

# June Newsletter, 2019

## Dates to Remember –

June 5	Pizza Day
June 7	PA Day, no school for students, teachers work on report cards and student assessment
June 12-14	Grade 7/8 Brock trip
June 12	Pizza Lunch
June 17	Dance for grades 5-7
June 18	Year End Party for Kindergarten
June 19	Pizza Lunch
June 21	Grade Eight Graduation Ceremony (evening)
June 24	Primary Play Day, hosted by Mrs. Coulis's and Mr. Neeb's classes
June 24	Report cards go home
June 26	Pizza Lunch
June 27	Last day of school for students
June 28	PA day for staff-year end activities, planning for the fall

## A Message from the Principal...

Thank you to our volunteers for the EQAO event. Mrs. Baxter was responsible for planning the EQAO breakfast menu, buying the groceries, and organizing the daily breakfasts. Mr. Torelli and Mrs. Head, our custodial staff, set up and tidied up the library. We had grade seven and eight students serving. We had our family volunteers also help to prepare and serve the breakfasts. Our teachers came early, welcoming and supervising the students at breakfast. The students ate hearty breakfasts and tried their best at the EQAO assessment. We had volunteers helping students with reading, scribing and supervising quiet spaces for our students. Staff were flexible in changing their prep times to accommodate the EQAO schedule.

Thank you to Mr. Brennan, Mr. Petersen, Mrs. Cowan and Mr. Nicholson for their work running the Brier Park track meet, the Regional Track Meet and to Mr. Petersen and Mr. Nicholson for helping at the County meet.

Thank you to Mrs. Mullan for her help labelling and making the popcorn bags for our popcorn days.

As I look at the calendar, June promises to be a busy month. Teachers are busy writing report cards and soon I'll be busy reading them. Please take some time to read through the report card and complete the section of strengths and goals with your child. Please return that section to the school.

I will send home one more newsletter at the end of June.

Enjoy the month!

Mrs. Brittain

### **A Note From The Public Health Nurse At Your School...**

#### **Be Sun Smart This Summer**

As the warm weather approaches and summer draws near, it's hard to resist going outside to relax or have fun. While the sun's warm rays may feel good on our skin, too much sun can be harmful!

Keep yourself and your children well protected from the sun's harmful rays by following these tips.

- Avoid the sun between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., when the sun's rays are the strongest
- Wear long sleeve, loose fitting clothing that will keep you cool and protected from the sun's rays
- Wear a wide brimmed hat that covers the face, ears and neck
- Cover your eyes by wearing sunglasses that protect from both UVA and UVB rays
- Use sunscreen labelled "broad spectrum" and "water resistant" with a SPF of 30 or higher and remember to:
  - Read the directions, which will tell you when to apply the sunscreen
  - Reapply sunscreen according to package directions, especially after swimming or sweating.
- Protect your lips by using a lip balm with an SPF and reapply it throughout the day
- Find shade or bring your own (e.g. an umbrella)

For more information on sun safety, visit the Canadian Cancer Society website, [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)



## **Reminder: All Grand Erie Schools Are Smoke-Free**

The Province's Smoke-Free Ontario Act prohibits smoking tobacco or cannabis and vaping within 20 metres of a school's property line. For reference, 20 metres is the approximate length of 1.5 school buses.

The law covers all indoor areas at schools in Ontario as well as all outdoor spaces, such as playgrounds, parking lots and sports fields. Anyone caught smoking or vaping in a prohibited area could face a minimum fine of \$305.

All Grand Erie schools and Board facility sites are smoke-free. For those looking to quit smoking or vaping, there are supports available through the local Health Unit or our school's Public Health Nurse.

For more information on the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, visit: <https://bit.ly/2FGV4y5>.