

Brier Park Public School

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back !!! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and the staff wish all of you a **Happy New Year**.

THANKS

Thank you to all our volunteers who put together the beautiful baskets as well as those who assisted in helping out during the Christmas Open House. We made just over \$1800. Thanks for your support !!! Our next fundraiser will be in the Spring with a lottery calendar. Stay tuned for more information.

Just a reminder to parents that our school has purchased the license for **RAZ-KIDS** which allows students from kindergarten to grade six access to books online at every level, from home. We are also using prodigymath.com and Mathies.ca as a Math resource online. Teachers have sent information about this in their newsletters and every student has a log in and password to access the site. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.



The Brier Park community has once again been very caring and compassionate to the food bank. We collected a large amount of non-perishable items which filled a bus with food donations.

THANK YOU !!

Dates To Remember:

- January 9th Back to school
- January 13th Hot Lunch - Pita Pit
- January 16th School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- January 20th Hot Lunch - Subway
- January 23rd **P.D. Day - No School**
- January 27th Hot Lunch - Chile
- January 27th Assembly - Responsibility 9:20
- Feb. 9th - Brier Park Amazing Race 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- February 16th **Report cards go home**



Clarification on Board Weather Notifications

As we approach the snowstorm season, we want to make sure parents are aware of the Board's cancellation policy and weather zones.



The Board bases its decision on whether or not to run school buses on how safe the routes are that our school buses travel. In consultation with our bus operators and transportation staff, we decide as early as possible, and no later than 6:30 a.m., if buses will run. If buses are not running in a zone, then schools in that zone are closed. The board notifies all local media outlets and posts a message on our transportation website

(<http://www.cooperativetransportation.ca>). Please be aware that our school is in **Zone 4**. If buses are cancelled in our zone, then the **schools in our zone are closed**. Please make sure to listen to the radio stations (FM92.1 Brantford, FM98.9 Simcoe, AM1380 Brantford) before sending your children to school.

Please Keep Us Posted !!!

If your family has moved over the holidays or information has changed with regards to phone numbers or emergency contacts, please let us know.



Keeping Warm and Dry

With winter weather, we also have many students who will get wet outside.

We ask that parents pack an extra set of clothes in a bag for students to have at school. We want to make sure the students are comfortable at school.

Thank you for your assistance as we try to keep your children dry and warm during the cold season.



Nut Allergy Alert !!!

Some students have **severe allergies** to nut products that could cause death.

We continue to encourage parents not to pack Nut Products in their children's lunches.

The families of those students with these allergies have asked that you please closely read labels !!!



Lice Check !!

Please be aware that the school will once again complete a lice check this month. Lice checks are part of the school's routines after each long holiday.

Please remember that the board policy requires students to be **nit-free** before being re-admitted to school.



School Council

Thanks to everyone who came out to help wrap our raffle baskets. If you're interested in coming out in the New Year, please join us, January 16th at 6p.m. in the library. Hope to see you then! Babysitting available.

HOT LUNCH ORDERING

Thanks to all the parents that have registered for the Cashless banking. We will soon be going online only for all lunch orders. If anyone would like information regarding the on-line banking, please see Mrs. Baxter in the office.

I have a few recommendations when completing the Hot Lunch order forms:

- Please make sure the **parent** completes the form with the name of the student clearly printed on the form.
- Please make sure the parent signs the forms where indicated
- IF you have selected and paid for the Hot Lunch order on-line, please **DO NOT** send in the paper copy at all. I will have the order through my on-line printout.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration is EARLY !!!

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We would like parents to know that once again this year, kindergarten registration will be in January. **Please call the school secretary to book your appointment, at 519-759-8682.** We will be setting aside the weeks of January 18th - February 10th, between 9:00–3:00 as our registration week. Please forward this information to people in the community who have JK/SK aged children that might not be privy to this information.

Please bring the following items with you to register your child:

- ♦ **Birth Certificate/Baptismal Certificate (Mandatory). Birth certificates can be ordered online with a fast turn around time.**
- ♦ **Proof of current address (utility bill, Canada Post mail), telephone numbers (cell, work, emergency contacts).**
- ♦ **If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, he or she is eligible to register for school for September 2017.**



We will be having an orientation visit for all new JK/SK students in the spring. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Baxter at 519-759-8682.