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Port Rowan Public School

Message from the Principal

Fall 2017

Dear Port Rowan Families,

WOW!! Do you believe it will be October already this weekend?!?! September whizzed by at lightning speed and I've absolutely enjoyed every minute of it! I am thrilled to be here at Port Rowan Public School!



It was great to meet so many of you at our recent "Meet the Teacher" evening and I am really looking forward to working with parents throughout the year. I encourage all of our families to become as actively involved with school as possible. Your support is welcome and needed to promote your child's learning and school experiences, and to help us provide a wide range of experiences for our students.

New to our school, we extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Fitzgerald who is teaching Grade 4/5 for most of the year; Mrs. Long who is our new Librarian extraordinaire, and Mr. Kilcourse, Educational Assistant for the month of September. I hope you enjoy your new school "home" as much as I do!

Visit our school website <http://www.granderie.ca/schools/portrowan> to keep up to date with news, events and dates; we post school newsletters on the website.

Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/PortRowanPS> (@PortRowanPS)

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I know that we are going to have an excellent year at Port Rowan Public School in 2017-18. We will continue to provide an outstanding education for your children and also lots of opportunities to grow socially and emotionally. I look forward to working with you to make your child's school experience the very best that it can be!

Sincerely,
Lynda Kilpatrick

Growing Excellence... Inspiring Success

School Staff:

ELKa – Mrs. K. Johnson and Mrs. S. Ecker
ELKb – Mrs. E. DeSerranno and Mrs. M. Baese
Gr. 1a – Mrs. DeCloet, Mrs. K. Kingsley, Mr. Kilcourse
Gr. 1b – Mrs. E. Johrendt
Gr. 2a – Mrs. T. Graham
Gr. 3a – Miss S. Moulton
Gr. 4a – Mrs. J. Summers
Gr. 4/5b – Mrs. K. Fitzgerald
Gr. 6a – Mrs. C. Gubesch
Gr. 7a – Miss T. Hutchinson
Gr. 8a – Mr. W. DePoorter
French – Mme. C. Macsai
Learning Resource – Mrs. S. Fitch
Library – Mrs. A. Long
Music – Mrs. H. Chwastiak
Custodian – Mr. D. Sinden
Caretaker – Mr. C. Chmiel
Secretary – Mrs. M-L Wildfong
Principal – Ms. L. Kilpatrick



School Hours:

8:30-8:50	Supervision on yard
8:50	Classes begin
10:30-11:10	Nutrition Break #1
1:10-1:50	Nutrition Break #2
3:10	Dismissal

Important Dates:

Sept. 15	PD Day
Sept. 21	Meet the Teacher
Sept. 24	Tug of War – Donnybrook Fair
Sept. 28	School Photos
Sept. 29	Terry Fox Run
Oct. 2	Junior Soccer Tournament
Oct. 3	PD Day/Norfolk County Fair/Road Race
Oct. 4	Junior Soccer Raindate
Oct. 5	Intermediate Soccer Tournament
Oct. 5 & 6	Dental Screening
Oct. 6	Intermediate Soccer Raindate
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving
Oct. 10	The NED Show
Oct. 12	Cross Country
Oct. 16	Cross Country Raindate
Oct. 23	Hep-B & HPV#1 Vaccinations
Oct. 25	CAGE Soccer Tournament



Tuesday, October 3 - Young Canada Day at the Norfolk County Fair – has been designated as a Professional Activity day by the Grand Erie District School Board. Except for scheduled events (like the Road Race), there will be no supervision of elementary students on this day. Students will be admitted free to the Fair on Young Canada Day and do not require a pass to enter the fairgrounds.



"A Gentle Reminder"

Student Information Forms

Student Information Sheets have already been sent home. It is very important that we receive these back at the school with any correction to the information, as soon as possible so our files can be updated. This is especially important in an emergency situation, if we need to contact parents / guardians.

Attendance is so important for your children's success at school and we love to have them here!

