



## School Newsletter March 2017

### Outstanding Achievements in Competitive Performances

Our annual Storytelling and Speech Festival was held Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful day highlighted by many enthusiastic storytellers and public speakers with original topics. Congratulations to all the contestants for the confidence and skill they demonstrated in front of their peers and the judges! Thank you to the parents who attended to watch their children. The judges were very impressed with the quality of the presentations and also, the excellent listening skills of the other students in the audience. Well done Bulldogs!

The **Primary (Gr. 1-3) representatives sharing poems, stories and speeches** were: Aynslee M, Roy B, Quinn W, Brooklyn B, Aggie H, Ava V, Darren L, Harper T, Max A, Cooper H and Noah J. The **Junior (Gr. 4-6) public speakers** were: Maeve H, Julia F, Katie B, Eden C, Hannah B, Cyanne A, Ashton H and Karli S. The **Intermediate (Gr. 7-8) public speakers** were: Grace A, Liam H, Adler L, Stephen S, Maddie B and Megan L. The top 3 students in each division who were chosen to represent Bloomsburg at the Waterford Legion on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> were: **Primary:** Ava V, Harper T and Noah J; **Junior:** Hannah B, Eden C, Ashton H and **Intermediate:** Stephen S, Maddie B, Adler L. Congratulations to all the participants and especially the following students that placed in the top 3 in their categories at the Legion: Harper T- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Primary Division; Maddie B- 1<sup>st</sup> place and Stephen S- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Intermediate Division. Good luck to Maddie B as she moves on to the next level of competition on March 25!

Several of our students participated on their own at last week's Norfolk Musical Arts Festival. From the school, however, our Bulldogs were involved in three different sections of the recent Norfolk Musical Arts Festival. Here are their results.

Tuesday was **French** Second Language. The **grade 6 class** came in FIRST (88%), performing a poem in which the adjudicator commented about their "super focus" and "great group work". They did so well that they received a trophy at the Festival Highlights ceremony. Bravo! Four of our **grade 7** students chose to memorize and perform (in front of about 60 people) a short French poem. They achieved high scores of 84-86%, with a second, tie for third and high merit. These excellent **soloists** included Ella B, Sam B, Abbie S, and Grace A. Our **grade 8** representatives memorized a short French story. Their marks were very high: 83, 85, 87, and 90. (Keep in mind that merit marks in the 70s are common and that they rarely give out 90s). These four students received first, second, third and high merit. Congratulations to Stephen S, Madeline B, Jenaya B, and Emily B.

On Wednesday, our focus was **Music**. Our **recorder ensemble**, comprised of five students in grade 8, performed two contrasting pieces in 2 and 3 parts. We were excited to use our recently purchased alto recorders for this. We achieved second place with a mark of 84%. The **BloomSBURG Choir** competed in the two-part class at the NMAF at St. James United Church in Simcoe on Wed. March 1. They came in second place with a mark of 83. The choir members are Maddie and Katie B, Eden C, Eva D, Madeline B, Nicole C, Chloe C, Mylee S, Leah K, Megan S, Makayla B, Julia F, Selina D, Maeve H, Payton P, Ciara M, Grace L, Rylin W, Sarah E, Jaiden H, Karlie S, Sara B, Danica D.

It is always a privilege to work with these committed students and to be supported by parents and volunteers who accompany us, or come to watch us perform. Looking forward to our future learning experiences at next year's Festival.

Way to go Bulldogs!

Mme Lea, Mrs. Pond, Ms. Stewart and Mrs. Turner

## **Kindergarten Registration Still Open**

Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten must be 4 years old by December 31, 2017 to enroll. Contact Bloomsburg Public School at 519-426-0942 to arrange a visit to the school and to learn more about what you need to register. Continue to spread the word to people you know living in our area.

## **Parent Council**

The next Parent Council meeting is scheduled for March 30 at 6:30 pm. Mark this date on your calendar, as we need many new ideas to support the planning of two upcoming parent events: a clothing swap and Education week open house. Childcare has been arranged, so bring the kids, they'll be kept safe and busy while we meet for an hour.

