



# NORTH WARD SCHOOL

Success for Every Student

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SEPTEMBER 2017 ISSUE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 15, P.D. Day
- Sept. 19-21, Book Fair
- Sept. 21- Meet the Teacher 5:00-6:30
- Sept. 26 , 6:00 Parent Council Meeting (library)
- Sept. 29 - Superstar Assembly @ 9:00 & Terry Fox Run



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Welcome back. We hope that you had a relaxing summer and everyone is ready for the new school year. Many projects happened over the summer in order to update our school: the whole school has now been painted the same colour, the ceiling tiles and lights have been updated in the gym foyer, 2 kindergarten classes were painted, the parking lot repaved and our drainage problem at the back of the school addressed.

Students have settled into their new classes and routines. We are happy to introduce 2 new teachers: Mrs. Sheldrake (Kindergarten) & Mrs. Rudge (French/Prep).

We are appreciative and are in need of parent volunteers to make our school the best we can be. Please consider signing up for: Strong Start (see insert) Parent Council &/or our Hot Lunch Program. Send inquiries to: [nwps.parentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:nwps.parentcouncil@gmail.com).

Ms. C. Shaheen  
Principal

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Please review with your child our new Student Code of Conduct. This can be found in the front of the 2017-2018 student planners. We ask that you please tear off the required portion and return with your child with a parent signature. We ask for \$5 to cover the cost of the planners. Copies of the Code of Conduct have been made available for our FDK students and any student who may not have purchased a planner.

## WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS

As part of our **Green School** initiatives please note we have two water bottle filling stations at our school. Thank you for helping our environment.

## STRONG START AND ALL STAR READING PROGRAMS - COACHES WANTED

If you are interested in volunteering for Strong Start or All Star Reading please email Mr. Harris at [peter.harris.granderie.ca](mailto:peter.harris.granderie.ca). Program goals include: assisting young children in learning some initial reading skills, building community by encouraging those who live and work in the community to be involved in supporting its children and to provide a meaningful volunteer opportunity. We will arrange a training session. Thank you.

## FROM OUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE—Changes to School Immunizations

Starting in September, Human Papillomavirus Virus (HPV) vaccine will be offered, free of charge, to all boys and girls in Grade 7. HPV is a very common virus, which will infect most Canadians at least once in their lifetime. HPV often has no signs or symptoms, but it is responsible for almost all cases of cervical cancer, and causes other types of cancer in both men and women. The best way to prevent HPV infection, and future complications, is vaccination. That's why the HPV vaccine has been a recommended part of Ontario's Routine Immunization Schedule since 2007. In the past HPV was only offered to grade 8 girls, but starting this fall the vaccine will also be publicly funded for boys and girls in grade 7. In total, grade 7 boys and girls will be offered two free vaccines at school clinics this year that protect them against the following diseases: Meningitis, Hepatitis B, and Human Papillomavirus.

During the first week of school, immunization consent forms will be sent home with all grade 7 students as well as grade 8 girls. Please complete and return the consent forms as soon as possible. School clinics will be held in November & May. A school clinic calendar can be found on our website: [www.bchu.org/schoolclinics](http://www.bchu.org/schoolclinics). If you have questions, please call the Brant County Health Unit at 519-753-4937 ext. 451.



## PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

September 2017

Healthy Fundraising  
for Ontario Schools

### Welcome Back North Ward Parents!

We are so excited to offer a Healthy Fundraiser that can be educational, exciting and profitable.

The students will be selling Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables to our school community which will also be supporting our local economy and Ontario farmers. It is a win-win!

40% of all sales will go directly to the school. Our goal is to sell 200 of each Bundle, that's \$2400 profit!

There are 2 produce bundles for sale:

**'A'** sells for \$13. You get: 5 lbs. of white potatoes, 3 lbs. of carrots, 3 lbs. yellow onions, and 3 lbs. sweet potatoes. (This is a sweet deal!)

**'B'** sells for \$15. You get: 8 lbs. of about 20-25 fancy grade Empire apples.

Look for order forms will to go out **Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**. They must be returned no later than **September 29<sup>th</sup>**. The product will be ready for pick up at the school in November (date to be determined later as it depends on our local growing season.)

Thank you for you supporting our kids as they raise funds for our school and classrooms in a healthier way!