The Ontario Education Act requires students to attend school regularly and arrive on time (the entry bell rings at 8:45am). Please call the school before 9:00am if your child will be absent or late. This is so helpful to us as we make sure all your children are safe and sound and where they should be within that first hour of the school day. Please phone 586-3541 each day of your child's absence. Messages may be left on the school answering machine between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Agendas are available for primary, junior and intermediate students to purchase for \$5.00



Healthy Snack

Program has begun for the year. Thank you so much to Mrs. Michelle Brazeau, Mrs. Jackie Casier and that entire hive of amazing snack builders that I see in our staff room weekly busily putting together bins of yummy treats for us!



School Cash Online

New Online Payment Program Available at Schools Now!

Grand Erie made paying for school items that much easier.

- This program is quick, easy and safe
- You can manage payments for each child in one program
- Your banking and personal information is protected

Register by following the easy steps below:

- Visit www.schoolcashionline.com
- Select "Get Started Now" and follow the steps to register
- After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

School staff showcase items for purchase in a School Cash Catalog and post it to the Parent Site. From there, parents receive email notification, check the Parent Site and click through to pay. Funds are moved electronically from the parent's bank account to the school's bank account.

For more information and support contact the Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com

Hot Lunch forms

have just gone home and the program will begin very shortly.

Milk Program has already begun and students may purchase milk for \$1.00. Thanks to Mrs. Gubesch and our grade 6 students for running this program like a well-oiled machine!





Your child's safety is so very important to us! All elementary schools in Grand Erie District School Board are locked for their security. We'd love to see you, so please buzz the office to gain entry. Once in the school please go directly to the office so we can help you with your needs. We will make sure your child gets safely to and from their classrooms without meeting someone who may to be a stranger to them along the way. Our staff members wear badges at all times and volunteers are given badges at the office so your kiddos will always know when someone is okay to be in their learning space.

Fire Drills and Safety Drills

A fire drill was held on Friday, September 22nd and they will be practised regularly. Students will also practise safety drills which are used to prepare them in an emergency situation. A variety of reasons may necessitate having the students stay in the classroom or the immediate evacuation of the school at any time.



We are a "Nut Aware School"

We appreciate the cooperation of all families to keep nut products out of the school. We have a number of students who have mild to severe allergies to peanuts, peanut products and tree nuts. We are committed to doing our best to ensure the safety of all of our children. For this reason, we ask that you do not send any peanuts, peanut products or nuts to school in your child's lunch. **Please be sure that your child does not bring nuts or nut products to school.** *E.g. nuts in any form, peanut butter, peanut oil, baked items containing nut products, foods cooked in peanut oils such as home style potato chips.* On behalf of our students and their families, we thank you for your cooperation with, and consideration of, this request.

Visit the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit website, for some ideas for peanut / nut free lunches and snacks: <https://hnhu.org/health-topic/peanutnut-safe-lunches/>

Volunteers

We so appreciate all of our volunteers, who help and support in so many ways at Port Rowan Public School!

The Grand Erie District School policy dictates, in order to ensure the safety of all our students, that volunteers require a **police check** before they may work with students in any capacity. This includes classroom assistance, volunteer driving, assisting with school trips and school organizations such as the Port Rowan Parent Group & School Council. **Please know that volunteers cannot work with students in any capacity without providing a current (within 6 months) police check which includes a vulnerable sector search.** So make sure you visit the office early in the year to receive a letter from Port Rowan School requesting a police check to avoid that disappointment when that awesome school trip comes up that you'd love to attend! You are required to present this letter to the police department. Police checks are valid for 3 years.



Other Important Stuff

Accident Insurance Requirements for Students

Student accident coverage is recommended and voluntary for parents to consider for their child. It is important for parents to understand that the Board does not provide insurance for students against any accidental death, disability, dismemberment or medical expenses that might occur as a result of an accident during school activities, including sporting events and field trips. "Insure My Kids" protection plan is made available to parents, at low cost, to provide benefits for dental injuries and other accidents which may occur through participating in high-risk activities. In fact, there are options in the package for coverage outside of school hours including holidays and weekends. Please see the brochure sent home for information or visit www.insuremykids.com. Many parents may have accidental coverage as part of their employers benefit plan. It's important for parents to review their plans to make sure they have the necessary coverage for high-risk activities. Parents may want to consider purchasing additional personal coverage to reduce the anxiety associated from an injury to their child.

