 1-13	--Sunny, then a few showers; cool
Oct. 14-26	-- Scattered showers, then sunny; mild
Oct. 27-31	--Showers, turning mild
October	--Temperature 11°C (1°C above avg.) --Precipitation 50mm (25mm below avg.)

www.almanac.com

Late Or Absent Students - Reminder

You can report a child's absence from the school in two ways.

1. Calling the school – The attendance voicemail is accessible 24 hours a day. Just follow the prompts when you call the school office to report an absence (905-765-4700).
2. Use any of the following three **SafeArrival** methods to report an absence.
 - The **SchoolMessenger** app on your mobile device.
 - The **SafeArrival** website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>.
 - Call the toll-free number **1-833-557-9420**.

GEDSB Days of Significance (October)

- 1 – International Day for Older Persons/Seniors Day (UN)
- 1-7 – Mental Illness Awareness Week (USA)
- 2 – National Custodial Workers Recognition Day (Canada)
- 3 – PA Day - Elementary and Secondary (GEDSB)
- 4 – National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQ+ People (Canada)
- 4 – International Walk to School Day (International)
- 5 – World Teachers' Day (International)
- 6 – World Cerebral Palsy Day (International)
- 7 – Shemini Atzeret (Judaism)
- 7-8 – Simchat Torah (Judaism)
- 14-18 – Fire Prevention Week (Various Countries)
- 9 – Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
- 10 – World Mental Health Day (International)
- 11 – National Coming Out Day (Canada)
- 11 – International Day of the Girl Child (International)
- 15-23 – Sharad Navratri (Hinduism)
- 16 – World Food Day (International)
- 15-21 – Professional School Bus Driver Appreciation Week (Canada)
- 16-20 – Local Government Week (Ontario)
- 16-20 – National School Bus Safety Week (Canada)
- 17 – Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Baha'i)
- 17 – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (International)
- 17 – Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Appreciation Day (GEDSB)
- 18 – Persons Day (Canada)
- 18 – International Pronouns Day (International)
- 20 – National Day on Writing (GEDSB)
- 20-24 – Durga Puja Festival (Hinduism)
- 22 – Anniversary of the Attack at the National War Memorial and Parliament Hill in Ottawa (Canada)
- 22-28 – Canadian Down Syndrome Week (Canada)
- 23 – Canadian School Library Day (Canada)
- 23-27 – Media Literacy Week (Canada)
- 24 – United Nations Day (UN)
- 24 – Vijaya Dashmi/Dassehra (Hinduism)
- 25 – Digital Citizen Week (Canada)
- 25-26 – Birth of the Báb (Bahá'í)
- 26-27 – Mawlid-Al-Nabi (Islam)
- 27 – Dress Purple Day (Ontario)
- 28 – Sharad Purnima (Hinduism)
- 31-1 – Karva Chauth (Hinduism)
- 31-1 – Samhain (Wicca/Pagan)
- 31 – Halloween (Canada/USA)



Please accept our apologies for omissions of any group or important dates. We make all possible efforts to publish Grand Erie District School Board's Days of Significance according to a variety of sources. If there are any comments regarding the Days of Significance, please inform our communications department.

Pediculosis (Head Lice) – GEDSB Procedure SO 101

The Grand Erie District School Board recognizes Pediculosis (Head Lice) is not a health or education issue but is a community concern and a social nuisance. Pediculosis needs to be managed in the best interest of students through the partnership of parent(s)/caregiver(s), students, and the school community. The treatment and eradication of head lice is ultimately the parent(s)/caregiver(s)' responsibility.

“Students diagnosed with live head lice do not need to be sent home early from school; they can go home at the end of the day, be treated, and return to class after appropriate treatment has begun. Nits may persist after treatment, but successful treatment should kill crawling lice.” (Centres for Disease Control and Prevention).

Head lice can be a nuisance, but they have not been shown to spread disease. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice.

What to Look For:

Nits are very tiny eggs, half the size of a pinhead and oval shape. They may look like dandruff, but they are firmly glued to the hair and cannot be flicked off. New eggs, which are close to the scalp, are tan coloured and are difficult to see. Nits that are farther away from the scalp appear white. Nits are most often found above and behind the ears, at the nape of the neck at the crown of the head.

How to Get Rid of Head Lice:

Treating head lice requires at least two treatments one week apart. Get a head lice shampoo, cream rinse or lotion from your drugstore. Read the directions carefully and follow them exactly. Remove all the head lice. Head lice products kill many of the head lice, but not all of them. Apply a second treatment in one week. Continue to check the head and remove any remaining lice.

To Remove Nits:

Work in a brightly lit area – bright sunlight is best. After treatment, comb and part the hair in small sections. Use your thumbnail against your first finger to strip the nits from the hair starting from the roots right down to the tips. Place the nits in a bag and throw them out. You can also comb out the nits holding a fine-tooth comb on a downward angle. Special combs are available at the drugstore.

Please notify the school if you ever detect head lice and/or nits in your child's hair.

