



Greenbrier School

Newsletter

Zone 4

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February 2019

From the Principal

Important Dates

Feb. 14—Report Cards Home
Feb. 18—Family Day
Feb. 19—School Council Meeting
Feb. 27—Pink Shirt Day
Mar. 11—15—March Break

Dear Parents:

Well, we survived January! It was a cold one and the students had to be kept in for too many days to protect them from frostbite. Fortunately, the weather has now modified, so they can get out.

One issue that became very apparent during the cold snap was that a number of parents continued to pull their vehicles into the drive-through during peak times. This created some very dangerous moments. The drive-through is designated specifically and only for busses and the vehicles of a few of our Special Needs students. As well, emergency vehicles can use this area. For all other vehicles, this area is OFF LIMITS for the times 8:40 to 9:30 and 2:15 to 3:30. Our primary purpose for this restriction is to protect the safety of your children. We have seen a few close calls and a few instances where the busses were blocked by cars at a time when they needed to get in. They use the entire end of the drive-through depending on which students they are picking up. Students do walk onto the road, so the fewer cars in there, the better. We will be trying to assist parents in this matter by occasionally going outside to direct traffic. We do hope you understand.

Another safety procedure will be acted on this month. On Thursday, 28 February, at some time during the day, we will be having a Lock Down practise drill. We do let you know the day so that if you get a panicked text from a child, you will know it is just a drill. Again this is a legal requirement and is designed to protect your children.

Report cards go out on 14 February, Valentine's Day. We appreciate your support in the education of your children and ask that you contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the report. Of course, I expect that you have already been apprised of your child's progress through the term, but we are always available for further discussion.

Regards,
Tom Smith
Principal

Kindergarten Registration

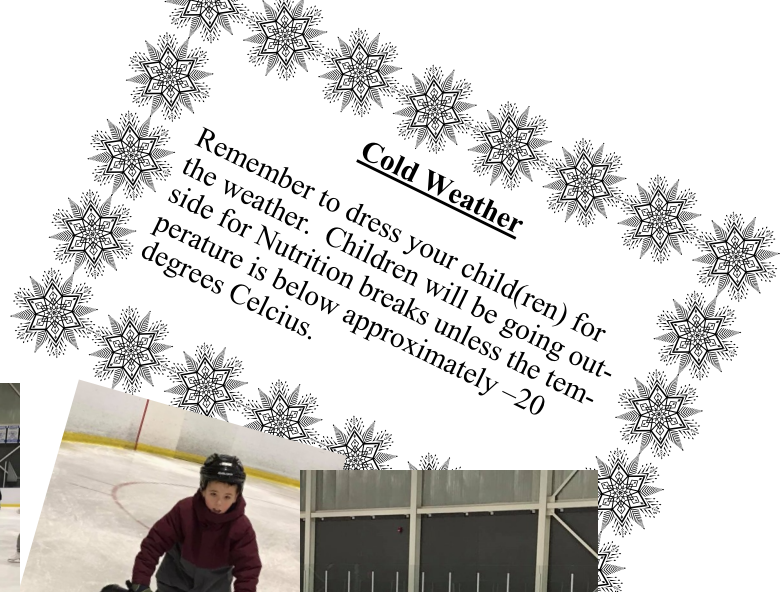
With the new year we begin our Kindergarten Registration. Children who will be four by the end of December 2019 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten and children who will be five by the end of December are eligible for Senior Kindergarten beginning in September.

Early learning is so important for our children. Our kindergarten program provides a caring setting for developing social skills in a learning environment rich in early language and mathematics opportunities.

We will be running a Welcome To Kindergarten program for parents and their children. Registered students will receive an invitation to attend. Attending parents will receive a bag of exciting learning materials to help prepare their children for Kindergarten entry. If you or someone you know has a child eligible for Kindergarten please contact Mrs. Pineau at 519-756-5173 to arrange a registration time.

Inclement Weather

Also, a reminder that if the school buses for our zone (4), are cancelled, the schools are closed. Please listen to CKPC 92.1 FM or 1380 A.M. for this information. You may also check the Grand Erie Board website at www.granderie.ca and all cancellations are posted there.



Skating 2019



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE!

- ⇒ There are an unacceptable number of students coming in late every day. School starts promptly at 9 a.m. and students are expected to be on the school ground prior to that time to come in their own door at the bell.
- ⇒ Please ensure you make pick up arrangements prior to the starting of the school day. We do understand that occasionally circumstances change throughout the day, however, please understand that phone calls with instructions are disruptive to the learning process.
- ⇒ If your child is unwell, please keep them home to help contain the spread of germs.
- ⇒ If you are keeping your child home, please ensure you call the school prior to 9 a.m. This includes if they have an appointment and will be late coming to school.
- ⇒ Finally, please ensure your child comes with everything they will need for a day of learning and outdoor activities at 9 a.m. Again, having to call them out of class is disruptive to their day.

School Council

Next Meeting is
February 19, 2019
7:00 p.m.

The Social Justice Club will be selling Valentine treats to raise money for children in need.
More information to follow

REMINDER...REMINDER...REMINDER

THE FRONT ROUND-ABOUT IS STRICTLY FOR BUSES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS ONLY.

DO NOT DROP OFF OR PICK YOUR CHILD UP IN THIS AREA.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION WITH THIS

Smoke-Free Ontario Act: Changes Impact All Grand Erie Schools

Last fall, the Government of Ontario passed the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which prohibits smoking tobacco or cannabis as well as all vaping in public areas, including schools.

The new law specifically states that a person can not smoke or vape in or around a school. This includes all indoor spaces and all outdoor areas like playgrounds and sports fields. It also prohibits smoking and vaping in public areas within 20 metres of the property line of a school or School Board facility. For reference, 20 metres equals 65 feet, or the approximate length of 1.5 school buses.

A person caught smoking or vaping in a prohibited area may be charged with an offence and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 for a first offence, if convicted.

To assist Grand Erie with this change, the local Health Unit will be providing new signage for all schools and Board facility sites. Through our Public Health Nurses, education information will be available for those looking to quit smoking or vaping. The Board will also be removing all traditional smoking and vaping areas.

Understandably, this is a significant change that will require everyone's cooperation. We don't want to see anyone charged. Therefore, we're asking for your support and assistance in ensuring everyone meets the requirements of this new law.

Feedback Form:

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As always, we sincerely appreciate your feedback. Feel free to let us know your questions, suggestions and compliments at any time.

We appreciate your feedback. Please respond either by paper or electronic means. Send your comments to tom.smith@granderie.ca.

Compliments:

Concerns:

Recommendations:

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