Grand Erie District School Board requires that all parents declare whether or not they have accident insurance. A declaration form was sent home at the beginning of the school year for parent/guardian review and signature.

Port Rowan Parent Council



Our Parent Council is an advisory body of elected volunteers who work together to maintain good communication among the school, parents and community. The PRPC works hard to organize a variety of special events, fundraising, and programs throughout the year, which meet the needs and interests of the families in our school community.




Any parents, guardians or grandparents are more than welcome to participate in the PRPC. By sharing ideas and information, we strive to provide the best possible learning environment for all our students. All interested parents are welcome to attend any or all PRPC Meetings. You do not need to be a member of the PRPC to attend. Meetings usually occur once a month, on a Tuesday night, starting at 6:30 pm.

The first meeting for the Port Rowan Parent Council is scheduled for this Monday, October 2nd at 6:30pm. The agenda includes nominations and elections of Co-Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer.

All parents are welcome to attend.

IEPs

The reporting periods for your child's IEP have changed based on recommendations from the provincial Special Education Committee. Effective September 2017, your child's IEP will be reviewed and updated within the first 30 instructional days of school, with the Term 1 report card in January and the Term 2 report card in June. As always, we welcome communication and conversation about your child's progress, on-going achievement of learning skills, work habits and curriculum expectations at any time.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>SEPTEMBER 2017</h1> 						
					1	2 EID-AL-ADHA (ISLAM)
3	4 LABOUR DAY 	5 DAY 1 	6 DAY 2	7 DAY 3	8 DAY 4 INT. LITERACY DAY	9
10 GRANDPARENT'S DAY	11 DAY 5 MILK SALES BEGIN DAILY FOR \$1.00	12 DAY 1	13 DAY 2	14 DAY 3	15 P.A. DAY NO CLASSES	16
17	18 DAY 4	19 DAY 5 INT. TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY	20 DAY 1	21 DAY 2 ROSH HASHANAH (JUDAISM) MEET THE TEACHER - 5:30 TO 7:00	22 DAY 3 AUTUMN EQUINOX MUHRRAM (ISLAM) FIRE DRILL LUNCH ORDERS GO HOME	23
24 TUG OF WAR AT DONNYBROOK FAIR	25 DAY 4 LUNCH ORDERS DUE - NO LATE ORDERS!	26 DAY 5 TERRY FOX RUN	27 DAY 1	28 DAY 2 SCHOOL PHOTOS BY EDGE PHOTOGRAPHY	29 DAY 3 ORANGE SHIRT DAY BECAUSE "EVERY CHILD MATTERS"	30 YOM KIPPUR (JUDAISM)

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1	2 DAY 4 PANZEROTTI JR SOCCER* PARENTS' GROUP/SCHOOL COUNCIL @ 6:30	3 P.A. (FAIR) DAY  NO CLASSES FAIR RUN	4 DAY 5 WRAP *RAINDATE	5 DAY 1 KEY BIBLE CLUB INT SOCCER** GR 4 & 4/5 TO FAIR DENTAL SCREENING SUKKOT BEGINS (JUDAISM) WORLD TEACHER DAY	6 DAY 2 PIZZA **RAINDATE DENTAL SCREENING	7
8	9 	10 DAY 3 PANZEROTTI	11 DAY 4 WRAP INT DAY OF THE GIRL SUKKOT ENDS (JUDAISM)	12 DAY 5 KEY BIBLE CLUB CROSS COUNTRY** SHMINI ATZERET (JUDAISM)	13 DAY 1 PIZZA SIMCHAT TORAH (JUDAISM)	14
15	16 DAY 2 PANZEROTTI **RAINDATE	17 DAY 3	18 DAY 4 WRAP	19 DAY 5 KEY BIBLE CLUB DIWALI/ DEEPAVALI (HINDUISM)	20 DAY 1 PIZZA	21
22	23 DAY 2 PANZEROTTI HNHU	24 DAY 3	25 DAY 4 WRAP CAGE SOCCER	26 DAY 5 KEY BIBLE CLUB	27 DAY 1 PIZZA	28
29	30 DAY 2 PANZEROTTI	31 DAY 3 HALLOWE'EN 				