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Message from the Principal

Welcome back! We would like to welcome all the families and students back to school starting January 9th 2017. We would also like to congratulate Ms. Grinton for taking on a permanent position with Princess Elizabeth School starting on Jan. 9th, 2017. In her place we would like to welcome Ms. Peichl who will work alongside Mrs. Atfield in our Kindergarten room.

Remember, first term report cards will be coming home on February 16th. If you have any questions or concerns prior to your child's report card arriving home please do not hesitate to contact your teacher for clarification.

As in December, we expect that the weather conditions will vary, meaning that we can expect some extreme weather temperatures. Please ensure that students are well equipped to play outside during nutrition breaks and if temperatures exceed between -18 to -20 degrees we will make sure students are kept indoors.

Happy New Year

Mr. G. Rowe

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Math Moments

The Role of Parents/Guardians in Supporting Math Learning

Children do better at school when their parents are involved. Your child's teacher will do his/her best to keep you well informed throughout the school year, and will always be glad to hear from you. Ask your child's teacher about your child's strengths, areas in which to improve, and how you can best offer support at home.

Myths and Facts:

Myth: The math my child is learning in school is "new."

Facts:

Your child is learning the same math facts and formulas you did—such as $2 \times 2 = 4$, and the circumference of a circle is $2\pi r$. But the way math is taught has evolved in recent decades. Today's math learning emphasizes the development of understanding of concepts and skills, so that your child is able to apply these confidently in new situations. It also focuses on developing critical thinking, problem solving, and communication skills.

Your child is learning some topics and skills that you may not have learned in elementary school. These include data management and probability, and how to use calculators and computers to help model and solve math problems. What your child is learning in math class, and how your child is learning, are equipping your child for success in today's knowledge-based economy and our global world.

Myth: Now that we have calculators, students don't need to know how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide, nor do they need to memorize the "math facts" (such as $7 \times 6 = 42$).

Fact: Knowing how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide are essential math skills and a major emphasis in the Ontario math curriculum. Automatic recall of math facts is needed in higher-level math. Games where children need to keep track of a score or that require automatic recall of math facts are a fun way to practise. Look for opportunities where your child can develop fluency. It takes time. This is a key area where you can help your child at home, by encouraging lots of practise in a variety of ways.



Come join us at the Early Learning and Parenting Center

At **King George School**

This is a free drop-in for parents and caregivers with children 0-6 years of age. Ring buzzer at the back of the school. If you have questions about development or health we can find the right resources for you ☺

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:00-11:30

Setting a New Direction in Grand Erie

Grand Erie trustees approved a new strategic direction to guide the work we are doing.

In the centre of this 2016-2020 Multi-Year Plan is **SUCCESS** for Every Student.

We will achieve this through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations.

The indicators that will support our goal include Achievement, Well-Being, Equity, Environment, Technology and Community.

For more information, visit www.granderie.ca/board/multi-year-plan

PARENT REMINDER

- ✓ **Parent Council – Jan 10th**
- ✓ **PD Day – Jan. 23rd**

Extra- Curricular

Winter Intramurals

Starting January 9th students in grades 4-8 have been given the opportunity to participate with our intramural program.

January – Indoor Soccer

February – Indoor Basketball

March – Indoor Floor Hockey

There are 6 teams of 10 players that play every day during the second nutrition break, in the gym. Students who have signed up will require running shoes in order to participate (shorts and a t-shirt are recommended). A schedule of the teams and dates will be posted in all classrooms and sent home so students are aware of their scheduled times.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Next school council meeting is on Tuesday, Jan10th, 2017 at 5:30. We look forward to your attendance. Babysitting is available.

Public Health Nurse Message

**STOP Germs in Their Tracks – Wash
your Hands!**

If you have ever been sick with the cold or flu, blame a Germ! You cannot see germs but they can make you sick!

The single most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and spreading germs to others is to wash your hands. Germs can live on surfaces like desks and keyboards for up to several days. By washing your hands properly, you are reducing the spread of germs as well as being a positive role model for your children.

Stop germs in their tracks by following some of these tips:

- Wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 15 seconds (about the length of time it takes you to sing the “Happy Birthday” song).
- Wash your hands before and after you eat, when you use the bathroom and after blowing your nose/using a tissue.
- Keep your hands away from your nose, eyes and mouth.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sneeze into your elbow
- Stay at home if you are sick
- Get your flu shot – Book appointments with your doctor, or contact the Brant County Health Unit by visiting www.bchu.org or calling 519-753-4937 ext. 446. Anyone five years and older can also get their flu shot at a participating pharmacy.

Brantford Public Library News

Homework Help Centre (Program runs fall/winter only)

Would your child benefit from some extra homework support outside of school hours? If so, Homework Help is the perfect solution! Homework Help is a drop-in program run by the **Laurier Students for Literacy (LSFL)**. Homework support is available for students in grades 3 to 8. Please note that a parent/guardian must remain in the library while their child is in the Homework Help Centre. For more information, call the Library at 519-756-2220.

The Homework Help Centre hours of operation are:

Monday - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Through the fall/winter only

Book Buddies (Program runs fall/winter only & registration is required)

We can help children who are having trouble with their reading. The Book Buddies program provides one-on-one tutoring for struggling readers in grades 2 to 6. A Laurier Students for Literacy volunteer will be paired with your child to provide weekly reading support. Parent/guardian must remain in the Library while the child is with their buddy.

Registration information for the fall and winter sessions of Book Buddies will be announced closer to the dates each session runs.

Spectacular Specials

Skating and a Movie

Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, January 07, 2017	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Saturday, January 14, 2017	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Saturday, January 21, 2017	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Saturday, January 28, 2017	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Saturday, February 04, 2017	2:30pm - 4:00pm

**FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION, PLEASE
CONTACT THE BRANTFORD
PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

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