



School Newsletter October 2016

It's hard to believe that October is already here! Students have settled well into the routines of a new school year. We are off to a great start. It was a pleasure to see so many parents at our Meet the Teacher evening. We hope you are enjoying the colourful mums purchased at this event. Bloomsburg Public School's colour house groupings held a tug-of-war competition on a hot Friday afternoon a couple of weeks ago. Student colour houses had a fun time, led by Mrs. Harris and many student leaders. Our students also showed phenomenal goal setting and a dedicated desire to support Terry Fox in the recent walk along the trail. Thanks to Mrs. Harris and Ms. Stewart, as well as to a number of parent volunteers who assisted in keeping students safe and motivated.

This upcoming month promises to be busy. Our local fall fairs will be taking place and our Bloomsburg Bulldogs will proudly be represented in both. Student art work will be displayed on our school boards in the Rec Centre at Norfolk County Fair and student representatives will be participating in a running race around the track on Young Canada Day. Thanks to Mme. Lea for organizing this event! Carved pumpkins and a new school display at the ball diamond will be part of Waterford's Pumpkinfest weekend. I am also going to send home a separate permission form and letter to see if there is sufficient interest to consider having a student presence walking as a group in the Pumpkinfest parade. Many other events are described below.

As you know, parent voice is an essential element to an effective educational partnership to benefit the students of our school. I welcome feedback and questions at any time. David Van Laecke, Principal.

Dates to Remember

- Oct 3:** Grade 2 & 3 to Backus
- Oct 4:** Young Canada Day at Norfolk County Fair – no busses
- Oct 5:** Parent Council Fundraiser begins
- Oct 7:** PA day – no classes
- Oct 10:** Thanksgiving – school closed
- Oct 11:** Pumpkin carving at Bloomsburg PS for Waterford Pumpkinfest
- Oct 12:** Picture Day
- Oct 14:** Cross-Country Competition in Simcoe
- Oct 17:** November online food orders open
- Oct 17:** Primary Literacy night
- Oct 19:** Go Purple Day – wear purple for Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Oct 19:** 6:30 Parent Council meeting
- Oct 20:** Great Big Crunch assembly
- Oct 25:** Fundraising orders and money due
- Oct 25:** Online food orders close
- Oct 26:** Guest speaker **SAIDAT** comes to Bloomsburg
- Oct 28:** Grade 7 & 8 immunizations
- Oct 31:** Halloween



Parent Council

Bloomsgburg Public School's first meeting for the year was held September 21st. Due to a last minute date change, few parents were able to attend. As a result, it was decided to survey parent interest in joining Parent Council. A solid response to this survey has resulted in a viable Council for the year. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday **October 19th**, 2016 at 6:30 pm. If you are able to attend the meeting but are concerned about child care, please contact Mr. Van Laecke. Mrs. Cody and Mrs. Bartlett are co-chairing this year's Council.

Parent Council has organized a fundraiser which results in 45% of sales returning to the school. As in years past, students will be taking home a catalogue of sales items along with an explanatory letter and order form. The campaign starts October 5th and orders and money are due when returned to the school on **October 25th**. The fundraising provider is named Third Wave Fundraising. Nut products are being offered as part of the merchandise. I have been reassured that any products that contain nuts are secured in the factory cellophane packaging. Orders arrive at the school before Christmas pre-sorted in student packages directly from the company, and stored in Mr. VanLaেকে's office. If you have any questions or concerns whatsoever about this, contact Mr. Van Laecke.

Parent/Visitor Reminders

Upon entering the school then reporting to the office, you are asked to remain there where staff will assist you. When signing in, or signing out students, kindly remain in the office area. If picking up your child at the end of the day, do so at the office, not the bus lines. If you need to relay a message to a staff member, office staff can assist in communicating pertinent information to appropriate staff. Following this procedure will support teachers' ability to focus on instruction without interruption. It also enhances the safety of all members of our school community. Lastly, a reminder that smoking is prohibited on school property.

Battery Recycling

Again this year, we are collecting depleted batteries for proper recycling which avoids harmful chemicals entering landfills. Our school kick-off took place in September. Continue to send household batteries to the school office with your child. See the next page of this newsletter to help you prepare your batteries before sending them to school.

Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show

Tuesday October 4th is Young Canada Day at Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show. Busses and classes are cancelled. Teaching staff will be at the fair. We look forward to seeing you there with your child to participate in this long-standing community fall fair. Mme. Lea has been training a team of runners for the Road Race which is scheduled to take place on the track by the grandstands at 9:30 a.m. Come out to cheer our team!

Junior Soccer

On Tuesday, September 27th, the Jr. co-ed soccer team participated in a tournament in Delhi against other schools in Norfolk County. Members of the team were: Brady L, Joe T, Sam T, Mark B, Aleisha M, Keegan M, Spencer S, Talia S, Jordyn S, Cyanne A, Hannah B, Megan C, Ben H, Ethan B & Owen B. What an awesome day we had! Game results were as follows: 3 wins against and 1 tie. In the last game for the championship against Courtland, there was no score and so the winner had to be determined by a nail biting shoot out in which our opponent came out ahead.

