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## Important Dates

Feb. 5– Safety Village (Wood)

Feb. 8– French Immersion Kinder.  
Registration Closes, Hot lunch  
orders open online

Feb. 12– SK and Grade 8  
Graduation Pictures

Feb. 14– Valentine's Day, Report  
Cards Go Home

Feb. 18– Family Day

Feb. 20– Burford Library (Mesley  
& Boukhuyt), Triple P Program @  
St. George Library (6:00-7:30)

Feb. 22– Chicopee Tubing Trip for  
Grades 4-8

Feb. 24– Hot Lunch orders close  
online

Feb. 26– Kindergarten trip to  
Sanderson Centre

Feb. 27– Pink Shirt Day, Burford  
Library (Woodburn)

## Message from the Administrators' Desks . . .

February is Black History Month. We, at Burford Elementary, believe in honouring diversity in all of its forms. Teachers and administrators have begun preparations for Black History Month activities in each classroom. We will use this opportunity to highlight issues around equity and diversity in an effort to create an environment free from discrimination for our students and our community. We encourage you to look for opportunities to continue this important work at home.

Our Snack Program welcomed a number of new volunteers in the past month who have been working hard to prepare snacks every Monday, Wednesday and Fridays which are delivered to the classrooms on First Nutrition Break. Funding for this program comes through Brant Food for Thought, and was a significant decrease from previous years. There is now a \$2 donation option on School Cash Online that will help to fund our Snack Program. This donation option will stay open for the remainder of the school year. Please consider donating once, or each time you pay for hot lunch orders.

Many of our Junior and Intermediate classes have participated in skating in the past month. Gathering equipment so that all students can participate is always a challenge. We would like to thank all of the families that donated skates and helmets, or lent them to other students who, otherwise, would not have been able to participate. Your generosity made someone's day.

As winter progresses, we continue to work with our snow removal contractors to keep parking lots and walkways clear, and snow banks a manageable size. Please take care when walking around the school, watching for traffic and slippery conditions. Also, please send extra clothes with your children, as they sometimes need a change following outdoor play.

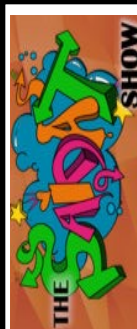
## Book Sale

We have a number of gently used novels and non-fiction books available for purchase by students and families. Books are priced at \$0.25 each and will be available for the month of February.



## French Immersion Kindergarten Registration

Registration for new kindergartens for the 2019-20 school year closes on February 8th. Registration packages are available at the school. If there are more registrants than spaces in Kindergarten classes, a lottery will be held to fill the spaces.



We are excited to announce that we will be hosting the Saidat Show on March 20th. Saidat will share her message of positivity: one person can make a difference, together we can change the world. We would like to thank the BDES School Council for financially supporting this presentation.

## Important:

Godfather's will no longer accept late pizza orders. Please ensure that your order is in on time to ensure that your child gets their pizza for the month.



# Focus on Math

## The Seven Math Processes

The curriculum identifies seven key processes students engage in as they learn and use math throughout the grade. These are problem solving, reasoning and proving, reflecting, selecting tools and computational strategies, connecting, representing, and communicating. Your child will use these processes when learning new concepts and procedures, practicing skills, and solving problems. Your child will also draw on his/her knowledge and skills from the five strands and make connections with real-life situations. In this month's edition, we will look at three of the processes.

### Problem Solving

Students enjoy and use math when the concepts they learn make sense to them. Investigating problems builds students' understanding of concepts. It also allows students to apply their math skills in everyday situations.

In your child's math classroom, students:

- tackle math problems that are appropriately challenging
- explore many different approaches to solving problems



### Reasoning and Proving

Students need to be able to explain the reasoning behind a solution or choice of strategy. They need to be able to answer the question, "How do you know?"

In your child's math classroom, students:

- make predictions
- test hypotheses
- explain their thinking

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### Reflecting

Reflecting is an essential part of good problem solving. Reflecting on their choices and results enables students to improve their approaches and discover new possibilities.

In your child's math classroom, students:

- reflect on their own thinking and the thinking of others
- assess the reasonableness of an answer
- brainstorm other possible strategies
- share aspects of a problem that were challenging

Taken from: Math Learning Today Council of Ontario Directors of Education

## A Note From The Public Health Nurse At Your School...Active Winter Fun for the Whole Family

Winter is here to stay for a while, but there is no need to hibernate indoors. Instead, go outside with the whole family and enjoy playing old games or trying out some new ones. Building a snowman, tobogganing, playing a game of hockey, going skating or participating in a winter treasure hunt are all great activities that will get the whole family moving.

Before heading outdoors, keep these tips in mind:

**Dress warm and layer clothing.** Don't forget a warm hat, mittens and boots!

**Stay away from ponds and rivers.** They may look frozen, but the ice may not be thick enough to support your body weight. Play it safe!

