



# Banbury Heights School

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## BELL TIMES

**8:45 am:** Entry Bell

**10:45am – 11:25am:**  
First Nutrition Break

**1:25pm – 2:05pm:**  
Second Nutrition Break

**3:05pm:** Dismissal

As we head into the final stretch of the school year and the weather continues to improve, we have to constantly remind ourselves that there are still three months of school left, and busy months they are! The staff are providing many exciting opportunities for students to enrich their school experience through events such as intramural sports, class trips and activities. Our focus continues to be on student achievement and engagement and creating lessons and activities that provide opportunities for our students to communicate and collaborate, be creative, solve problems, and think critically. As always, we encourage you to talk to your child(ren) about school and the things he/she is learning, and maintain open lines of communication. It is also important to maintain an open line of communication with staff as it not only fosters positive relationships between the school and home, it demonstrates to your children that you value their learning.

## Volunteering on Field Trips

As we pull into the final stretch, there will be numerous year-end trips planned for students here at Banbury Heights. Keeping in mind that volunteers are always needed in order to maintain the proper adult-child supervision ratio, we are asking you to help us ensure that you will be eligible to be a volunteer. As we have previously communicated, it is essential that volunteers have an up-to-date Police Check with vulnerable sector (good for 3 years upon issue) but also all volunteers must complete AODA training on line, and provide proof of completion to the school office. You will not be able to participate as a volunteer without both pieces in place, and that would be a shame because WE NEED YOU! For more information on completing your AODA training, please follow the link:

<http://www.granderie.ca/board/elementary/parent-portal/volunteers>

Scroll down to **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (A.O.D.A.)** Training to complete the process. Print off the certificate upon completion and submit to the office. We thank you and your child(ren) thank you!

## MATH-IN-MOTION

You will have already received a robocall, and a school letter informing you of some exciting events coming our way in April. On **April 19th**, Banbury Heights will be hosting a Family Math Night from **5pm – 7pm** called: Math-in-Motion. Similar to previous Amazing Race style math nights, the evening is designed to have parents engage with their child(ren) as they complete a variety of grade appropriate problem solving questions to earn puzzle pieces. Once you have collected all five pieces, you will be able to form a square. This will earn your child a bag of yummy cotton candy!!!! If you are lucky, perhaps your child will offer to share some with you!! ☺ This event is totally FREE and we want to see a huge turn out! We hope that you will support your school and your child's education and come out for a worthwhile event! To complete the entire task, you should bank on anywhere from 45 min to one hour regardless of how many children you have at Banbury! Remember, your family will only be asked to complete five questions in total!

## BANBURY HEIGHTS BISTRO

Now for the delicious stuff! Banbury Heights and Banbury Heights School Council will be organizing a fundraising dinner for Thursday, April 19. Yes, this is the same evening as the Math-in-Motion night, and it is so by design. If you are interested in supporting the school on that evening you could purchase tickets for an amazing meal that includes a starter, main course, and entrée all for an amazing low price. There is no place in town where you could get this kind of meal for the price we are offering it, and by participating, you are not only helping us out, but you are supporting our feeder school's Pauline Johnson hospitality program. A few of us have already had the pleasure of sampling the creations the team at PJ has had to offer, and we can't rave enough! We hope that you will consider making April 19 a true family night evening by not only participating in Math-in-Motion but also by purchasing tickets to a 5pm or 6pm seating in the gymnasium for a truly scrumptious dinner. **Please note you can only purchase tickets using School Cash-on-line.** You will not be able to purchase tickets on the day of the event, as food has to be ordered in advance. As an added incentive, we have included an early-bird price if you purchase tickets before this coming **Wednesday, April 4**. Bring the family and have dinner with us!!

## Banbury Little Library

The Banbury Little Library will be outside the Kindergarten Pen from 8:35-8:45 a.m. and 3:05-3:15 p.m. every school day.

Take a Book, Leave a Book

If you see a book that you would like to read with your child, please take it with you. Please return the book to the Banbury Little Library when you are finished.

You can help keep our library operating by donating gently used books in the basket for others to enjoy.

Happy Reading!  
The Kindergarten Team



## READING ROCKS!

"Reading Rocks" has become an annual event here at Banbury Heights designed to engage and motivate children to read for personal interest and pleasure as well as for information and inquiry. Each year, we enlist the voluntary services of our local community to engage our students in the love of reading, and to share how literacy is meaningful to them in their careers. This year, Reading Rocks will take place on Monday, May 7 (during Education Week). It is our hope that by providing strong community role models, we can inspire our students to discover their own value of reading. As in past years, School Council will also be hosting a pancake brunch for every child in our school. More information will be coming home in the month ahead.



As you already know, the school year is full of due dates and deadlines, and at times, we understand that students and parents may feel added stress in their already busy lives, we will do our best to give you plenty of time to help us stay on track. Remind your child regularly that any permission or order forms that come home need to be brought to your attention. On food days, orders need to be placed by a certain time, and we can't guarantee being able to accommodate late orders. In the case where permission forms for trips are due, Grand Erie District School Board policy states that the official Permission Form must be signed and returned. Hand written notes, or verbal (over the phone) permission is not acceptable as "informed consent" because of liability. Therefore, it's absolutely important that permission forms come in on time. When a school trip occurs, and the form has not been returned, the child will not be permitted to leave the school for the trip. **As has become regular practice, all items are now paid for on School-Cash-Online.** We thank you for your cooperation.

### Kernels Popcorn

On sale daily at Banbury. Popcorn is available in 4 delicious flavours for \$2.00 a bag. Thank you for your ongoing support of our intermediate student's fundraising efforts.

### Cookie Dough Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported the school in our QSP cookie dough fundraiser. The school raised just under \$4000.00 that will be put towards improving school programming and technology in the classrooms.

### Milk

Check School Cash Online for information regarding the school milk program. Milk is provided at Banbury twice a week courtesy of Hewitt's Dairy. Milk is paid for monthly.

## FINDING INFORMATION ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Finding information on our school website doesn't have to be tricky. Here are the steps to keeping tabs on the events and happenings at our school, and where newsletters are archived for your convenience. Follow the link:

<http://www.granderie.ca/schools/banbury>

You will see a variety of links to try out in regards to specific information you may be looking for. To access previous and current school newsletters, click on "MORE", and then navigate to the "School Newsletters" link.



### Upcoming Dates:

April 9 – *Reds in the Hood* (Gr 1-3)  
 April 11 – Pita Day  
 April 13 – PD DAY – No school for students  
 April 19 – Math-In-Motion Night (5pm-7pm)  
 April 19 – Banbury Bistro Night (5pm & 6pm)  
 April 24 – Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff  
 April 24 – Intermediate Badminton tournament at Pauline Johnson High School  
 April 25 – Junior Badminton tournament at Pauline Johnson High School  
 April 25 - Pita Day  
 April 25 – Chess Tournament Kickoff at 2:05pm  
 May 7 – Reading Rocks  
 May 11 – Junior and Intermediate Track and Field At Kiwanis Field.

**Pizza Days: April 6, April 12, April 20, April 27**

### Other Important Dates:

April 2 – Easter Monday (Christian)  
 April 7- Passover (Judaism)  
 April 11 – Yom HaShoah (Judaism)  
 April 11 – International Day of Pink  
 April 13 – Isra and Mi'raj (Islam)  
 April 14 – Baisakhi/ Vaisakhi (Sikh, Hinduism)  
 April 22 – Earth Day  
 April 25 – Administrative Professionals Day  
 April 30 – Braveheart Assembly @ 2:10pm  
 May 7- 11 – Education Week