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Dates to
Remember

P.A. Day – October 2/18
EQAO School Results Published-
October 5/18
Thanksgiving Holiday – Monday,
October 8/18
School Council Meeting:
Tuesday, October 9/18 at 6:30
PM – School Library
Immunization Clinic – Grade 7 –
October 11/18
Bus Evacuation Drills – October
17/18
Picture Re-take Day – Friday,
October 26/18

October News

It is hard to believe September is behind us already!!! Expectations and routines have been established, and students are well on their way to meeting these in a respectful and responsible manner! The past month has been a busy one with many events organized, and student co-curricular activities continuing to take place.

Terry Fox Walk heartfelt thanks goes out to our Hillier families who donated money for our Terry Fox Walk this year. The money collected goes towards a very worthy cause. We raised approximately \$1150 for the Terry Fox Foundation, well above our goal of \$800. Thank you to our staff who braved the chilly buckets of water, and a BIG THANK YOU to our students who ALWAYS show so much respect and enthusiasm when learning about a true Canadian Hero. **Thank you** Mrs. Pelich, Mr. Bentham and Mrs. Metcalfe for organizing the whole school events and participation!!!

Meet the James Hillier School Council Team 2018-19

School Council elections were held during the month of September. The candidates below accepted nominations to executive positions on School Council and were acclaimed for the 2018-19 school year:

Name	Position
Jennifer Davies	Chair
Kari Brozowski	Co-chair
*Jennifer Luke	Treasurer
Jessica Cameron	Secretary
Laura Dudley	Teacher Representative
Danielle Fox	Teacher Representative
Jeannette Marry	Principal

*As part of School Council requirements, Jennifer Luke declares that she is currently employed by the Grand Erie District School Board. She has children that attend James Hillier, but is not a staff member of the school.

Attachments:

- Focusing on the Fundamentals of Mathematics – Parent Guide
- EQAO – Interpretation of School Results
- The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) flyer
- Scare in the Square flyer

Reminders and Information...

School Council and Parent Involvement:

Parental engagement can take many forms such as:

- Serving on School Council and Parent Engagement Committees
- Volunteering (e.g. field trips, special events, Strong Start, classroom helper, extra-curricular)
- Communicating with the teacher to help support collective goals for student success (e.g. attitude, achievement, participation, behaviour, school work, attendance, punctuality, responsibility etc.)
- Talking to your child every day about their day at school
- Meeting with school staff when concerns arise to share solutions and problem-solve to support ***Success for Every Student!***

School Council Start-up Event – October 18

School Councils play a vital role in the education of all Grand Erie students through their work to promote and improve student achievement and school performance as well as their leadership in encouraging parent involvement at schools and learning at home. All Grand Erie Schools must have a school council. Additionally, school council elections must be held within the first 30 days of the school year.

Grand Erie's annual School Council Start-up, sponsored by the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC), takes place **Thursday, October 18 from 6-8 p.m. at Waterford District High School**. All School Council Chairs, Home and School Associations Chairs or Parent Teacher Associations Chairs as well as their members are urged to attend. The School Council Start-up is an important event for all School Council Chairs as key information is provided and great ideas are shared.

For details on the event and to RSVP visit:

<https://bit.ly/2MRCjqa>

Message from the Principal

During the last Professional Activity day on October 2nd, staff worked together to interpret our recent EQAO results for Grade 3 and Grade 6, and set goals for improvement in numeracy. Part of the professional learning day was spent on examining a recently released document entitled, *"Focusing on the Fundamentals of Mathematics."* This document is an addendum to the current mathematics curriculum for Grades 1 – 8.

The document reiterates strategies that both school and home can employ for supporting student understanding in developing fluency, automaticity, and computational skills in mathematics.

"A strong foundation in the concepts and skills emphasized will prepare students for success in high school, and ensure that they have a set of essential skills for employment and responsible citizenship in the future."

Parents play an influential role in supporting learning at home. The parent version of the guide is attached. It describes Ontario's focus on the fundamentals of mathematics, and how this learning can be further supported at home.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marry

