

"BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE"

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A word from Mrs. Gross

December was a wonderful, fun and very exciting month at Oneida! So many special events and activities happened in December. Under the direction of Mrs. Wootton, our students and staff presented three outstanding performances of "Christmas Peace and Hope". All performances were well attended and we received fantastic feedback from our school community. Through your 'free will' offerings, money generated by popcorn and hot chocolate sales and from a very generous donation received, our music program will continue to grow and thrive at Oneida. Thank you! Please see Mrs. Wootton's note of thanks too.

A huge thank you to all families who donated hats, scarves, mittens and socks to keep others warm. Thank you also for the non-perishable food items! They were taken to the Caledonia Food Bank and will help to replenish the bank for January. Another big thanks to our many parent volunteers that helped with our concerts and to those who helped us to continue two December traditions at Oneida, "Mistletoe Market" and our terrific "Winter Lunch". The students really enjoyed and appreciated these events, as did I and Oneida staff!

Our January return to school began with a very blustery day indeed! This month we welcome Mrs. Stone (Educational Assistant) to Oneida. Also, I have agreed to continue working at Oneida, as Acting Principal, in Mrs. Townson's absence. I look forward to working with students, staff and parents during my extended time at Oneida.

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NEWSLETTER

School Start Time: 8:45a.m.

Dismissal Time: 3:15 p.m.

(Please no calls for pickup after 2:30 p.m., as we can't guarantee we can meet your request as it is a very busy time of day.)

Growing Excellence... Inspiring Success

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your tremendous support and generosity at our Oneida Christmas concert. You may recall that we ran a canteen in hopes of fundraising to purchase four ukuleles. I am tremendously grateful to share that one anonymous family came forward to donate the funds for the four ukuleles leaving us the funds raised to purchase a class set of egg shakers and two metallophones as well as a two sets of mallets. Thank you for your support! The students and I look forward to sharing music on our new instruments soon.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Carolyn Wootton

Kindergarten Registration:

Please contact the school to set up an appointment to register your child for Junior Kindergarten. If your child is currently in Junior Kindergarten you do not have to register them for Senior Kindergarten - this is done automatically by the school.

The Early Years Childcare Experiences Survey:

This survey is new this year. If you are a parent who is registering a child for Kindergarten (i.e., registering for JK) please complete this survey; it can be found on the Grand Erie District School Board website. The survey will be open until February 9, 2018.

Before and After School Program Survey:

Later this week, Before and After School Program Postcard survey invitations will be distributed to our youngest and only students in Kindergarten to Grade 5. The link to this survey is now open on the Grand Erie District School Board website and will remain open until February 9, 2018.

Please Label Your Child's Clothing!

Please put your child's name on boots, hats and mittens to help us identify who they belong to. Our Lost and Found tends to grow and starts to over-flow during the winter months! Lost and Found items collected prior to the holidays will again be laid out (until Friday) for students and parents to have a "last look and collect" before they are sent off to a worthy cause.

Please Send Your Child Dress For Winter Weather!

Winter is upon us! As Canadians, we are a winter hardy bunch and take the snow and cold in stride. Students need to get out and enjoy their recesses, so it is imperative that they are dressed appropriately for our Canadian winter! Please ensure that your child has warm winter clothing, labelled with their name for easy identification. Please be advised that in the event of really extreme weather we will shorten recesses or have indoor breaks.

Inclement Weather: Bus Delays & Cancellations

Please be advised that Oneida Central P.S. is in ZONE 2

For bus delays and cancellations go to the Grand Erie District School Board website, www.granderie.ca and follow the 'Transportation' link provided OR go to www.stsbhn.ca

Looking Ahead at Oneida Dates

Jan. 22	PD DAY - NO SCHOOL
Jan. 22	February Pizza orders due on School Cash Online
Jan. 26	Reading Buddy Day (last block of the day)
Feb. 15	Term One Reports go home

