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# MPSS NEWS

## Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that the year has come to an end already. It has been another busy year, both with academic and non-academic endeavours. We have shared in many successes throughout the school years and I have truly appreciated the support from all of the school community.

As the year ends, I want to say thank-you to all of the staff for their efforts throughout the school years in supporting students' learning and achievement, as well as meeting their individual emotional and social needs. From the classroom teachers to our EAs, secretarial staff and custodians, you all contributed to the excellent year that it was. Unfortunately, we must also say some good-byes. Happy retirement to Mr. Lowes, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Kohoko; you will be missed at MPSS, but the Blue Devil family wishes you good luck in the next stage of your journey. To Mr. Forster, Mr. Battle, Ms. Bouw, Mrs. Elder, Ms. Lukas, Ms. Quinto, Mr. Avey, Ms. King-MacDonald, Ms. Kowalski, Ms. Furtney, Mr. Jones, Ms. Domontfort, Ms. Stubbs, Mr. VanderVlist and Mrs. Hoskin good luck in your next teaching assignment wherever that may be. Keep the 'Blue Devil' spirit alive in you. We appreciated everything you did for our students.

Graduates, congratulations and good luck in whatever pathway you follow.

Parents/Guardians, please take the opportunity to share the report card successes with your son/daughter and reflect on the areas where improvements can be made. Setting goals for next year is a positive starting point. Also a reminder that student and school information can be retrieved through our website [www.granderie.ca/schools/mpss](http://www.granderie.ca/schools/mpss), our Facebook page at McKinnon Park Secondary School, or via Twitter. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the school at 905-765-4466.

To all in the MPSS family, have a safe and enjoyable summer vacation and good luck in the future. I wish you all an excellent 2018-2019 school year. It has been my pleasure and honour to have served as your principal this year. I look forward to September and all of the renewed hopes and promises that it brings.

## Dates of Interest

### **Wednesday August 29th**

Grade 9 Welcome/Registration

11 am – 1 pm

### **Thursday August 30th**

Gr. 10, 11 & 12 Timetable Pick Up

11 am – 1 pm

**Guidance office open both days for timetable changes**

**Sept. 4—First Day**

**Sept. 7—Grade 9 Day**

**Sept. 14—P.D. Day**

**Sept. 28—High School Challenge**

**Oct. 2—P.D. Day**

**Oct. 4—Interim Report Cards**

**Oct. 8—Thanksgiving**

**Oct. 11—Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Nov. 7—Take Our Kids to Work Gr.9**

**Nov. 11—Remembrance Day**

**Nov. 15—Mid-Term Reports**

**Nov. 16—P.D. Day**

**Dec. 21—Last Day of Classes 2018**

**Jan. 7—First Day of Classes 2019**

**Jan. 24—Semester 1 Exams Begin**

**Jan. 31 & Feb. 1—PD Days**

**Feb. 4—First Day of Semester 2**

**Feb. 7—Semester 1 Report Cards**

**Feb. 18—Family Day**

**Mar. 1—Interim Report Cards**

**Mar. 7—Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Mar. 11-15—March Break**

**Mar. 27—OSSLT EQAO**

## Transportation Services

Did you know that the transportation department is around all summer? If you are moving, changing childcare locations or are in need of transportation information, you can contact their staff by calling 519-751-7532 or by emailing [transportation@stsbhn.ca](mailto:transportation@stsbhn.ca).

Transportation information is available via the parent portal as of August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please log in to find the transportation details for the coming school year on or shortly after this date so that any changes in service can be implemented well before the start of the school year!



Congratulations to  
Madison Romberg and  
Ryan Roloson for earning their B1  
DELFL certificates. These two  
grade 12 students have now  
officially become recognized in  
their competency of the  
French language.

C'est formidable!



This year's McKinnon Park Students' Council has come to an end. As always, we did not slow down, and we proceeded to finish strong as a council to ensure our last few events were a success. Our last event as a council for the 2017-18 school year was our Extra Curricular Banquet. The banquet was held on Thursday June 14th from 5-7 pm. This year we handed out all of the coaches awards for each sports team here at MPSS, as well as all the club recognition awards from band, drama club, and Interact. This year was also the first year that we awarded the Jr and Sr Athletes of the Year and Performing Artists of the Year awards at the banquet. More than one hundred people attended the banquet this year. This year's delicious meal was provided by Ms. Quinto's food class. Everyone on Students' Council would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us this year. We would also like to thank all of the staff and students who helped us this year at our numerous events. Things would not have gone as smoothly without you all. Students' Council will resume in September as they plan to host a fun action-packed grade nine day for all of the grade nine students on the first Friday of the school this year. We would once again like to thank everyone who helped support Students' Council this year at MPSS, and we wish you all a safe and happy summer!

