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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting of the Board

March 25, 2024

All reports for this meeting can be found [here](#).



Above: Students from Delhi District Secondary School stopped by the Education Centre Monday to share a sneak peek of *The AI Play*, part of the 2024 NTS DramaFest showcase.

Student Showcase: Delhi District Secondary School

The **NTS DramaFest's** district showcase takes the stage this week, with drama students ready to break a leg as months of preparations and hard work culminate in productions presented to community audiences and adjudicators as part of the festival. Delhi District Secondary School is presenting *The AI Play*, and student actors were in the spotlight to share a dramatic sneak peek of the production.



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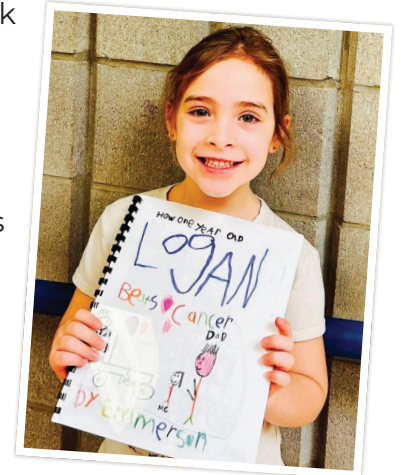
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Above: Emmerson Craig and her parents with Director Roberto, Chair Gibson, Superintendent Vankerrebroeck, educators Shannon Wood and Christine Sellar, and Jim Cottam, principal at St. George-German Public School.

Learn Lead Inspire Award: Emmerson Craig, St. George-German Public School

Last year, Emmerson Craig and her family faced a tremendously difficult situation. Emmy's baby brother Logan, just one year old, was diagnosed with a form of cancer, a journey which has brought many ups and downs. To help work through the experience, Emmy, a student in Kindergarten at St. George-German Public School, decided to share her family's story with her class. She wrote and illustrated a book about her brother's cancer struggle, with the goal of raising awareness and bringing hope and support to other young people facing cancer diagnoses. She focused on Childhood Cancer Awareness Day, which took place on February 15, and presented her story to the Leadership team, made up of students in grades 7 and 8 at the school. The inspiration grew from there. The whole school got behind the day, wearing yellow shirts and writing messages of hope that were shared with young people facing cancer at McMaster Children's Hospital. As the calendar changes over to April, marking Cancer Awareness Month in Canada, we all have a chance to learn from the story Emmy has shared, and continue shining a positive light during challenging times.





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Construction Updates

As part of Grand Erie's Major Construction Policy, the status of active capital projects was provided in a bi-monthly report. As per policy, this report included budgeted and actual costs to date, details of project progress and schedule for completion. Current project updates included:

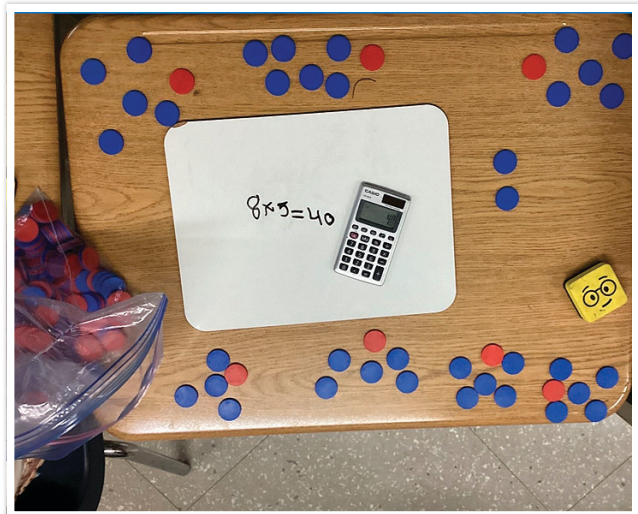
- **Caledonia Joint-Use Elementary School:** The project has received Ministry approval to proceed, and the tender has been released. The project team is anticipating awarding the general construction contract in late April.
- **South-West Brantford Joint-Use Elementary School:** The approval to proceed to tender was submitted to the Ministry in early December.
- **Elgin Avenue Public School Addition and Renovation:** The project has been submitted to the Ministry to obtain approval to proceed to tender. An architectural rendering is also available, highlighting the new child care addition and updates to the façade.



Director's Report Highlights

GEMAAP Adding Up to Learner Success

Grand Erie's Math Achievement Action Plan (GEMAAP) continues to support learner success in math in new, innovative ways. On March 6, a team of Grand Erie administrators, math coaches and superintendents came together to provide an update to the Ministry of Education, focusing on the work happening in schools to implement and monitor efforts to improve educator impact and outcomes for students in mathematics.





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GEMAAP Adding Up to Learner Success Contd.

The Ministry was very impressed with the extensive work happening in Grand Erie schools and noted the visible connection and investment by educators, administrators, system staff, and senior leadership to create the conditions to support improved math outcomes for students. Across Grand Erie, teams of administrators, math coaches and educators continue to work together on this important strategy, co-planning, debriefing and reflecting on methods and practices to make the most impact.

GEPIC Presentation

Grand Erie's Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC), in concert with other committees, is hosting the event *Filling your Spirit with Stardust and Astronomical Knowledge*, presented by guest speaker Samantha Doxtater who will deliver a session on Indigenous astronomy, as told by the Haudenosaunee. The virtual event is open to families across Grand Erie.



Multi-Year Plan Stories

In 2021, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work that the school board is doing. At the centre of this multi-year plan is the vision to Learn, Lead and Inspire, and a mission to build a culture Learning, Well-Being and Belonging for each learner.

The following stories showcase some of the most recent stories related to the Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

Learning

- **Drama Festival Takes Centre Stage**
- **Student Journalism Spotlight: Break a Leg! Months of Preparations Culminate at DramaFest**

Belonging

- **Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: Student Senate Elects 2024-25 Student Trustees**
- **Student Journalism Spotlight: The Importance of International Women's Day**