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Dear École Confédération Families;

Spring is officially here! It is so nice to feel the extended hours of sunlight, hear the birds chirping, and see the snow melting!

Note that Education Week will be the first week of May this year. Our Grades 1-4 students will be presenting their production of "Toy Story". Further details about tickets and show times will be shared later this month. We hope you will be able to join us.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter Weekend.

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith  
Principal

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Vice-Principal

**Dates to Remember:**

April 11-SK Grad photos  
April 12-Gr. 8 Grad photos  
April 13-PD Day (No school for students)  
April 18-School Council (6:00pm, library)  
April 19-May Pizza orders due  
April 22-Brantford Classic Run  
April 25-Administrative Professional's Day  
April 25-Jr. Chess Tournament, Jr. Swim Meet  
April 26-Kindergarten Orientation (4:00-5:30 in the gym)  
April 30-K.I.D.S. Grad

## Brantford Classic Run

It's that time of year again! The Brantford Classic Run will take place on Sunday, April 22. Students and families can register online at <http://www.rotaryclassic.ca/> to run 5 or 10 km, or to walk 3 miles. Please note there is a \$10 entry fee for the 5 and 10 km races, and please ensure you have listed your school as Ecole Confederation when you register. Starting the week of April 3, all staff and students wishing to get in some running practice are welcome to join Mme Radford, Mme Gasparotto and Mme Wiebe at second break at the Tollgate Track on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Immunization Notice

According to the Immunization Schools Pupil Act, the Brant County Health Unit has assessed and identified students that are overdue for vaccines that are required to attend school. A suspension order and immunization notice was mailed to the individual student's home address in February 2018.

If you have received a letter and have **not** taken action, please contact the Brant County Health Unit at 753-4937 ext. 451 as soon as possible to resolve the immunization issue.

If the vaccine issue is not resolved, the student will be suspended from school starting **April 20, 2018**.



## Heely Shoes

Heely shoes (shoes with wheels in the soles) are making a comeback. Given that the design of the shoes is intended to allow a user to roll on a wheel device embedded in the heel, it is easy to understand how this could become a safety hazard to a user who is using them on uneven surfaces or in a crowded hallway. The use of Heelys is treated the same as roller blades and skateboards in the school and on the playground.

Heely's, roller blades, scooters and skateboards are not allowed to be used on school property (inside or out). Please help us keep everyone safe at school.



## School Council

The next school council meeting will be on April 18 at 6:00 pm in the library. All are welcome and child minding is provided.

Thanks to all who purchased spirit wear. Garments will be sent home with students near the beginning of April. School Council continues to conduct fundraising to support a variety of opportunities for students. Our Fundscrip gift card fundraiser continues: April and May (Mother's Day) are gift card months. Everyone who purchases a gift card through Fundscrip will be entered into a draw to win a \$25 gift card. Your name will be entered every time you place an order with Fundscrip (so the more orders you make the more chances to win) between April 1- May 31st. Thank you for your support. If you do not know how to complete a Fundscrip gift card order, information is attached.

## Student Attendance, Absences or Lates

Please ensure that you call the school prior to 9:00 am if your child will be late or absent. Our voice mail system is available to receive messages 24 hours/7 days a week.



School attendance for all students is tracked for absences and late arrivals. A Grand Erie District School Board attendance counselor works with our school to track student attendance. A letter is sent to individual parents when children have accumulated a significant number of absences and/or lates. Absences of 15 consecutive days can result in the removal of the student from the school's registration. In all other cases of attendance concerns, a notice is sent to parents from the school indicating the total number of lates and absences for a child prior to involvement with the Attendance Counsellor.

Please note that if you are planning a family trip or have a reason to take your child out of school for 3 consecutive days or more, you are required to complete a "Request for Absence from School" form from the office (and signed by the principal) prior to the absence. This is a GEDSB policy. This form can also be found on the school website.

## **Parking Reminders for Student Drop Off and**

### **Pick Up**

Our school parking lot provides for a “Parent Drop Off” area for families to use in the mornings (signs are posted along the sidewalk). This area is a no-parking zone. Caregivers may stop in this zone long enough to drop off students and then continue on out of the parking lot. **There is no parking in the drop off zone.** Parents may not stop in this zone, get out of the car, and watch their child at the fence, as this impedes the flow of traffic and prevents

our buses from entering the driveway and proceeding to the bus unloading zone. Please make sure you wait until you are in the drop off zone before letting children out of the car. When children are cutting through parked cars and buses to get to the playground, it becomes a safety issue. The on-site parking at the school is reserved for staff parking only. There are not enough spots on site for all of the staff that work here which results in the need to restrict parking on site.

