

## Dates to Remember – June, 2018

June 1	Hot Lunch, Make up day for Gr. 6 EQAO
June 7	Hot Lunch, Perseverance Assembly
June 7	Family Literacy Night- 6 to 7:30 pm, K to gr. 4, see attached flyer
June 8	PA Day, no school for students, teachers work on report cards and student assessment
June 11-13	Grade 7/8 Brock trip
June 15	Hot Lunch
June 19	Year End Party for Kindergarten
June 21	Year End trip to the Zoo-Kindergarten
June 22	Hot Lunch, Grade Eight Graduation Ceremony (evening)
June 22	Primary Play Day, hosted by Mrs. Coulis's and Mr. Neeb's classes
June 28	Last day of school for students
June 29	PA day for staff-year end activities, planning for the fall

### A Message from the Principal...

Thank you to our volunteers for the EQAO event. Mrs. Baxter was responsible for planning the EQAO breakfast menu, buying the groceries, and organizing the daily breakfasts. Mr. Torelli and Mrs. Head, our custodial staff, set up and tidied up the stage. Our family volunteers and some teaching staff helped prepare and serve the breakfasts. Our teachers came early, welcoming and supervising the students at breakfast. The students ate hearty breakfasts and tried their best at the EQAO assessment. We had volunteers helping students with reading, scribing and supervising quiet spaces for our students. Staff were flexible in changing their prep times to accommodate the EQAO schedule. I am thoroughly impressed with the dedication of our staff, families, volunteers and students. A special thank you to Ms. Matheson, our learning resource teacher for organizing the volunteers, spaces and communicating to staff re: changes for the weeks.

**A safety concern...**As you know, school is dismissed at 3 pm. Students in the kindergarten area at the front of the school are picked up by family members, guardians or older siblings. Students in grades one through eight are dismissed to the back of the school. Many of these students walk around to the front of the school to make their way home.

When you are picking up your child at the front of the school, please use the kiss and drop area not the teacher parking lot. We have people backing up and pulling out and there is the possibility of hitting a child with the vehicle. As well, parking on a side street is a great idea to help with safety. You and your child can walk back to the car together from the school.

Thank you for your help keeping our students safe by using the kiss and drop area or parking on a side street.

## **Summer School Offers Students a Chance to Get Caught Up, Get Ahead**

Registration is underway for summer school courses provided through Grand Erie District School Board this July for students in Grades 6-12 looking to earn a full credit, change to a different pathway, repeat an unsuccessful course or improve marks.

“Summer school offers a different kind of learning environment with smaller class sizes, and a condensed schedule to accelerate student achievement,” said Denise Martins, Superintendent of Education at Grand Erie. “There’s a wide range of course offerings, so it’s a great option for students looking to gain a new start or for those wanting to get ahead.”

In-class summer school locations are hosted at Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School and Hagersville Secondary School. Bus transportation is available for interested students. Other learning opportunities during the summer include: co-op programs, dual credit courses, and e-learning.

Summer school students receive the same credits they would during the regular school year. Full credit courses run for four weeks. Two-week literacy and numeracy courses for students in Grades 6 and 7 are also available, with registration completed through the student’s home school.

Summer school officially begins Tuesday, July 3 and ends Friday, July 27. For information, including registration forms, visit Grand Erie’s website at [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca).

Thank you to our families and volunteers for supervising trips this June. It is a busy month for all of us, however, school trips are always fun. Thanks to the teachers for organizing these fun, learning events.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Brittain

### **From the School Council...**

Thank you to all the families for your t-shirt donations. To date, with our donations and our Harvey’s fund, we have raised: \$1065. We are \$800 short of our total. Please consider making a donation for our t-shirts. We’d like to order the t-shirts in September to kick off our new school year. Thank you.

Also, we are reviewing our Dress Code. We will send home a notice within the next two weeks to obtain parent feedback. Mrs. Brittain will send out an email reminder and we will send a paper copy home to you asking for your feedback.

Thank you,

School Council

**Please see the invite for the guest speaker from the Indigenous Studies Department.**

Please see the information from our Speech Department for June and the summer.

## A Note From The Public Health Nurse At Your School...

### Be Sun Smart This Summer

As the warm weather approaches and summer draws near, it's hard to resist going outside to relax or have fun. While the sun's warm rays may feel good on our skin, too much sun can be harmful!

Keep yourself and your children well protected from the sun's harmful rays by following these tips.

- Avoid the sun between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., when the sun's rays are the strongest
- Wear long sleeve, loose fitting clothing that will keep you cool and protected from the sun's rays
- Wear a wide brimmed hat that covers the face, ears and neck
- Cover your eyes by wearing sunglasses that protect from both UVA and UVB rays
- Use sunscreen labelled "broad spectrum" and "water resistant" with a SPF of 30 or higher and remember to:
  - Read the directions, which will tell you when to apply the sunscreen
  - Reapply sunscreen according to package directions, especially after swimming or sweating.
- Protect your lips by using a lip balm with an SPF and reapply it throughout the day
- Find shade or bring your own (e.g. an umbrella)

For more information on sun safety, visit the Canadian Cancer Society website, [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)

### 2018 Fun Pass

Celebrate the summer with savings when you plan a trip to Ontario's attractions with the 2018 Fun Pass.

The 2018 Fun Pass coupons provide free admission for up to two elementary school-aged children at [18 popular attractions](#) when accompanied by a paying adult or senior. Parents can also save \$5 on a daily parking permit at selected [Ontario provincial parks](#). Simply bring a coupon to any participating attraction. Visit [Ontario.ca/funpass](http://Ontario.ca/funpass) for more information about the program and to download the coupons.

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