



Brier Park School May 2017



We welcome Spring and with it, the many activities leading us into June. Our students are taking part in a variety of events and activities throughout the next few months. Monday, we are beginning our draws for our Lotto Calendar. We wish everyone luck and hope all of our winners enjoy their gifts !!!

We begin the month of May with Education Week. This upcoming week, we have our annual book fair, Grand-Parents, Parents, and Special Friends Day and E.Q.A.O. testing at the end of the month.

On **May 17th at 6:30 p.m.**, we are hosting our **Kindergarten Orientation** and welcome all new parents and their children attending kindergarten for the first time. We look forward to meeting everyone !!!

We are also looking forward to our **Education Week Open House on May 4th**. The annual **Grand-Parents, Parents, and Special Friends Day** will run from **9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** We invite our guests to visit the children's classes as well as partake in the activities offered in the classes.



This week, we also celebrate **Staff Appreciation Week** - please remember to thank a staff member at Brier Park for all their hard work.

From **May 24th, 25th, 29th, 30th and 31st**, and **June 1st**, we will be doing the **EQAO** testing with all our grade three and six students. This is a busy time for these students and we hope that parents will not make appointments for students of these classes during this time in order not to disrupt classes during the test. A breakfast is provided for all students writing the test. More information will follow in late May for parents of students writing the test. Anyone able to **scribe** for students or assist with the **breakfast**, please contact Sandy Magnani.



Communicating with Parents



We continue to work on improving our communication with parents. Sometimes, it is difficult for teachers and parents to get in touch. Our website has become a great communication tool at Brier Park. We can better communicate with you information such as newsletters via E-Mail.

If you have e-mail at home or at work and would like to receive communication from the school via e-mail, please send back the slip below and return to the office. We will e-mail all school newsletters to you via e-mail each month. Teachers may also find this to be a useful tool as part of their communication with you. You may also contact the teachers using their school e-mail address using: first name.last name@granderie.ca or through our school website at www.granderie.ca/brierpark

Student's name(s): _____

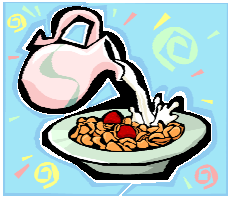
Parent e-mail address: _____

Please return to the school office.

Dates to Remember

May 1st-5th	Staff Appreciation Week
May 2nd - 6th	Book Fair
May 1st	Assembly - Humility
May 4th	Grand-Parents, Parents, and Special Friends Day 9:00 AM- 10:30AM
May 5th	Pita Pit Day
May 12th	Chicken with rice
May 17th	Kindergarten Orientation 5:30 PM
May 19th	Pizza Day Track & Field - North Park Collegiate Track
May 22nd	NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day
May 24th - June 1st	EQAO grades 3 and 6 (No Friday Testing)
June 2nd	Pita Pit
June 5th - 7th	Brock Trip - Grades 7 & 8
June 6th	School Council - Zanders (6:00 PM)
June 8th	Chicken with rice (Thursday)
June 9th	PD Day - NO SCHOOL
June 16th	Subway Day
June 20th	Kindergarten Celebration - Gym (2:00 PM)
June 23rd	Pizza Day Grade 8 Graduation - 7:00 PM
June 26th	Report Cards Go Home
June 29th	Last Day of School Dance Grades 5-7 (PM)





E.Q.A.O. Breakfast

As we prepare for E.Q.A.O. testing, we are planning strategies to lessen the anxiety for our students as well as provide the most desirable environment. We will be offering breakfast for the grade three and six students each day, before testing, allowing time to be with friends and eat something healthy. We will also minimize the amount of time on-task for the testing, and completing the test over a longer period of days. We also have many accommodations in place for students requiring use of the computer, scribing, as well as extra time. Students requiring these accommodations are already being accommodated in class as part of their daily routines. Testing will take place **May 25th - June 1st (Friday EXCLUDED)**. We need volunteers every morning for **breakfast** from **7:30 - 9:30**. We also need volunteers to assist students during the test for **accommodation** purposes between **8:40 - 10:30** and from **11:20 - 1:00** daily.

Any parents able to assist with the breakfast or the testing, please fill out the form below with the dates and times when you are available. Please remember that you will need to have an up-to-date police check.



Name: _____

Contact #: _____

Dates and Times Available:

May 24th _____

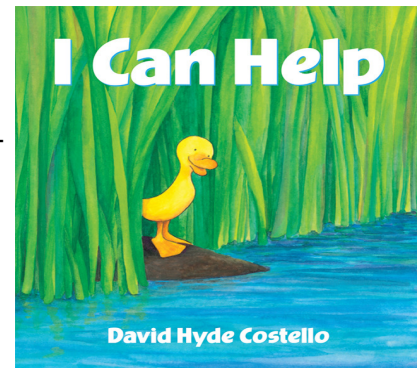
May 25th _____

May 29th _____

May 30th _____

May 31st _____

June 1st _____



Mental Health Awareness Week - From our Child and Youth Work

The week of May 2nd, all Child and Youth Workers in the Grand Erie Board will be running the Chalk Talk Mental Health Awareness event in Grand Erie. That week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the “chalk talk” is a wonderful way to have some discussions around Mental Health and then “chalking” to show others that the school supports this very important subject.

On Friday May 6, a variety of activities around the school will take place to spread the word in the community about healthy lifestyles & healthy living. We want to show our community the importance of staying healthy & taking care of ourselves.



Volunteers and Police Checks

Volunteers only require police checks to be done **every two years**. The Grand Erie School Board requires all volunteers to have police checks done to take part in school activities.

We are encouraging anyone interested in volunteering to get their police check done during the summer months to alleviate the backlog in September.



Please call the school or ask our secretaries for a copy of the letter now to facilitate the process. We hope that this will assist our families in order for them to enjoy our Fall festivities and school year events.

School Organization 2017-2018

Parents want the best for their children as they look forward to a new school year. If you have any requests for next year, they need to be in writing to the Principal before May 30th. Please be aware that we **do not** accept requests asking for a specific teacher. Any requests must state the child's needs and the reason for those needs. We thank you in advance for allowing this process to be fair and professional for all.

Track and Field

Our school track and field day is fast approaching. We will be having our school track and field day on June 19th at North Park Collegiate.

Please make sure to return permission forms prior to the event. Due to the nature of this event, we cannot accept verbal permissions and require all forms signed.



Book Fair

Dear Parents and Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school May 1-5! The book fair will be open during nutrition breaks, grandparent and special friend visits on May 4th, and until 4:30 each day. What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event.

Family Event Date/Times: On Grandparents and Special friends day (May 4th) the book fair will be open from 9:00-11:15.

Parents please register!

Here's how:

Step 1: Go to this website:

<https://106.schoolcashonline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

**Thank you parents as we move
to ONLINE ONLY in September !!!**