All students will enter the playground through the gate along the sidewalk at the edge of the parking lot and bus loading zone. Parents may not park or drop off students in the bus loading zone. If you wish to park and walk your child to the drop off zone, street parking is available on Coronation and Stodola Drives, in front of the school. Please follow the parking restrictions posted on these streets. Parking is prohibited on Ewing Drive.

Other than school buses, no vehicles are allowed on the property between 3:15pm and 3:45pm. During that time, we are loading over 500 students onto 9 buses, as well as organizing students who walk and are picked up. Parking is available on the side streets across from the school. Adults picking students up are welcome to walk and wait along the sidewalk adjacent to the parking lots. Students being picked up and walking will exit out the gym doors at the side of the school. This area is supervised by staff.

At all times, we ask for your cooperation in remaining respectful to our school neighbours when parking on the street. Refrain from using our neighbours’ driveways, and leave a 1m space between your parked car and driveways (City by-law). Follow the posted parking restrictions on the street. Please use the crosswalk in front of the school when crossing Ewing drive, where a crossing guard is available to assist.



## **A Note From the Public Health Nurse at Your School... Protect Your Brain! Wear a Helmet!**

Bicycle riding season is just around the corner! Remember to keep yourself and your children safe on every ride by wearing a bicycle helmet that fits properly and by following the rules of the road.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Before buying a helmet for yourself or your child, make sure it meets the correct safety standards and has a safety sticker from one of the following organizations: CPSC, Snell or ASTM
- Make sure that the helmet fits properly! Visit Parachute Canada, [parachutecanada.org/resources](http://parachutecanada.org/resources), for instructions on properly fitting a helmet
- If a helmet has never been in a crash and is not damaged in any way, it needs to be replaced every five years
- If the helmet has been in a crash or is cracked or damaged in any way, it needs to be replaced immediately
- Remember – different activities may need different helmets. If you are unsure whether or not the helmet is safe for the activity, check with the company that made the helmet!

You are your child’s best role model. Role model safe behaviours by wearing a properly fitted helmet yourself. You only have one brain. Protect it by wearing a helmet!

For more information about bicycle helmets, safety tips and answers to frequently asked questions, visit Parachute Canada at [www.parachutecanada.org](http://www.parachutecanada.org)

## **Treasure Island Production**

Thanks to all of our Grade 5 and 6 staff and students for their work on the production of “Treasure Island”. The show was very well done. Félicitations to all. A special thanks to Mme Pettigrew for her leadership in bringing this show to fruition.

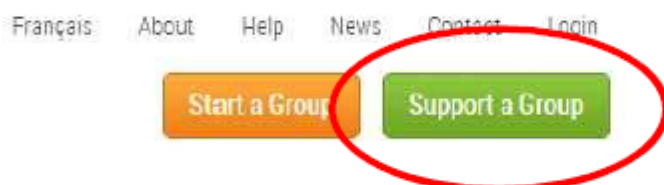




## How To Register For An Account

1) Go To [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com)

2) Click On Support a Group (Top Right)



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3) Fill In Your Personal Information

4) Check Your Email & Confirm Your Account

5) Confirm Your Preferences

6) Start Shopping

## Payment Options

### 1. Electronic Funds Transfer (Direct Withdrawal) **Preferred Method of Payment**

- Fill Out EFT Application Form & Attach Void Cheque
- Send To Fundscrip via Email, Fax, Or Mail Using Info On Bottom Of Application

### 2. Online Banking - **Preferred Method of Payment**

- To Use This Payment Method You Must Add "Fundstream/Fundscrip" As A Payee In Your Online Banking Portal. To Do So You Will Need An Online Bill Payment Number Which You Will Receive After Placing An Order

### 3. Credit Card – **Least Preferred Method of Payment**

- Visa or Mastercard Payment Only
- Credit Card Processing Fees Are 1.99%, Therefore an offer of return of 5% will be reduced to 3.01% return