**Pack a lunch and something to drink.** It's easy to forget that in the cold air you can still get hungry and thirsty.

**Wear Sunscreen.** You can get sunburn even in the winter!

**Watch for frostbite.** Kids get frostbite faster than adults. Signs of frostbite include a prickly or itchy feeling in the skin, numbness and/ or discoloration on the face, ears hands or feet. Stay protected, stay warm.



## Smoke-Free Ontario Act: Changes Impact All Grand Erie Schools

Last fall, the Government of Ontario passed the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which prohibits smoking tobacco or cannabis as well as all vaping in public areas, including schools.

The new law specifically states that a person can not smoke or vape in or around a school. This includes all indoor spaces and all outdoor areas like playgrounds and sports fields. It also prohibits smoking and vaping in public areas within 20 metres of the property line of a school or School Board facility. For reference, 20 metres equals 65 feet, or the approximate length of 1.5 school buses.

A person caught smoking or vaping in a prohibited area may be charged with an offence and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 for a first offence, if convicted.

To assist Grand Erie with this change, the local Health Unit will be providing new signage for all schools and Board facility sites. Through our Public Health Nurses, education information will be available for those looking to quit smoking or vaping. The Board will also be removing all traditional smoking and vaping areas.

Understandably, this is a significant change that will require everyone's cooperation. We don't want to see anyone charged. Therefore, we're asking for your support and assistance in ensuring everyone meets the requirements of this new law.

For more information on the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, visit: <https://bit.ly/2FGV4y5>.

### Student Census

From March 18-29, 2019, all Grand Erie students in Grades 4-12 will be encouraged to complete the student census in class. The census will take approximately one class period to complete. It will include questions that ask students about themselves and their experiences, both inside and outside of school. **The census findings will help Grand Erie better understand student populations and school communities; identify and eliminate barriers to student success, inclusion and well-being; and establish effective programs to increase student services.**

More information about the purpose and use of Student Census data is available on [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca) and will be outlined in a letter that will come home with your child's Report Card on February 14th.

### Triple P Sessions

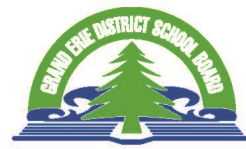
The Brant County Health Unit continues to offer the Triple P Program (Power of Positive Parenting) across Brant County. The next session is at the St. George Library on Feb. 20th from 6:00-7:30. Consider attending for useful information about "Raising Responsible Teenagers."

**JUNE 27 is  
PINK  
SHIRT DAY**

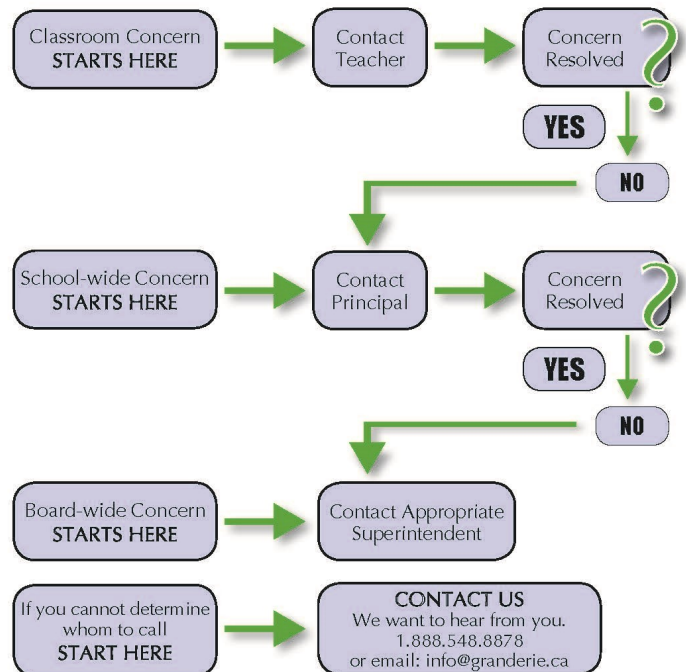


### Pink Shirt Day

Once again, we will be marking Pink Shirt Day on February 27th to raise awareness of the issue of bullying in all of its forms. We encourage students, staff and volunteers to wear a pink shirt to school on this day, and to stand up to bullying when they see it at school, or in the community. Official shirts are available through the Boys' and Girls' Club.



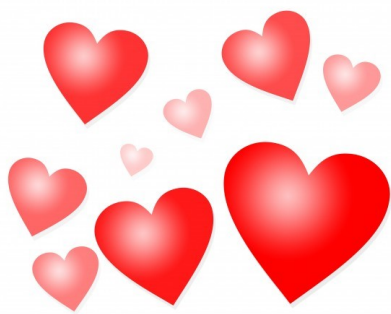
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YOUR TRUSTEE CAN GUIDE YOU THROUGH THIS PROCESS.  
Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at [granderie.ca](http://granderie.ca)

## SUCCESS for Every Student





# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Mr. Wood's class to the Safety Vil- lage	6	7	8 French Immersion Kindergarten Reg- istration Closes  Hot lunch orders go online	9
10	11	12 Grade 8 Grad Pic- tures and SK Pic- tures	13	14 Valentine's Day  Report Cards go home 	15	16
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