## **Breakfast Program**

Our Breakfast Program is in need of an additional two parent volunteers. If you can help on a Thursday or Friday morning, please contact the school.

## **Spring into Action with GEPIC!**

Parents play a vital role in education. The Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) invites you to a day of learning and networking. Information and interactive sessions led by Grand Erie District School Board staff include: Achievement, Mental Health and Well-Being, Safe Schools and Educational Technology.

**Date:** Saturday, April 1, 2017

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Ryerson Heights Elementary School, 33 Dowden St., Brantford

Register by March 23, 2017

Visit [www.granderie.ca/gepic](http://www.granderie.ca/gepic)

Coffee and refreshments available upon arrival, and lunch will be served. Child care is also available.

## **Donations**

If your child has gently used ice skates or hockey helmet that no longer fit, consider sending it to our school as a donation. We will be able to use these items as loaners next year.

## **Virtue Focus for March**

Sportsmanship is the virtue of the month. Weekly announcements as well as classroom discussions will highlight the importance of having respect for your opponent, following the rules of the game and demonstrating fair play.

## ***Dates to Remember***

**March 2:** Intermediate Boys Basketball at SCS (alt is Mar 3)

**March 2:** Kick-off assembly for Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser @ 2:45

**March 3:** Gr 2 – 8 skating

**March 10:** Gr 2 – 8 skating

**March 10:** **Lucky Leprechaun Day** – students wear something green

**March 13-17:** March Break – school is closed

**March 15:** **April Online food orders open**

**March 22:** Bowl for Kids Sake Pledge money due

**March 24:** Bowl for Kids Sake event in school gymnasium

**March 24:** April Online food orders **close**

**March 30:** Parent Council meeting @ 6:30

**March 31:** Kick-off assembly for JumpRope for Heart fundraiser @ 2:35

## **School Teams**

The **Junior Basketball** team did a great job this season! Teammates Aleisha M, Marc B, Megan C, Jordyn S, Sam T, Joe T, Brady L, Keegan M, Cyanne A and Ethan J won one game, tied two games and lost three games in a tournament at SCS on February 2. Playing competitive teams like Lynndale Heights, Waterford Public, Delhi Public Elgin Ave and Boston Public, the team had a great day with lots of fun!

Mrs. Barocas

The **Intermediate Girls' Basketball** team played in the Norfolk district tournament at SCS on February 23rd. They finished 12th overall after round robin play and lost for a second time to the top seeded Port Rowan squad. The girls learned a lot about basketball and should be commended for their hard work and growth mindset. Standouts included Ella B with her aggressive play, Melody W's spot-on defence, and team leading scorer Abbie S. Other team members were Grace A, Maddie B and the other Maddie B. Congratulations on the hard work and gritty performance at the tournament!

Mr. Forbes

The **Intermediate Boys Basketball** team participated in the Norfolk regional tournament on March 2. Although we were a shorter team, players battled hard on the court against some much taller opponents. Over the course of the month of February, players learned the fundamentals of basketball, from positioning on the court in both the offensive and defensive zones, rebounding techniques, dribbling and ball protection. Students continued to develop these skills at the tournament and showed growth from where they began in early February. Team members included Owen G, Stephen S, Alex S, Liam C, William R, Max J, Keithen H, Frankie Z, Kaleb D and Travis H. Great skill-building this season, Bulldogs!

Mr. Forbes

## **Spirit Squad**

In February, the Spirit Squad organized student Valentine photo messages which are now displayed on our front hall monitor. They raised \$20.65 which will go toward spring rejuvenation of our school's front flower beds. This campaign, named Bloomsburg Blooms, is an exciting project organized by Mrs. Harris' grade 7 class. They will be studying low maintenance ornamental plant species aimed to beautify the beds. As spring approaches, and you find you have perennials needing a home, consider donating them to our school for this project! Send a message to Mrs. Harris if you think you may have a donation.