I was very proud of all our players as they put forth an outstanding effort in each game. It was evident how they came together as a team, passing and playing positions throughout the past couple weeks. As always, I was impressed by their good manners and the respect they displayed in public. You made us proud Bulldogs! Thanks to Mrs. Allen for helping with practices and parents who provided rides and came to cheer the team.

We look forward to displaying the 'A' division finalist pendant in the school when it arrives.

Mrs. Turner

Intermediate Soccer

The Bloomsgburg Intermediate soccer team represented the school positively on September 29th in Delhi, playing four games and getting beat out of the tournament in the B division semi-finals. The team started the day off by losing to a strong Elgin team, then followed their good performance in game one by losing a heartbreaking game to Courtland thanks to a free kick goal in game two. The team bounced back in game three against Langton, finally finding the net, with goals from Travis H and Max J in the 2-0 win. The team then moved on to be tied with Port Rowan in game four before Port Rowan was able to get two quick goals in the last few minutes of the game to defeat the Bulldogs 3-1. Max J was the goal-scorer in that game. Alex S played excellent in net throughout the day, making some key saves at several points and all team members made meaningful contributions to game play. Team members include Alex S, Travis H, Max J, Keithen H, Frankie Z, Rosie Z, Maddie B, Maddie B, Adler L, Stephen S, Owen G, Melody W, Grace A, Ella B, Liam C and Abbie S. Thanks to all of the parents and relatives who were able to come out and support the team at the tournament too. Great job Bulldogs!

Mr. Forbes

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

SUCCESS for Every Student

Safe Handling & Storage Guidelines

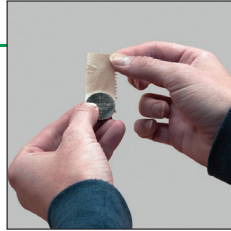
As a precautionary measure to reduce the risk of short-circuit, we recommend that you cover the terminals of certain battery types with masking tape before storage or recycling.

Please visit <http://rawmaterials.com/page/education/prepare-batteries/> for full instructions.

Primary Lithium "Button" Cell Batteries

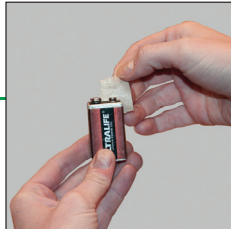
Special consideration must be taken to ensure all primary lithium "button" cell batteries have their positive and negative terminals taped prior to recycling.

Tape both the positive and negative terminal by simply placing a single piece of tape around the top and bottom of the button cell.



All 9 Volt (Including Alkaline)

9 Volt batteries are the type usually found in smoke detectors and alarm clocks. Simply place a piece of masking tape over the terminal ends to secure both the positive and negative terminals.



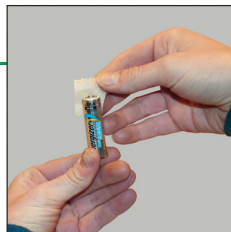
6 Volt Batteries


6 Volt batteries are the type used in larger flashlights and lanterns. Although not subject to the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, we recommend that the protective caps or masking tape be placed over its terminals prior to being recycled as well.




Primary Lithium Cell Batteries (non-rechargeable)

Aside from the various button cell sizes, there are the more common AAA, AA, C, D and 9 Volt varieties. All of these batteries must have their positive terminals taped before recycling.








Recycling to Preserve our Natural Resources



ABCs OF BATTERY RECYCLING



Activity Worksheet

Printed on Recycled Paper

Breakfast Program Menu

30 students can access this Breakfast by getting a pass from the yard duty teacher first thing in the morning once off the bus. Breakfast is served on the stage.

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Waffles, fruit, cheese or yogurt, water or milk	4 Fair day	5 Cereal, fruit, cheese, water or milk	6 Scrambled eggs, whole wheat toast, fruit, water or milk	7 PD day	8
9	10 Thanksgiving Day	11 Bars or muffins, fruit, cheese, water or milk	12 Cereal, fruit, cheese, water or milk	13 Scrambled eggs, whole wheat toast, fruit, water or milk	14 Cereal, fruit, yogurt, water or milk	15
16	17 Waffles, fruit, cheese or yogurt, water or milk	18 Bars or muffins, fruit, cheese, water or milk	19 Cereal, fruit, cheese, water of milk	20 Scrambled eggs, whole wheat toast, fruit, water or milk	21 Cereal, fruit, yogurt, water or milk	22
23	24 Waffles, fruit, cheese or yogurt, water or milk	25 Bars or muffins, fruit, cheese, water or milk	26 No breakfast available, as SAIDAT is setting up	27 Scrambled eggs, whole wheat toast, fruit, water or milk	28 Cereal, fruit, yogurt, water or milk	29
30	31 Waffles, fruit, cheese or yogurt, water or milk					