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BELL TIMES

8:45 am: Entry Bell

10:45am – 11:25am:
First Nutrition Break

1:25pm – 2:05pm:
Second Nutrition Break

3:05pm: Dismissal



Is it Spring yet??? As we plugged away through the winter months, and an unprecedented number of school closures this year, staff and students have remained on track and continue to focus on maximizing student outcomes. The tasks and activities that students are engaging in provide opportunities for them to hone their skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving. These are skills that will help them to be successful both in school and beyond.

With spring's arrival, it's an exciting time of year for all. As the days get longer and we spend more time outside, this is a good time to remind your children about playing safely in the community. Spring is also an important time to think about safety in our homes. Please check to make sure you have both working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and a fire safety plan for evacuating your family in the event of an emergency. At school, we will be conducting our own emergency preparedness drills (fire, lockdown, shelter in place, evacuation) over the coming months.

What's Ahead:

April 3, 17 – Pita Days

April 5, 11 (Thurs), 18 (Thurs), 26 – Pizza Days

April 12 – P.D. Day (No School for students)

April 19 & 21 - Easter Break (No School)

Other Important Dates:

Apr 2 – Autism Awareness Day

Apr 10 – International Day of Pink

Apr 19, 21 – Good Friday & Easter Monday

Apr 20-27 – Passover (Judaism)

Apr 22 – Earth Day

For a complete list of Significant World Dates please visit by copying and pasting in your search engine:

http://www.granderie.ca/application/files/4615/4782/8315/Days_of_Significance_2018.pdf

School Council

You are cordially invited to participate in our next Banbury Heights, School Council Meeting, which will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 17 in the library.



We do appreciate that parking near the school is very limited and it is very tempting to use the school parking lot, but this has become a huge safety concern. There have always been municipally posted signs notifying residents that drop-offs are prohibited in the school parking lot. We would like to thank the many who have adhered to our call for safety, but issues continue to arise to the point of concern. On most days, parking has had to be patrolled by administration, both in the morning and after school, in order to ensure student safety and to keep cars from coming into the lot. This has become a necessity because there are still drivers ignoring the signage. At the same time, residents, whose driveways are being blocked in the mornings and after school are starting to feel less polite.

Another concern has been reported by the day care. Please remember that parking in the daycare lot is not permitted. Please give careful consideration to where you park and adhere to school and city safety laws with respect to parking. We would hate to see our families ticketed, or worse yet, have an injury occur. While we sympathize with the current parking dilemmas and inconveniences many encounter, safety of our students must remain our number one priority. Thank you for supporting us.

Social Networking and Online Safety Information Session for Parents

Grand Erie's Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) is hosting an important and timely social media and online safety information session for all Grand Erie parents on April 16.

Social Networking and Online Safety: What Parents Need to Know will be led by guest speaker Paul Davis who is an expert in social media, and brings more than 27 years of IT knowledge and experience to Grand Erie.

"Social media is an area of major concern for many parents," said Sarah Nichol, Chair of Grand Erie's Parent Involvement Committee. "Social media and other online activities consume a lot of our children's time. As parents, it's important for us to understand these platforms and to find ways to ensure our children and teens are safe when using them."

Davis is an expert in all of the latest social media trends. His presentation will cover cyberbullying, sexting, smartphones, digital trails, online security and other relevant topics.

"Paul's presentation is intense, so parents should come prepared," said Nichol. "He'll scare us, that's a guarantee. But, he'll also offer great tips and advice on how to deal with social media as well as concrete ways to manage and monitor online activities to ensure our kids stay safe. And, he'll give us strategies to communicate with our teens about keeping their online presence safe."

Social Networking and Online Safety: What Parents Need to Know takes place on Tuesday, April 16 at 6 p.m. in the Gord Paynter Theatre at North Park Collegiate and Vocational School (280 North Park Street, Brantford, Ontario).

Parents are asked to RSVP by Wednesday, April 10 to kimberly.newhouse@granderie.ca.

Students need to be dressed adequately to be outdoors for recess. All students are expected to go outdoors for both recesses. It is a good idea for all students to have an extra pair of mitts and socks in their backpacks in case the ones they are wearing become too wet. Remember that in order for a student to leave for lunch during second nutrition break, the school requires a signed lunch form indicating this, or a phone call to the office if it is a non-regular occurrence.