

Brier Park School Newsletter

Dates to Remember January, 2019

- Jan. 8 School Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library
- Jan. 9 Pizza Lunch
- Jan. 14 Pink Shirt Day Order forms available on line. Opens on the 14th and closes on Jan. 18th
- Jan. 16 Pizza Lunch
- Jan. 16 Valentine Day Cookie Orders available on line. Opens on the 16th and closes on the Jan 30th. This is a fundraiser being offered through the School Council. Cookies will be delivered to students on the second nutrition break on Feb. 14th.
- Jan. 23 Pizza Lunch
- Jan. 21 PD Day- No school for students, teachers are working on report cards
- Jan. 22 Harvey's Night, 3 to 7 pm, Harvey's at the Leon's plaza
- Jan. 30 Pizza Lunch
- Jan. 30 Spirit Day – Students contribute a dollar to wear a hat in the school. Donations are given to Strong Start. On line orders open on Jan. 16th and close on Jan. 30th.
- Jan. 31 Integrity Character Trait assembly, 11:30 am
- Feb. 8 Valentine's Day for grades six, seven, eight. On line orders open on Jan. 25th and close on Feb. 1st.

Principal's Message

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. I heard from many students sharing their holiday experiences with me. Several students had a great time visiting family and friends. On my Monday walk through, I saw some of the opening activities teachers prepared for the day. It was a pleasure to hear the responses to the sentence starter, "On my holiday, I..." from the students in Mrs. Halabecki's and Mrs. Pettman's class. Mrs. Stott's students each set a goal for the new year. Mr. Sturgeon's students spoke about their holidays and how much they appreciated seeing family members over the break.

January promises to be a month of chilly temperatures and new learning. Please ensure your child has proper clothing for the weather. We will be outside for recesses until the temperature reaches -25* C with the wind chill.

Teachers are busy completing assessment to use for the report cards and future planning. The PA day on January 21st is used by teachers to write report card comments and calculate grades, percentages.

We are celebrating Pink Shirt Day on Thursday, February 28th. We are ordering pink shirts if you so choose. Orders are available on line. If you require a print order form, please see Mrs. Brittain.

Safety Concern

Our staff parking lot and our drive through area are congested during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

The staff parking lot is for staff only. The Kindergarten classes exit out to the sidewalk near the parking lot. It is unsafe for families to park, pick up kindergarten students and leave using the staff parking lot.

I would like to ask you to park in the parking lot between Resurrection School and Brier Park and allow your child to use the pathway to that parking lot. As well, students could walk the pathway to Winding Way and then be dropped off/picked up there. Also, if you could park on Brier Park Road and then you could walk to the school to drop off/pick up your children.

Following one of these suggestions would be greatly appreciated as it respects everyone's safety.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Brittain

Save the Date: Wed. March 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

The School Council has received a Parent Reaching Out grant. They are hosting a Family Wellness evening. Parents and children can enjoy the event together. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the event.

January is Kindergarten Registration Month!

Parents: starting Kindergarten is a big deal – for your little one, and you! There's so many new things to learn and explore. There's new routines to start, new friends to make, and new teachers to meet. We understand it's a big step, and a major milestone. But, when you're ready to let them go, we'll be here to welcome them!

From: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 to Friday, February 15, 2019

Documentation required: Proof of Citizenship: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Status Card or other out of country documentation

Proof of Address from a current Utility bill, Credit Card bill, Rental Receipt showing full address signed by owner or Proof of Sale of Property.

Please call 519-759-8682 to make an appointment for registration.

A Note From the Public Health Nurse at Your School...
A Positive Start to the New Year

Each New Year brings with it New Year's resolutions and an opportunity to make positive changes in our lives. This year, think about how you can be a positive role model for your child and help them develop healthy attitudes and habits that will last a lifetime.

Focus on being active and eating well.

- Add physical activity into your daily plans. Make it a family event and let your children choose the activities that they would like to try.
- Encourage your children to turn off the TV and head outdoors to play instead.
- Include your kids in planning, shopping for, preparing and serving meals; visit <https://www.cookspiration.com/> for tips.
- Role model positive eating habits by eating meals together as a family. Visit www.unlockfood.ca for more tips on creating a positive home eating environment.

Please see the attachment from the Health Nurse regarding a suggestion from the **Triple P parenting program**.