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT!**

## MEET-THE-TEACHER NIGHT



We look forward to seeing our parents at our the Meet-The-Teacher Night scheduled on Thursday, September 21 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.. Parent Council will be selling pizza and we will be sending home pizza pre-order forms next week! Thank you.

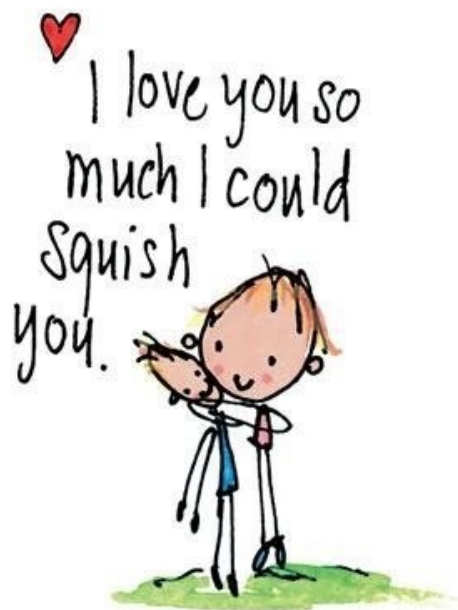


## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

If you are interested in helping with our hot lunch program we are looking for needed volunteers! Please email Vanessa at:

[nwps.parentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:nwps.parentcouncil@gmail.com)

Thank you!



# SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

8:25-8:45 AM	Yard duty begins
<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>School Starts</b>
10:45-11:25 AM	Nutrition Break
1:05-1:45 AM	Nutrition Break
3:05 PM	School Ends

Please Note:

Children should not be on the playground until 8:25 a.m. Supervision begins at 8:25 a.m.. Thank you.

## SIGN IN AND OUT

The Board of Education requires that all students who arrive at school late or leave the school early must sign in or out at the office. Parents who pick up their children during the school day for appointments must also sign their child out of the school. Parent volunteers, co-op students, maintenance workers and Board personnel are required to sign in and out. A Log Sheet is located in the office.

## ATTENDANCE ROUTINES

Student Attendance is checked daily. Unless you, as the parent/guardian, have contacted the school to explain that your child will be late or absent, the school office is required to call to clarify this. For your convenience, an answering machine is attached to the school's incoming phone line and messages can be left during the evening and night to inform the school if your child will be absent. Please tell us your child's name, teacher AND a reason for the absence.

## HARASSMENT POLICY

Please be advised of the Board Policy regarding harassment: The Grand Erie District School board has a zero tolerance policy toward all forms of harassment. The Board is committed to providing a working and learning environment that is free of harassment, which supports productivity, and the personal goals of dignity and self-esteem of every individual. The Board expects all students, staff and visitors to behave in a respectful, courteous and appropriate manner at all times. The board will respond to all forms of unacceptable behaviour in a manner consistent with the Board Policy, Procedure on harassment. To view the policy, please visit the Board's website at: <http://www.granderie.ca>.

## STUDENTS WITH HEALTH RISKS & NO NUTS POLICY

We are updating our files on students who, due to allergies, asthma or other conditions face significant health risks while at school. A number of students have precautions or require medications to be accessible for possible treatment and the school needs to be aware of their location and prescriptions. The Grand Erie District School Board requires that the appropriate medical forms be completed and kept on file at the school. Copies of these forms can be obtained at the office. Please be aware that school staff are not permitted to dispense medication to any child unless the appropriate forms are completed.

**NO NUTS**—Peanuts and all other nuts and nut products will cause life-threatening allergic reactions in some children in our school. For this reason, we ask that you please not send nut products of any kind to the school. Parents are asked to read product labels carefully. Please reinforce with your child(ren) the importance of not sharing or trading their food at school. The families of children with these allergies along with everyone at North Ward School thank you for your support throughout the school year.

## DOGS!

We thank you for keeping all dogs off the yard at all times.

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In order to support our **Green School Initiative**, we would prefer to send all newsletters via email. The following form is only for those who request to have a paper copy of our school newsletter.

## NORTH WARD SCHOOL **PAPER COPY** NEWSLETTER REQUEST

Yes, I would like to receive a monthly school newsletter as a paper copy.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Classroom Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_