



September Newsletter – Brier Park - 2019

Dates to Remember

- 13 PD Day – no school for students
 - 19 Meet the Teacher, 5:30 to 6:30 pm
 - 30 Orange Shirt Day
- October 7th- School Council Meeting, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

A Message from the Principal...

Welcome Back to Brier Park...2019-'20 is going to be a great school year. We welcome our new families to our school community. As well, we welcome Mr. Telfer, our new learning resource teacher. Ms. Matheson accepted a system position with the Grand Erie District School Board. We welcome back, Ms. Pettman, doing a long term occasional position as an early childhood educator, in for Mrs. LeBlanc. We welcome Mrs. Hunte to our school, doing a long term occasional position in grade one/two, in for Mrs. Martyniuk. We welcome Miss McGeein to our school. She is our new grade four teacher. We welcome Ms. Baetz to our school. She is providing prep coverage to our kindergarten classes and some junior grade classes.

Here is a list of our teachers this year.

Kindergarten teachers-Mrs. Herron and Mrs. Pettman, Mrs. Kogut, Mrs. Halabecki and Ms. Brooks

Grade One-Mrs. Dietrich

Grade One/Two-Mrs. Hunte in for Mrs. Martyniuk

Grade Two/Three-Mrs. Vanka

Grade Three – Mrs. Coulis

Grade Four-Ms. McGeein

Grade Five-Mrs. Janssen

Grade Five/Six-Ms. Moses

Grade Six/Seven-Mr. Neeb

Grade Seven/Eight-Mrs. Cowan

Grade Seven/Eight – Mr. Nicholson

Learning Resource Teacher- Mr. Telfer

French Teacher- Mme Power

Prep Teacher – Mr. Sturgeon

Educational Assistants- Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Morrison

Thank you to...

Thanks is extended to Mr. Torelli, our custodian, and Mrs. Head, our caretaker, for their efforts this summer cleaning our school. It was a busy summer as we had much of our school painted and new thermostats installed. The caretaking staff had to work around the contractors. Many of our teaching staff were in the school during the last week of August preparing for the new school year. Thank you to the teacher teams for preparing their rooms and First Day activities for our students. As well, thank you to Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. Smith (casual secretary) for their efforts getting the office ready and the school year organized.

Agendas

Agendas will be \$5 and payment can be made on line on September 3rd. The cashless on line system is open all month for agendas as the Junior Kindergarten students will not be registered yet. Please take a moment to read through the agenda with your child. Please sign the front insert when you have read it. Thank you.

Nut Aware School

Peanut-Free “Peanut Butter” There’s a peanut-free soy nut butter product on the market that says it’s a peanut butter substitute and safe for schools. Grand Erie requests that parents/guardians and staff do not bring peanut butter substitutes into schools. If it’s peanut-free, then what’s the big deal? This product looks, smells, and tastes like peanut butter. The concern is that some children might mistakenly think it is okay to bring peanut butter sandwiches in their lunches when they see their classmates eating the soy product. We simply cannot run the risk of any student or staff member being exposed to peanuts, as this may cause an allergic reaction. The safety and health of our students and staff must come first. For more information on the Board’s response to Anaphylaxis (allergic reactions), please visit www.granderie.ca. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs. Brittain

Principal

