



## School Newsletter February 2017

As we approach the mid-way point in the school year, let us take a moment to review the goals set out by Grand Erie District School Board within its multi-year plan. At the centre of the 2016-2020 plan is an overarching goal of "Success for Every Student". Specific areas of focus in the board's strategic direction include Achievement, Well-Being, Equity, Environment, Technology and Community. Here at Bloomsburg Public School, we have tapped into two areas for our own School Improvement focus: Achievement in Mathematics and Mental Wellness. In Mathematics, renewed attention to using tools called manipulatives is aimed to help students experiment, visualize and improve mathematical understanding. For our second focus, specific strategies are taught to, and practiced by students to maintain or improve Mental Wellness.

Should you have specific questions or ideas related to either the school board's multi-year plan, or our own School Improvement Plan, don't hesitate to contact me.

David Van Laecke, Principal

### ***Dates to Remember***

- Feb 1:** Waterford Lions Club Skate-a-Thon permission forms due
- Feb 1:** Bloomsburg Public School's first weekly **Wasteless Wednesday**
- Feb 2:** National Sweater/Turn Down the Heat day
- Feb 2:** Junior Basketball Tournament at SCS (alt is Feb 6)
- Feb 13:** In-school Speech presentations in morning
- Feb 14:** **Valentine's Day** and 100's day celebration
- Feb 15:** Parent Council meeting at 6:30 – childcare is available
- Feb 16:** Term One Report Cards are sent home
- Feb 19:** Legion Speech competition
- Feb 20:** Family Day – school is closed
- Feb 22:** **PINK** shirt day (Anti-bullying action – promote kindness and acceptance)
- Feb 23:** Intermediate Girls Basketball at SCS (alt is Feb 24)
- Feb 25:** Waterford Lions Skate-a-thon fundraiser
- March 2:** Intermediate Boys Basketball at SCS (alt is Mar 3)
- March 13-17:** March Break – school is closed



## Kindergarten Registration Now Open

Grand Erie schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. Kindergarten students learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends. Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten must be **4 years old** by **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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. To obtain your copy of Grand Erie District School Board's *Welcome to Kindergarten Guide*, contact Mr. Van Laecke. Please spread the word to people you know living in our catchment area.

## Before and After School Child Care

We want to know if you're interested in accessing **Before and After School Care** at our school. Here's your chance to tell us if a program would meet the needs of your family.

If enough parents show interest to run a viable program, a third-party provider will coordinate the service at a fee for the 2017-18 school year. Submit your interest by completing this survey by February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Results for schools will be available after March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

<http://bit.ly/BeforeAfterCare>

## Parent Council

Parent Council's annual Turkey Dinner in December was yet again well planned, delivered and received by all those in attendance! Coordinator Liz Dreyer did a phenomenal job and received accolades of appreciation at January's Parent Council meeting! Parent Council paid for the majority of the meal, catered by Debbie Moffat. Liz also wanted to make sure that the dozens of volunteers were acknowledged for their support and turning out to serve the dinners to thankful students. Some of these volunteers were new, and some have experienced ten years of involvement! Everyone had a great time!

Parent Council also held a 50/50 draw at the school's annual Christmas Concert. Draw winners donated the prize back to Parent Council. Thank you for your generosity, everyone!

Come out to February's meeting to plan ways of putting this year's fundraising to good use, as staff wish list items are prioritized. The meeting is at the school at **6:30 pm on February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Childcare has been arranged, so bring the kids, they'll be kept safe and busy while we meet for an hour.

## Spirit Squad

Spirit Squad collected about **\$420** in donations from Bloomsburg families in December. They were grateful for this generosity. They chose meaningful gifts through the Gifts of Hope organization such as chickens, mosquito netting and school supplies for children living in internationally underdeveloped regions of the world. We are **#bulldogproud**.



## Inclement Weather

Transportation delays and/or Weather-related school closures are communicated in a variety of ways by 6:30 a.m.: radio (FM 98.9, 92.1 & 101.3), websites ([www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca) and [www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca)). **Bloomsburg Public School is in ZONE 1.**

## School Teams

The Intermediate Boys' Volleyball Team competed in a December tournament at SCS. The boys demonstrated a strong improvement in their play as the tournament went on. They communicated well with one another, showed good sportsmanship, and took feedback well to make improvements in their game. The highlight of the day was Liam C serving 16 straight points in a victory over Courtland. Other team members include: Alex S, Travis H, Max J, Keithen H, Frankie Z, and Kaleb D. Great season boys!

Mr. Forbes

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Junior Volleyball Team went to Lakewood to compete in a day long tournament. After 3 gruelling matches, we were beat out but all participants did a wonderful job working together, communicating and trying their best. I am so proud of everyone on the team. Members were Cyanne A, Jordyn S, Talia S-G, Aleisha M, Brady L, Owen B, Joe T, Marc B, Spencer S, Cale M, Keegan M and Ethan B.

Mrs. Johnstone

The Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team had a great season this year. The team members included Jenaya B, Maddie B, Madeline B, Grace A, Taylor K, Dylin M, Haylee D and Melody W. They played 2 exhibition games against Boston PS to prepare for the tournament. At the tournament at Lakewood in December, the girls played well as a team and enjoyed the day with some wins and some losses. Way to go Bulldogs!

Mrs. Pond & Mrs. Thompson

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, about 20 students competed in a free throw competition in our school gym. Sam T, Brady L, Travis H, Owen G, Talia S-G, Melody W and Maddie B. represented our school at the local competition organized by the Knights of Columbus on January 29<sup>th</sup>, where Brady won his division!

Lastly, in sports news, three Bulldog Basketball teams have formed and will be going to tournaments this month. Good luck to all three teams!

## MindUp

A resource being used by our school to promote mental wellness is **MindUp**. Two school assemblies introduced strategies to students for improved wellness. We have also started weekly announcements to promote mental well-being.

Here is a link containing a video to better explain this resource: <https://youtu.be/aNCB1MZDgQA>

## Virtue Focus for February

**Trustworthiness** is one of the most important qualities to have in life. When we are truthful and follow through with the things we say we are going to do, we build trust in those around us.

*SUCCESS* for Every Student

# FEBRUARY 2017

SUBJECT Breakfast Program

PERIOD Mornings

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 1			1 Cereal Fruit Water	2  NO BREAKFAST ~~~ Sorry	3 Scrambled eggs on a bagel Yogurt Water	4/5
WEEK 2	6 Muffins Yogurt Cheese Water / Juice	7 Cereal Bars Fruit Water / Milk	8 Cereal Fruit Water / Milk	9 Oatmeal Applesauce Water / Milk	10 Scrambled eggs with toast Fruit Water / Milk	11/12
WEEK 3	13 Wrap with cream cheese Fruit Water / Juice	14  Bran pancakes with apple cinnamon topping Yogurt Water / Milk  <b>VALENTINE's Day</b>	15 Cereal Fruit Water / Milk	16 Muffins Yogurt Water / Milk	17 Scrambled egg wrap with cheese Water / Milk	18/19
WEEK 4	20 <b>FAMILY DAY</b>	21 Waffles Yogurt Water / Juice	22 Cereal Fruit Water / Milk	23 Muffins Yogurt Water / Milk	24 Scrambled eggs Toast with jam Water / Milk	25/26
WEEK 5	27 Bran pancakes with apple cinnamon topping Yogurt Water / Juice	28 Cereal Bars Applesauce Yogurt Water / Milk				
WEEK 6						