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# IMPORTANT

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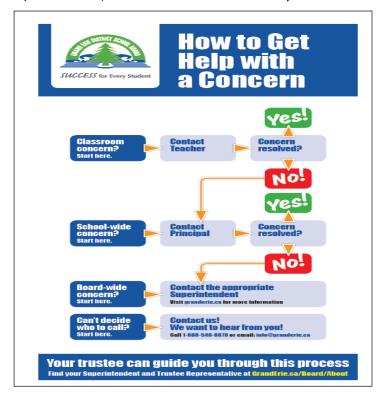
Picture Day - Oct 18-19

Bus Evacuation Drill - Oct. 23

Halloween Parade – Oct 31-19 (morning)

# **October News**

**September** is behind us, and it is hard to believe that the school year is well underway! School staff continue to support students to practice routines and expectations, and build skills for "Success for Every Student." As always, if you have information to share, or have questions or concerns about your child, it is important that you **first communicate directly with the classroom teacher**.



#### THANK YOU...

We are very appreciative of all the parents/guardians who have been calling in their child's absences or late arrivals each morning. Thank you so much, for letting us know when your child is going to be away from school. This helps the staff organize and complete attendance checks in a timely manner. Thank you also, for having your child arrive on time for school and the learning ahead. Regular attendance supports student success with academics, social-emotional learning and well-being!

#### THANK YOU...

Through the generosity of the Bellview school community, we raised \$449. 50 for the Terry Fox Foundation. That is approximately \$2.00 given by every student at our school. Thank you to Mrs. Hinrichs who organized the Terry Fox Day for our students and classes to participate. Well done Bellview Bobcats!

#### Information and Reminders...

### Parking Around Bellview...

#### Student safety is our number one concern!

During drop-off and pick-up times, the areas around the school can be very busy places. It is especially important during these transition times, that parents and families picking up and dropping off children, follow the City of Brantford parking signage around the school. The City enforcement officer is assigned to ensure that motorists are following the signs posted in these areas. Their role is also to educate drivers about restrictions in school zones, as well as to ensure that drivers are aware of the risks to students in these areas. Please be aware that there are parking and stopping restrictions on Dorothy Street, as well as on Tenth Ave. The City of Brantford signage along Dorothy St. restricts parking or stopping, along the entire length of the school property. There are similar restrictions in place at the front of the school, on Tenth Ave.





## Student Crossing Guards...

Thank you to Mme Pribeli for volunteering to organize the student crossing guard program at Bellview. Recently, students took part in a training session at the Children's Safety Village, so that they could learn how to safely help others cross at school intersections. It is our expectation that all Bellview students and families will cross at the intersections, and respectfully follow the instructions of our student crossing guards!

#### Information and Reminders...

#### Code of Conduct...

The Grand Erie District School Board believes that, in addition to academic excellence, a school promotes responsibility, respect, and civility in an environment that is safe, inclusive, caring, and accepting. This maximizes student potential and encourages a positive school climate for all members of the school community.

#### Standards of Behaviour

Respect, Civility, and Responsible Citizenship
All members of the school community, or any other
person attending on Board property, while on
school buses, at school-related events or activities,
or in any other circumstances that could have
an impact on the climate of a school, must, in
consideration of the Grand Erie Character Traits:

- Respect and comply with all applicable federal, provincial, and municipal laws;
- Demonstrate honesty and integrity;
- Treat one another with dignity and respect at all times, and especially when there is disagreement;
- Respect and treat others fairly regardless of, for example, race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability;
- Show proper care and regard for school property and the property of others;
- Seek assistance from a member of the school staff, if necessary, to resolve conflict peacefully;
- Respect persons in positions of authority;
- Respect the needs of others to work in an environment that is conducive to learning and teaching;

At times, disagreements can occur, when this happens, it is especially important that we maintain respectful communication, and follow the expectations outlined above, by the Grand Erie District School Board policy, and the school.

#### Information and Reminders...

#### Dogs on School Property...

Of growing concern lately, is the number of dogs on school property during student drop-off and pick-up. For the safety of students, staff, and community members, we respectfully ask for your co-operation in understanding that dogs are not allowed on school property during school hours! At times, community members also use the school yard after school hours, for walking their pets.

Lately, we have had some incidents of students stepping in dog excrement on the school yard, while playing outside at recess. This is a health hazard. Please follow the City of Brantford regulations for pet ownership (Regulation 206.2.5), that expects all dog owners to "stoop and scoop" any excrement left behind by their pet, anywhere within the City of Brantford. Please also note, that the school building and yard is the property of the Grand Erie District School Board.

We want our staff and students to be able to work and play outside, and use the yard during school hours without any potential hazards. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter!

#### Inclement Weather...

*School Closure...*it is that time of the year when the weather is getting colder, and winter looms.

Bellview Public School is in ZONE 4 In the event of School Closures, Cancellations or Bus Delays will be announced by 6:30 a.m. You can also check online:

- http://www.stsbhn.ca
- http://www.granderie.ca
- Or Listen to CKPC 1380 radio at 6:30 a.m.

#### School Council...

Please call the school office if you are interested in volunteering to be part of a Bellview School Council for parents.

#### Message from the Principal

During the October 8<sup>th</sup> Professional Activity day staff participated in mathematics learning, and worked together to interpret our recent EQAO results for Grade Three and Grade Six students, who participated in the assessments in May 2019. Our grade three students scored well in Reading, Writing and Mathematics assessments conducted last year. While our grade six students require improvement overall, with a particular focus on mathematics. EQAO collects information through standardized assessments as well as student questionnaires. This perceptual data, gathered through student questionnaires, provides us with an understanding of how students perceive themselves as learners, their engagement, and how they spend time outside of school. The responses from students are important conversation starters at home and at school.

Students were asked to provide input on statements and questions such as:

- -I like mathematics (Gr. 6: sometimes =37%)
- -I am able to answer difficult questions in mathematics (Gr. 6: Never = 32%)
- -I think about the steps I will use to solve the (math) problem (Gr. 3: Most of the time = 78%)
- -On a school day, how many TV programs (screen time) do you normally watch before or after school? (Gr.3 = 39% watch 4 or more programs after school).
- -How often do you and a parent, guardian or another adult who lives with you do the following? (e.g. talk about the mathematics work you do, read together, look at the school agenda etc.) You read the full report of the school's results, go to <a href="https://www.egao.com">www.egao.com</a> parent section.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marry