# MARCH 2017

SUBJECT Breakfast Program

PERIOD Mornings

|        | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                                       | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SAT/SUN   |
|--------|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| WEEK 1 |  |  | 1<br>Cereal<br>Fruit<br>Water / Milk            | 2<br>Toast w/ Jam<br>Fruit<br>Water                                | 3<br>Scrambled egg<br>wrap<br>water                                | 4/5   |
| WEEK 2 | 6<br>Cereal bars<br>Fruit<br>Water                       | 7<br>Waffles<br>Yogurt<br>Water / Juice        | 8<br>Cereal<br>Fruit<br>Water / Milk            | 9<br>Pancakes<br>w/apple topping<br>Fruit smoothies                | 10<br>Scrambled eggs<br>Toast<br>Yogurt<br>water                   | 11/12   |
| WEEK 3 | 13<br><b>March Break</b>                                 | 14   | 15  | 16   | 17   | 18/19   |
| WEEK 4 | 20<br>Waffles<br>Yogurt<br>Water / Juice                 | 21<br>Cereal bars<br>Fruit smoothies           | 22<br>Cereal<br>Fruit<br>Water / Milk           | 23<br>Toasted Bagel<br>w/cream cheese<br>or jam<br>Yogurt<br>Water | 24<br>Scrambled eggs on<br>English Muffin<br>Fruit<br>Water / Milk | 25/26   |
| WEEK 5 | 27<br>Toasted English<br>Muffin w/jam<br>Yogurt<br>Water | 28<br>Raisin Toast<br>Yogurt<br>Fruit<br>Juice | 29<br>Cereal<br>Fruit smoothies<br>Water / Milk | 30<br>Waffle Stick<br>w/yogurt<br>Water / Milk                     | 31<br>Scrambled egg<br>wrap w/cheese<br>Fruit<br>Water             |   |
| WEEK 6 |  |  |   |  |  |  |

The School Councils of Courtland Public School and Delhi Public School are pleased to host

# SECRETS OF DISCIPLINE

with Ron Morrish

Light Refreshments

**Thursday, March 30, 2017**

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with time after for questions

Delhi Public School, Gym  
227 Queen Street, Delhi N4B 2K6

Are you tired of bargaining with your child just to get a little co-operation? Are you frustrated by his/her lack of respect? Then join us for a special evening with international speaker Ronald Morrish, author of *Secrets of Discipline*, *With All Due Respect*, and *Flip Tips*.

His refreshing presentation will provide you with many practical strategies for teaching children to be responsible and co-operative. You will learn how to discipline without all the deal-making, arguments, and confrontations.



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Please return the RSVP Cutoff to your child's school by

**March 23, 2017.**

For more information contact your local school  
or call 519.582.1890.

**RSVP for the March 30, 2017 Session: Secrets of Discipline**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to your child's school by March 23, 2017 or call 519.582.1890.**

**CUTOFF**



# LOOKING FOR KIDS TO TRY SOFTBALL

There are a number of centres in our area that used to have Softball teams in the Haldimand Erie Fastball League but no longer do.

Port Dover Minor Softball wants to reach out to potential players that live in centres that do not currently offer softball to see if they would like to try it out ... are offering **FREE** indoor sessions to expose potential players to various skills and aspects of the game under a fun environment and hopefully stir up some interest.

Sessions are held at the Lakewood Public School gym ... they are on now and run until the end of April, but only on days when the school is open. Players are welcome anytime. Everyone is asked to bring indoor shoes to avoid getting the gym floor wet. For more info, contact **Peter Timpf** at 519-583-0820 or [ptimpf@sympatico.ca](mailto:ptimpf@sympatico.ca)

| Day                            | Time      | Year born              | "level"          |                     | Day   | Time      | Year born | "level" |                           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------------------------|
| Tues                           | 6:00-7:00 | 2012,2013              | T-Ball           | co-ed, 2014 can try | Thurs | 6:00-7:00 | 09,10,11  | 5-pitch | co-ed,2012 can try        |
| Tues ( <u>till Mar break</u> ) | 7:00-8:30 | 2003,2004<br>2001,2002 | Peewee<br>bantam | girls               | Thurs | 7:00-8:30 | 07, 08    | atom    | Boys, girls, 2009 can try |
| Fri ( <u>after Mar Break</u> ) | 6:00-7:30 | 2003,2004<br>2001,2002 | Peewee<br>bantam | girls               | Thurs | 7:00-8:30 | 05,06     | lassie  | girls                     |