



NORTH WARD SCHOOL

Success for Every Student

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 7: Tacky Sweater Day and Cinnabon Delivery
- Dec. 12: Christmas Concert: 1:45 & 6:30 pm
- Dec. 14: Red & Green Holiday Wear Day
- Dec. 20: Snowball Dance, Grades 4-8
- Dec. 21: PJ Day, Superstar Assembly 9 am
- Dec. 24: Jan. 6 School Closed - Holidays
- Jan. 7: First Day Back to School
- Jan. 21: PD Day
- Feb. 18: Family Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

During this festive time of year, I am proud of how the students at North Ward are giving back to their community. After so many generous sock donations, we have now started to build our mountain of donated food in support of the Paris Food Bank. The Gr. 5 and 6 classes will soon be walking over to the Fairgrounds to help sort and organize donated food.

We have also received many donations of clothes in support of our Pet Project. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 19.

Lastly, our kindergarten students are baking cookies for "Adopt a Grandparent" this month. These are only a few ways in which North Ward supports others in the community.

We wish you and your family all the best this holiday season.

Ms. C. Shaheen
Principal



SKIP PROGRAM

Mr. Clarke's Grade 5 class is doing a program called SKIP which stands for Senior, Kids Intergenerational Program. Every month we walk to the Telfer Place to play games or do other activities with the seniors. Everyone has enjoyed this experience. We are all excited to go back again.

Brooklynn, Rory and Sydney - SKIP Ambassadors

SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

On potential inclement weather days, transportation services reviews the road conditions and areas of concern. When the decision is made by senior administration to cancel transportation services, the news of the cancellation is spread to our bus companies, local T.V., and radio stations no later than 6:30 a.m. When the buses are cancelled in a school zone, all schools in that zone are closed. Information on which zone(s) have been cancelled can be found by visiting www.stsbhn.ca under the cancellations-closures-morning fog delays icon or by visiting www.granderie.ca. Remember we are zone 3. Parents can also obtain cancellation notifications by listening to CKPC 1380 and 92.1 Brantford, 1150 CKOC, 820CHam, 102.9 KLite FM, 900 CHML 108, 107.9.



We Need Your Input! Grand Erie's Special Education Plan Survey: Open until December 14, 2018

At Grand Erie, we believe all children have individual learning needs. Some children, however, have exceptional learning needs and may require additional resources to reach their learning potential.

Help us ensure *Success for Every Student* by reviewing our Special Education Plan here: [Annual Review of Special Education Plan 2017-18](#) and by providing your input on our Special Education Feedback Survey here: [Special Education Feedback Survey](#)

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Tacky Sweater Day is December 7th here at North Ward! Students have the option to wear an "ugly" Holiday Sweater. During the day we will be turning down the heat in the school to conserve energy and be more green! So stay warm and jolly! If you end up not wearing a sweater, be sure to dress warm!

- Marlie R. and the Social Justice Team

HOLIDAY HAMPER DONATIONS

Mr. Low's and Ms. Southern's class are organizing and collecting non-perishable food items throughout December for the Paris Christmas Hamper. Please continue to bring in donations, we have a pretty decent collection started already!

TALKING MATH WITH KIDS IS IMPORTANT

Do you talk math with your kids?

Most people feel comfortable talking about words, sentences and letters with their children. We read to them at night and help them figure out how to decode words in stories. It's natural for most of us to notice messages on billboards, street signs and restaurants. When it comes to math, we don't seem to be as comfortable. Talking to kids about numbers, fractions and decimals doesn't seem to come as naturally.

Did you know that:

- Research shows that "speaking math" at home with young children has a strong correlation with their achievement in math once they get to school?
- Parents "talk more math" with their sons than their daughters?
- Familiarizing young children with number words helps to create an interest in math in later years?
- The more you "talk numbers" with your young children, the greater understanding they will have of basic math concepts.
- "Speaking math" at home benefits students of all grade levels; demonstrating the real life connections as well as deepening understanding.

How can you bring numbers into conversations with your children?

- Notice and talk about numbers on signs (speed limits, distances, addresses, 911 numbers)
- Engage young children in counting (toys they are playing with, pieces of food on their plate)
- Refer to the calendar, number of days until an event, weeks, months?
- Discuss weather predictions, temperatures
- Discuss sport statistics, numbers in video games, baking measurements, costs of items - tax
- Encourage older students to read decimals using quantity; ie. 1.2 is (one and two tenths), 0.004 (four one hundredths)

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM THE STAFF AT
NORTH WARD SCHOOL**