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## Dates to Remember

Kindergarten Registration

March 14-22 March Break

March 8<sup>th</sup> Move clocks  
ahead 1 hour.

March 27<sup>th</sup> All Chocolate  
Bar money due in office.

March 28<sup>th</sup> Earth Hour

## Dear Seneca Families:

It's not uncommon to have parents take photographs of their child during a school event. The ever-growing popularity of social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and others, has led some parents to post these pictures on their page in one of these sites.

Some parents have expressed disapproval and concern about this practice. The school does not intend to impose a camera ban during school events that parents, and community members attend. We appreciate how important it is to capture these special moments. In addition, the school does not and cannot possibly monitor which photos are posted and where they are posted. As a school we are asking parents to be aware of the privacy rights of others and the potential risk to children of posting pictures and videos online. We are urging parents to take pictures of their child only. If other children are also in the photo, we ask that those photos not be posted online, unless permission from the parents of the other children has been received. The other option is to crop out other children or obscure their faces. For some children, having their photo posted online creates a serious safety issue, such as in cases where there is a contentious custody issue or a history of violence.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. Let's do everything we can to keep our children safe.

## 'Working Together for Success'

### ORGANIZED STUDENTS MAY HAVE BETTER ATTENDANCE

Students who miss just one day of school each week miss more than two and a half years of class time before they graduate. And most lost hours of instruction can never be made up. Common excuses for absences and tardiness include:

- **Getting up late** and missing the bus.
- **Forgetting** an assignment at home.
- **Not being able** to find needed books.

These excuses have one thing in common: disorganization! Encourage your child to stick to a steady homework routine, pack their backpack the night before and wake up at the same time every day.

### Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

# *SUCCESS* for Every Student

## STUDENTS AND ACCIDENTS

The Board takes every precaution to provide a safe learning environment for students, but accidents can and do happen. Some families have private or workplace accident insurance which is able to respond to costs arising from injuries. However, many families do not. Under the Education Act, Ontario school boards are empowered to:

"provide, by contract with an insurer under the Insurance Act, accident and life insurance for pupils, the cost of which is to be paid on a voluntary basis by the parents or guardians." R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2, s. 176, par. 4.

The Grand Erie District School Board regularly reviews student accident insurance policies provided by various companies and every September makes available a package with comprehensive, low-cost options for student insurance. The "Limited Plan" (formerly known as *Basic Plan*) coverage for school days only, can be purchased annually for \$3.50 per child and includes a 10-year unlimited dental benefit feature. Family discounts are available and plans can be purchased for post-secondary and mature students and, in some cases, for visiting or immigrant students. More complete packages include 365-day per year coverage and the "Platinum Plan" (formerly known as *Super Plan Plus*) also has a travel component.

Coverage may be purchased at any time during the school year. As the cost is very competitive, it will remain the same regardless of when it was purchased. The best value for parents exists in purchasing it in September. Coverage becomes effective at the date of purchase, so injuries sustained prior to this are not eligible for compensation. It is important for parents to understand that the Board does not provide insurance for students against any accidental death, disability, dismemberment or medical expenses that might occur as a result of accidents during school activities, including sporting events and field trips.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS**, require assistance, or prefer to enroll online or by phone please contact the Client Service Department at Reliable Life Insurance through one of the following options:

**Telephone:**

800-463-5437 (toll free)

**Email:** [insuremykids@reliablelifeinsurance.com](mailto:insuremykids@reliablelifeinsurance.com)

**Web:** [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)

**Postal Address:** Reliable Life Insurance Company, Student Accident Department P.O. Box 557, Hamilton, ON L8N 3K9

## ECO TEAM: MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> EARTH HOUR!! TURN OUT YOUR LIGHTS

"Setting an example is not the main means of influencing others; it is the only means" Albert Einstein

We all need to set a good example for the next generation and those to come. Please set a good example by practicing good recycling habits and composting. Remember Earth Hour is March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:30pm. Turn off all lights and any unnecessary hydro consuming appliance. Go outside and enjoy the stars, go for a night walk or enjoy a quiet story telling evening.

## 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, practising 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 newsletter, 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

**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

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Thank you to all involved in supporting our Lottery Calendar and Chocolate Bar fundraiser. We hope to reach our \$10,000 target at the end of our chocolate bar fundraiser. Thank you for "making our world a better place" at Seneca. A reminder to have all chocolate bar money into the school office by **March 27<sup>th</sup>**.

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## MONTH of MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings – turn your clocks forward 1 hr	9	10 	11	12	13	14
15	<p>Have a Safe and Happy March Break - March 14<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> – NO SCHOOL!</p> <p>March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day – Wear green</p>					21 FIRST DAY OF SPRING!
22	23	24 	25	26	27 Chocolate Bar Money due in the office.	28 Earth Hour Turn out Lights 8:30 – 9:30 pm
29	30	31 	<p><i>Grand Erie...</i> <b>Strong Values</b> <i>Character Attributes</i> <b>INTEGRITY</b></p>			