

Brier Park Public School

Issue Six

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From the Principal's Desk



It is hard to believe that we are already in February. Report cards will be going home on **Feb. 16th**. Please remember to **return the parent portion** for our records.

It's now the time of year for **Kindergarten Registration**. Please register your children for next year and remind people in the neighbourhood who have children Kindergarten age to please register for September. Call the office to book an appointment to register for September at 519-759-8682.



I know that EQAO testing is still far away but we would like to set up our **volunteers** for the EQAO **breakfast** as well as **scribes** for the testing. The testing will take place every morning on May 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31. If you are interested in assisting us, please contact us at (519)759-8682, extension 3 for the principal or email sandra.magnani@granderie.ca.

This month, we begin our annual Zumba sessions. Please make sure that your child has running shoes and their physical education attire every Thursday.



On **Feb. 9th**, Brier Park will be having its own Amazing Race from **5:30-7:30**. Come visit different countries around the world and complete some Math and Wellness tasks. Stamp your passport and complete all our tasks to be entered to win some fun prizes.

Please remember to check our school website. The school newsletters, teachers' newsletters or blogs, as well other programming information is available to the public. Please be advised that this month's newsletter will have both our February and March news. Our school website is: www.granderie.ca/brierpark



A Valentine's Day Family Tradition

Family traditions are fun. The question is - are they important? According to recent research, families with more traditions have more trust and loyalty. So, celebrate Valentine's Day with a family tradition. You might:

- ◆ **MAKE** ice cream sundaes together.
- ◆ **WRITE** nice notes to each other.
- ◆ **WATCH** a movie together.



Upcoming dates:

Feb. 2nd	Zumba
Feb. 3rd	Pita Pit
Feb. 9th	Zumba
	Amazing Race 5:30-7:30
Feb. 10th	Pizza Day
Feb. 14th	Valentine's Day Activities
Feb. 16th	Report Cards Home
	Zumba
Feb. 17th	Schnitzel on a bun
Feb. 20th	Family Day - NO SCHOOL
Feb. 22nd	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 23rd	Zumba
Feb. 24th	Subway Day
Feb. 28th	Assembly - Inclusiveness
Mar. 2nd	Zumba
Mar. 3rd	Pita Pit
	S.K. & Grade 8 Grad photos
Mar. 8th	Ice Cream Day
Mar. 9th	Zumba
Mar. 10th	Chicken and Rice
	Last Day of School
Mar. 13th-17th	March Break - NO SCHOOL
Mar. 20th	Back to School
Mar. 23rd	Zumba
Mar. 24th	Subway Day
Mar. 30th	Jump Rope For Heart Assembly
	Zumba
Mar. 31st	Assembly- Integrity
	Pizza Day



School Cash Online Payment Program

The Grand Erie District School Board has partnered with School Cash Online creating a system where all trips, the purchase of lunches, school fundraisers would be purchased through a cashless system. Brier Park School has been on this system for the past 2 years and it has proven to be very effective. It's quick and easy for parents and students are not at risk when bringing cash to school.

The decision has been made by the Grand Erie District School Board that **ALL SCHOOLS** will be working with the School Cash Online System as of September 1, 2017. All school trips and products with a cost **will ONLY be available** from the online cashless system.

Each family has received a postcard of sign-up instructions. If you require another one, please contact Mrs. Baxter in the school office.

To accommodate families who do not have access to a computer, there is one available at Brier Park School for your use. Please contact Mrs. Baxter to secure a time for your usage.



Harvey's Night Grade Eight Year End Trip Fundraiser

Please assist our grade eight students with their year end trip by visiting the Harvey's on Henry St. (Leon's plaza) on February 13th from 3pm-7pm. Before ordering, tell the cashier you are with Brier Park School, and 25% of your purchase will go to the school towards the grade eight year end trip.



S.K. and Grade 8 Photos



Our Grade Eight Graduation and our Senior Kindergarten Graduation photos will be the morning of Friday, March 3rd. More information to follow !!!



Lotto Calendars

School Council is organizing another Lotto calendar in May as a fundraiser. Every day of May, we will be doing a draw for a prize. Prizes are worth at least twenty dollars in value.

We will be selling each calendar for \$10 each or 3 for \$25 for more than 60 chances to win during the month of May. Calendars will go on sale near the end of March right until our first day of the draw. This year, to make it easier for parents, we will send home five calendars per family so that the seller receives the calendar portion when they purchase the calendar. The students will then return to school the "Numbered Section" of the calendar with the purchaser's information and the money. All unsold calendars will be returned to the school.

Our next step is to collect donations towards the Lotto calendar and we ask for your assistance with this. If you own or work for a company that can donate to us, please assist us with a donation. Donation request letters are available at the office. Please drop off any donations to the school at the office. You may also contact sandra.magnani@granderie.ca or jennifer.ciere@gmail.com.

How is Math Learning Assessed and Evaluated?

The goal of all assessments and evaluations is to improve your child's learning. Both teachers and students contribute to the assessment process.

Assessment for and as Learning : The assessment process helps teachers make appropriate instructional decisions (assessment for learning), and helps your child to develop the ability to assess his/her own learning and set specific goals (assessment as learning). Before new learning begins, assessment can demonstrate to the teacher and the student what skills and knowledge already exist.

To help students monitor and direct their own learning, teachers identify learning goals and success criteria. Learning goals describe for students what they should know, understand, and be able to do by the end of a lesson, course, or unit. Success criteria describe what successful learning of the learning goals looks like. The teacher and students use these goals and success criteria to give feedback to each other.

As your child learns new knowledge and skills, both the teacher and your child collect information to demonstrate your child's thinking and understanding. This is done through individual or small group conversations, by reflecting on how learning materials are used, and by analyzing work. This informs the teacher's next steps and helps your child gather information about his/her own learning.

Your child will use the learning goals and success criteria to reflect on learning, celebrate successes, identify areas for improvement, make adjustments where needed, and set new personal learning goals.

Clarification on Board Weather Notifications



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 check our transportation website (<http://www.cooperativetransportation.ca>) or listen to the radio stations (FM92.1 Brantford, AM1380 Brantford) before sending your children to the bus stop or to school.

The Board bases its decision 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.