Back by popular demand!

The French department is excited to announce that we will once again be travelling with Perspectives to St-Donat, Quebec from Wednesday, February 13, 2019 - Sunday, February 17, 2019. This awesome trip involves many outdoor winter sports and French cultural activities. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for further details in September!



This year the Rotary Interact Club was busy with several projects which included: collecting 65 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to be shipped overseas to children in need, traveling to the packing and sorting center for Operation Christmas Child in Guelph, helping wrap Christmas boxes to be donated to women's shelters, writing Christmas cards to soldiers overseas, and running our Yarn Collection Drive which collected yarn to be knitted into blankets by the organization *Patches From Heaven* to be donated to people in need around our community. The Interact Club would like to warmly thank all of those who participated in any small way to help with our projects this year and we would like to extend an invitation to any student who would like to join the club next year.

### Dual Credit Green Industries Program

McKinnon Park is proud to offer a dual credit Green Industries program for the 2018/2019 school year. In one class period the students receive an "M" level high school credit and a college credit by the end of the semester. There is no charge to the student, and the college credit may be transferrable to many post secondary institutions in Ontario. For more information on this incredible learning opportunity, please contact Mr. Runhart.



**OUR SCHOOL**  
is a certified  
**Ontario EcoSchools**



Congratulations to Eco Club members and all of the MPSS community for earning Gold certification status for the 2017-18 school year. Club members worked hard to promote green initiatives to raise environmental awareness and reduce waste around our school.

Notable activities include the sale of handmade cards to raise money for WWF, the symbolic adoption of a white Rhino, and fueling the Staples Brigade to collect and recycle used plastic pens and pencils.

This is our fourth year of successful certification, and we are happy to surpass our previous standing to reach Gold status!

The club will resume meetings in September to recertify MPSS for the 2018-19 year. Mrs. Flowers encourages new members from all grades to join this worthwhile action group.





## EUROPE TRIP 2019

Would you like to spend March Break in Budapest, Vienna, Prague and Munich?



**REGISTER NOW!**

Tour Center ID: Downey-6751  
explorica.ca

Questions? Ask Miss Downey!  
Room 2044 | email:  
karen.downey@granderie.ca

## The Breakfast Program

Thank you to all who donated to our cash online Nutrition Program. We were able to provide healthy breakfast foods to any student who needed it, five days a week, all year long. A very special THANK YOU goes out to Jackie Fehrman who does all of the hard work and puts out a beautiful spread for our students daily.

We hope to offer the same program next year with your continued generosity. Have a restful and healthy summer!

Congratulations to our boys lacrosse team for winning the OFSAA A/AA Gold Medal!



Congratulations to Domenic Barresi who won a bronze medal in midget boys 200 metre at OFSAA track!

## Summer School e-Learning

The online courses will open on **June 27, 2018**, for students to complete the **mandatory orientation**. Students must complete this mandatory component before the course begins on **July 3, 2018**. The course will end on **Friday, July 27, 2018**.

1. Students can access their course by going to: <https://gedsb.elearningontario.ca>

2. To login:

- Login is your computer username (i.e. jennuff123@granderie.ca)
- Password is your computer password

If you cannot remember your GEDSB computer login, please contact [elarning@granderie.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:elarning@granderie.onmicrosoft.com)

3. E Learning Expectations

- log into your course every school day;
- participate fully in all activities, including discussions;
- meet course due dates;
- keep an open line of communication with your teacher;
- demonstrate academic honesty.

Questions or concerns about Summer School?

Please contact

Carolyn Kelley

Summer School / Night School Secretary

Grand Erie Learning Alternatives

519-753-6079, #277012



## We need your help!

### Grand Erie District School Board is seeking Special Education Advisory Committee Members

The Grand Erie District School Board is looking for parents and community members to join the Special Education Advisory Committee. Members of this lively and engaged group make recommendations to the Board on matters related to the establishment, development and delivery of Special Education programs and services within Grand Erie.

#### To be eligible, members must be:

1. a Canadian citizen,
2. 18 years of age or older,
3. a resident within the jurisdiction of the Board, and
4. a public school elector (as defined in the Municipal Electors Act)



Special Education Advisory Committee members serve a four (4) year term coinciding with municipal electorates, i.e., December 2018 to November 2022.

