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**January 2018**

**Newsletter**

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Website: <http://www.granderie.ca/schools/courtland>

Happy New Year! I hope all of you were able to enjoy some special family time over the holidays.   
We are looking forward to a very busy and productive second part of the school year. Students have settled into school routines and expectations are well established enabling them to really work hard and achieve their best. Our school plan outlines how we will continue to focus on developing excellent math skills. Our staff meets every month to learn about strategies to improve their practice so that our students continue to improve mathematics skills. Parents, please talk to your child’s teacher about how you can support your child at home in these critical curriculum areas.  
Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Food Drive. The response from our community was tremendous. Thanks to our awesome student government for their leadership in the annual drive. It’s so nice to see our students helping others so much.  
I am very thankful to all the volunteers who help at Courtland School. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive school community. If you are interested in volunteering by joining our COPE Council, helping with the library, or working in the classroom, please contact me at the school and I would be very pleased to speak with you. Let’s all have a great beginning to a new year!  
**Important Upcoming Dates:**

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| January 8 | Classes resume |
| January 11 | Valley Heights S.S. Grade 8 Parents Information Night |
| January 12 | Assembly 2:30 |
| January 12 | P.J. Day |
| January 15 | Delhi staff visiting grade 8 class |
| January 16 | Skills Canada presentation |
| January 17 | Delhi D.S.S. Grade 8 Parents Information Night |
| January 22 | P.D. Day |
| January 23 | Immunizations |
| January 23 | COPE Council meeting 6:30 |
| January 25 | Sara Westbrook Presentation daytime to students, evening for parents |
| January 26 | Colour House Day |
| February 1 | Scientists In the School |
| February 2 | Assembly 2:15 |



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**P.D. DAY**  
A reminder that Monday January 22, 2018 is a Professional Development Day and there will be no classes for students.

**Grade 8 Open Houses at Valley Heights and Delhi D.S.S.**Grade 8 students and their parents are invited to attend the Grade 8 Open House at Valley Heights on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and at Delhi on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 also at 6:00.

**Character Education – Responsibility**Our Character Education focus for the month of December will be “Responsibility”. Our students are learning about what it means to take ownership for themselves; an important attribute to be successful in school and in life. Please help us and reinforce our teaching. home.

**Tiger’s Den**Our Tigers volleyball teams, had a great season. All teams were exemplary in demonstrating great sportsmanship and team spirit. Congratulations to our teams and their coaches, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Mrs. Box and Mr. Antoniolli for such a  
successful season. Tigers Roar!   
Basketball is coming up next!

**Save the Date** Grade 8 Graduation Ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at the Courtland Community Centre. Please save the date!

**Well Done Courtland Students and Families!**

Thanks to our students and their families for all of the support for our annual food drive. We collected 350lbs of food to support our local food bank.

**SCHOOL WEB SITE**Please visit our new and improved school website, featuring a monthly calendar!  
Website: http://www.granderie.ca/schools/courtland



**Panzerotti Lunches**  
Beginning on January 29 we will be offering Godfather’s panzerotti lunches every Monday for $4.00. Students can choose from cheese or pepperoni. Order forms are attached to this newsletter   
and are due on   
January 17, 2018.

**Holiday Open House a Huge Success!** Thank you to all of the parents, family and friends who attended our open house on December 5 and made the event such a fun night for all. It was lots of fun creating crafts together. Thanks also to the excellent Courtland staff for all of their support and the COPE for organizing the basket draw!

**Sara Westbrook Coming to Courtland!**Sara Westbrook is a dynamic entertainer with a powerful and positive message for students and their families. Sara will be presenting to our students during the day on January 25, 2018 and to our parent community in the evening. For more information visit her website: [www.sarawestbrook.com](http://www.sarawestbrook.com)  
Mark your calendars! Don’t miss this event!



**Inclement Weather**

As the school year progresses   
it’s possible that inclement   
weather might disrupt bussing   
or that the school may be closed. Please remember that **Courtland Public School** is in **Zone 1** and when buses are cancelled in this zone, the school will be **CLOSED** to all students and staff. In the event of inclement weather, please check the board website after 6:30 a.m. under the transportation link, or listen to the news on CHTV or radio: 1150 CKOC, 820 CHAM, 102.9 KLite FM, Easy 101, CKOT (Tillsonburg), or MYFM 98.9. to get up-to-date information about delays or cancellations.



**GEDSB Parent Resources**There are a few great resources on our website to support parents to assist with literacy, numeracy development and child well-being. The Supporting Your Child resource is found under “parents” on the board website

<http://www.granderie.ca/application/files/4515/0180/7549/Supporting_Your_Child_-_Strategies_for_Literacy_Numeracy_and_Well-Being.pdf>

Your interest in Courtland Public School and your continued support is appreciated. Please call Mrs. Stewart if you have any follow up questions or concerns regarding this newsletter.

**Kindergarten Registration   
Begins January 8, 2018**Grand Erie schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. Here, they learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends.   
Grand Erie’s Kindergarten programs help students get off to the best possible start. Children are challenged and encouraged to do their very best and build relationships with caring teachers who are with them every step of the way.   
Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten must be four (4) years old by December 31, 2018 in order to register. Contact Christine Stewart, Principal, or Helen Epp, Secretary at 519 688 2110 or christine.stewart@granderie.ca to arrange a visit or to learn more about what’s needed to register.  
To receive a copy of Grand Erie’s  
*Welcome to Kindergarten Guide,*   
please contact Christine Stewart.  
We look forward to seeing you at our   
school soon.

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