



Greenbrier School Newsletter Zone 4 (519) 756-5173

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April 2019

Dear Parents:

April is going to be a busy month. On the Wednesday, April 3rd, the joint Greenbrier/Brier Park Park/Grandview Parent Reaching Out event will be held at North Park High School. Thank you to all the parents who responded to the survey and indicated your interest in participating. **If you did not respond to the survey, but would still like to participate, please do come. All are welcome!**

The list of events is below:

SCHEDULE – APRIL 3RD

6:30-6:45: Begin in the mini theatre; brief overview from speakers about their workshops; sign up

5 min. transition

6:50-7:20: 1st Workshop

5 min. transition

7:25-7:55: 2nd Workshop

5 min. transition

8:00-8:30: 3rd Workshop

Pick up swag bag, informed of survey monkey, thank you, goodbye!

Food will be available throughout the evening

CHILD CARE

Most sessions are for both parents and students.

Information sessions for just parents - kids will have activities to keep them busy at the back of room; we will supply colouring and not-too-messy crafts; high school students to supervise and get volunteer hours

This promises to be a great event. Please join us. A flyer with more detailed information about this event is being sent with this newsletter. Please see it and choose your sessions. I hope to see you there.

April 12 will be a PA day, so you will have a long weekend with your children. School Council meets at 7:00 on Tuesday, April 16. We are looking for more parents to come out to the meetings. We are hoping to address the issue of a new playground structure, as the City is tearing down the structure we currently use.

April 19 to 22 is Easter Weekend. I hope all enjoy the event and celebrate the fullness of the spring.

If you have any questions or concerns, please note these on the Feedback Form or, if urgent, call me at the school.

Tom Smith
Principal

Healthy Snacks, Healthy Kids

Every week, twice a week without fail our children enjoy a healthy snack. Our team of volunteers take time to carefully budget and shop for a variety of healthy snacks. It is not an easy task and we appreciate the time and effort the volunteers give for our students.



EQAO Dates

Our students in grades 3 and 6 will be completing the Primary and Junior EQAO assessment between May 21st and May 31st.

As all of our students are required to complete this assessment we ask that you avoid booking doctor, dentist and other appointments as well as family excursions during this time. A schedule of specific testing dates will be shared with you soon

Education Week/Book Fair

The first week of May is Education Week. Information with regards to activities will be coming home later. Also, we will be having our Book Fair that week also.

Motivating Your Child Self-motivation lasts a lifetime

Some parents give kids money for every good grade on a report card. That may work, but it puts the emphasis on the reward, not the learning. That can be the problem with a lot of so-called "motivation" ideas. Students learn to depend on a "push" from parents rather than their own desire to succeed.

You won't always be there to promise a reward for getting a job done. Eventually your child will have to learn how to motivate himself. You can help.

The next time your child brings you a good school project, don't automatically offer praise. Instead, ask, "Are you proud of that?" When your child says yes, ask a second question: "How do you feel about being successful?"

Your child will probably say that it feels pretty good. And that's the information you can use again and again. Point out to him that he is capable of doing very good work. He can achieve. And when he does, it feels pretty good.

Use this approach when your child is struggling, too. Say, "Remember when you thought you couldn't do long division? You worked hard and you did it. You were proud of yourself. I know that if you work hard you can do this, too!"

Source: Bob Sullo, 'Activating the Desire to Learn'

Greenbrier Parent Council Update! **We welcome spring with 2 exciting events.**

The Kidney Foundation Clothing Drive is taking place until April 10th. Donations welcome! For questions please contact Amber Haw walkamber@gmail.com

Parent to Parent is Sunday May 5th from 11-4. If you know anyone wishing to register for a table please contact Sarah McLaughlin sarahmclaughlin2015@gmail.com

Find us on facebook: @GreenbrierPS

Or on Remind:

<https://www.remind.com/join/6642gh>

Our Fundraising efforts this year will support the purchase of a buddy bench.

Our parent council supports the school with fundraising and grant applications.

Some of our future goals include:

The creation of a school/community garden and improving the outdoor space for our children

We cannot achieve this without your support!

New Parents are welcomed to our meetings which are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm

**A Note From the Public Health Nurse at Your School...
Dental Health Matters**

Every child should have their teeth checked. Worried about the cost? Healthy Smiles Ontario can help.

Healthy Smiles Ontario is a government funded program. It covers the cost of basic dental care such as exams, x-rays, and fillings. The Healthy Smiles Ontario website has more information. www.ontario.ca/page/get-dental-care.

Your child may be eligible if:

The child is 17 years old or younger

You cannot pay to take your child to the dentist

You do not have any dental coverage

Or

You have dental coverage but it costs too much to use

Still have questions? Contact Dental Services at the Brant County Health Unit. We are happy to talk with you. We can support you to get help paying for your child's visit to the dentist.

There are three ways to contact the Brant County Health Unit.

Call us at 519-753-4937 ext. 450.

Email dental@bchu.org

Visit the website at www.bchu.org/dental



♥ **Welcome to
Kindergarten**

**OUR WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN IS
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 25TH.**

**Any children that are registered for
September 2017 will receive an invitation
to attend this event.**