Applications will also be considered from local associations who operate in the best interests of promoting the well-being of exceptional children or adults throughout Ontario.

If you would like to be considered for membership, please send a letter to [SEACchair@granderie.ca](mailto:SEACchair@granderie.ca) indicating your interest in or experience with special education, no later than **October 24, 2018**. You may also mail to SEAC Chair c/o Grand Erie District School Board, 349 Erie Avenue, Brantford, ON N3T 5V3.

For more information, please visit [granderie.ca/board/elementary/special-education/special-education-advisory-committee](http://granderie.ca/board/elementary/special-education/special-education-advisory-committee).

All Special Education Advisory Committee meetings are open and accessible to the public.

Greg Anderson, Chair

Brenda Blancher, Director

**SUCCESS** for Every Student

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Wednesday, August 29th, from  
11 am—1 pm.

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Grade 10, 11 & 12

students will be

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for timetable changes.



Thanks to all of our co-op employers for your time and commitment to supervising and training our co-op students. You provide valuable employability skills for our students and assist with the shaping of career goals. MPSS looks forward to working with our co-op community partners again next year.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2018



Eden Acciaccferro

Joseph Agro

Kevin Allan

Braedan Allen

Haylee Anderson

Tyler Anstett

Ethan Ashbaugh

Jordan Asquith

Cynthia Aul

Chesley Berestecki

Isaac Bezemer

Breanna Bird

Griffin Birks

Aven Blanchard

Halle Blanchard

Serena Bois

Bryce Booker

Dina-Rae Bourassa

Alex Bryce

Nathan Buggeln

Will Bunn

Hayden Burnell

Angela Burning

Kelsey Burning

Martin Burning-Bomberry

John Charleson

Kyra Chausse

Camryn Cockhill

Gillian Collins

Andi Cooper

Katelyn Davidson

Savannah Dawson

Alexander Diebel

Austin Doolittle

Griffin Doucette

Hannah Enlund

Taya Evans

Megan Fletcher

Haley Forbes

Aidan Foy

Dillin Golden

Nathan Golfi

Megan Gorman

Braelyn Graham

Carter Gray

Alex Harper

Matthew Harview

Shane Henry

Nicole Hibbs

Cassandra Hill

Kaya Hill

Kellen Hill

Tressa Hill

Faith Hodgins

Sabrina Hunter

Kenley Jacobs

Brittney Jenkins

Kylee Johnson

Kayla Johnstone

Ryan Jones

Ethan Kays

Brandon Kennedy

Madison Kichinko

Ashley Klaver

Hannah Kozack

Olivia Kuhn

Sara Leng

Jade Lilly

Nicholas Liviero

Kwincey Logan

Colton Longboat

Aaliyah Lootsma

Maddison MacDonald

Michaela MacGregor

Alex MacSween

Kennedy MacVinnie

Jakob Maracle

Lillian Maracle

Adam Martin

Fiona Martin

Mike Martin Able

Alyssa Martino

Megan McBay

Hunter McIntyre

Kane McMaster

Troy Melo

Devin Miller

Marshall Miller

Matthew Miller

Riley Miller

Carter Muir

Zachary Mumby

Michael Murphy

Hannah Newell

Carlie Nika

Zachary Nopper

Dylan O'Rourke-Gilbart

Ethan Ouelette

Nicholas Overland

Tate Oxley

Arlan Patterson

Canon Peters

Kate Petrella

Emily Phillips

Alexia Pires

Brayden Postma-Mageran

Marshall Powless

Edison Reeves

Callie Reynolds

Samuel Richardson

Joseph Rivard

Ryan Roloson

Maddison Romberg

Colton Routledge

Thomas Sargeant

Kaitlyn Sayer

Spencer Seguin

Raynia Seymour

Courtney Shapton

Addy Skye

Georgia Spratt-Mallick

Emma Stairs

Kyle Steenbeek

Mia Steenbruggen

Mikayla Summerfield

Taylor Swindall

Emily Taplay

Alexis Thomas

Emily Thompson

Emily Thorpe

Dylan Toulouse

Kaitlyn Townson

Kai VanSickle

Nathan Vowles

Frankie Warner

Quentin Warner

Salina Webb

Sadie Wellings

Kayla Williams

Paul Williams

Joseph Woodcroft

Elisa Zammuto