

PRINCESS ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Message from the Principal

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To our returning students, welcome back! To our new students, welcome to PE! We look forward to an excellent year.

Class changes still possible... We are only allowed to put a certain number of students in each class, depending on their grade. At the start of the year, sometimes we need to adjust our classes by moving some students. We usually do this during the first few weeks of school. If we need to move your student to a different class, we'll contact you by phone.

Visitor ID tags: Parents and guests need to sign in and get a visitor's pass if they are entering the school any further than the front foyer.

Meet-the-Teacher Night and BBQ Because of bargaining between the teachers' union and the Province of Ontario, Meet-the-Teacher Night has not been scheduled. As information becomes available, I'll pass it along.

School Council (PTA) Meeting and Election: The first Parent Council meeting will be held in our school library on **Tuesday, September 22 at 5:00 in the Staff Room of our school.** At that time, we will also be electing this year's Princess Elizabeth School Council. We are always looking for new members! All parents are welcome to attend.

Also, our first school-wide **head lice check** will occur over the next few days, with calls home being made for any students exhibiting signs of nits or live lice.

Breakfast Buddies begins on Monday, September 21. **The times for the program have changed. The breakfast program will run from 8:15 am - 8:40 am this year.** Information will be sent home this week. Please be sure to get signed up if you are interested in participating in this breakfast program.

Entry Times: For students who don't go to Breakfast Buddies, we start supervising the playground at 8:40 am. Please do not send children to school before this time. If there is bad weather and a student happens to be here early, they will be let in, but not before 8:30 am. If students are participating in Breakfast Buddies, they will not be allowed into the school before 8:15 am.

Lock-Down Drills and Fire Drills must be practised several occasions every year. It is likely that one of each will be performed before Thanksgiving while the weather is nice. Teachers will prepare the students before any drill so that the kids know what to do and that the lockdown drills are just practices.

Agendas are being provided to each students. They cost \$4 each. Please send the money to the school starting this week.

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The Grand Erie Harassment Statement: As school begins each year, we are asked to remind people of the following:

The Grand Erie District School Board has a zero tolerance policy toward all forms of harassment. The Board is committed to providing a working and learning environment that is free of harassment, which supports productivity and the personal goals of dignity and self-esteem of every individual. The Board expects all students, staff and visitors to behave in a respectful, courteous and appropriate manner at all times. The Board will respond to all forms of unacceptable behaviour in a manner consistent with the Board Policy, Procedure on Harassment. To view the policy, please visit the Board's website at <http://www.granderie.ca> and select the drop down menu titled Board.

The School web-site is up and running at (www.granderie.ca/princesselizabeth), but the format is not very user-friendly. We will be trying to keep the web-site up-to-date. Please feel free to check the web-page for information such as inclement weather closures, special events, etc., but that's usually about the time when the web-site stops working properly... Otherwise, if you have questions, feel free to give the school a call at (519)732-2910, or search for our Princess Elizabeth page on Facebook.

Peanuts and Substitutes Reminder: Food with peanuts or other nuts are not permitted at Princess Elizabeth. Please be careful not to pack things in lunches that contain, or may contain nuts (including products like Nutella, honey-nut cheerios, etc.). Though home-baked items that are carefully prepared to be peanut- and nut-free are okay in lunches, as long as these goodies are only eaten by the student who brought them.

If a student brings food that has nut products in it (it happens...I've done it by mistake, myself), then we'll ask the student to keep the food sealed, give them something else to eat, and ask them to take the peanut or nut-containing food home.

The **Terry Fox Run** has not been scheduled due to current negotiations between the teachers' union and the province. I'll provide an update if the event is rescheduled.

September Important Dates:

Sept. 8 - first day of school (obviously...)
Sept. 21 - Breakfast Buddies Program starts
Sept. 22 - School Council (PTA) meeting (5:00 pm)
Oct. 19 – Picture Day

Other dates on Significance:

- Rosh Hashanah (Jewish) – sunset Sept 14-sunset Sept 15
- Autumn Equinox – Sept 23
- Eid-Al-Adha (Muslim) – Sept 23-24



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