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**February 2018**

**Newsletter**



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Wow, January has just whizzed by and we are ready to start our second term. As I reviewed report cards, I was so pleased to see our students working so hard and doing their very best. Please find some time to discuss your child’s progress with them and assist them with setting goals for the next term. Teachers are still available to discuss your child’s progress or to address any concerns. Please make arrangements with your child’s teacher should you wish to discuss the term one report card.
One of our areas of focus for school improvement this school year is mathematics. Teachers will be working together to learn how to improve students’ ability to communicate and connect in mathematics. We have also dedicated time every day during the math instructional block to developing basic numeracy skills such as addition and subtraction facts in the early grades and multiplication and division facts in older students. A solid foundation in basic skills enables students to be able to more easily problem solve, communicate and connect while learning math concepts. Perhaps you can find some time as a family to regularly practice these basic skills at home as well. We appreciate your efforts at home to support mathematical knowledge and skills development in our students.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

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| February 1 | Scientists In the School |
| February 2 | Assembly 2:15 |
| February 5-9 | Candy Grams on Sale |
| February 6 & 13 | Grade 3 Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test |
| February 8 | Chocolate Bar kick off Assembly |
| February 9 | Intermediate Ski Trip to Chicopee |
| February 12 | Report Cards go home |
| February 16 | Chocolate Sales begin |
| February 16 | Red Pink & White Day / Dance |
| February 19 | Family Day |
| February 23 | Wacky Dress Up Day |
| February 28 | Pink Shirt Day  |
| March 2 | Assembly @ 12:30 |
| March 12-16 | March Break |

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**Character Education – Inclusiveness**Our Character Education focus for the month of February will be “Inclusiveness”. Our students are learning about what it means to make sure everyone is included and appreciated. Let’s all support inclusiveness on Pink Shirt Day, February 28!

**Sara Westbrook
A Huge Hit!** Students and parents
alike were very impressed with our Sara Westbrook presentation. Sara shared her powerful message about being resilient and respectful through story and song. “ Ask your students about “Superhero Respect” and Sara’s creed “I choose to respect myself, others and my dreams”. Find out more about Sara at sarawestbrook.com and on facebook and Instagram.



**COPE Council
 Dance-a-thon:**
Get your child to dust
 off his/her dancing
 shoes and get ready for the annual
COPE Council Dance-athon on Friday, February 24th. This event is a favourite activity for our students and a sure way to ban the winter blahs!

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

**COPE CALENDAR**

The annual COPE Calendar Fundraiser is back! COPE Council members have been busy canvassing the local community for donations for prizes for our exciting calendar draw. All the donated prizes are listed on a calendar for the month of May and winners are drawn daily for the entire month. Each student in the school will be given 10 calendars to sell for $5.00 each. A letter explaining this fundraiser in more detail will be attached to the back of the 10 calendars your child will bring home to sell. If you would like to contribute a prize to be included in this fundraiser, please drop it off at the school to Mrs. Epp in the office. Friday, March 10th is the deadline for prize donations.

**Student Government News:**
The Student Government is planning a Grade 7 and 8 Valentine’s dance on Friday, February 16th. On February the 16th you can show your love! Wear red, white and/or pink and bring 50 cents to earn a point for your colour house. Be as creative as you can to show your school spirit. Candy Grams - February 14th is almost here. Get ready by buying candy grams for your friends here at Courtland Public School. Students’ Council will be selling them from Monday, Feb. 5th until the 9th in the front foyer, at the first nutrition break each day. Candy grams are 50 cents each and will be delivered to friends on the 14th. They include a creative gift tag and a sucker.

**McDonald’s Lunch**We will be having another McDonald’s lunch on February 21. Thanks for organizing this COPE!

**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.

**Chocolate Bar School Fundraiser**This year our school will be trying a new fundraiser. We will be selling Laura Secord Chocolates and Lamontagne Almonds to raise funds that support many programs within the school. A letter with more information and permission form will be sent home soon. A kick-off assembly is planned for February 8, 2015 at which time, students will be able to see the prizes that they may win if they participate in the fundraising. Each year, fundraising dollars help to subsidize the school trips, events such as Scientists in the School and Sara Westbrook and extra technology purchases. Thank you for your support of our school.



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.

**Courtland Clubs**
We will be starting up the LEGO Club again this year for grades 4, 5, & 6 students. We are also beginning a computer coding club using the program “Scratch”. These opportunities for students are available during recess once per week.

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