Brier Park Public School

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From the Principal's Desk

Marching Right Into April Full Speed Ahead.

Thank you everyone for a successful "Amazing Race" Night at Brier Park. We had a fabulous turnout and families had fun trying out many Math and Wellness activities.

EQAO testing is still far away but we would like to set up our **volunteers** for the EQAO **breakfast** as well as **scribes** for the testing. The testing will take place May 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, and June 1st. If you are interested in assisting us, please contact Sandy Magnani at (519)759-8682 ext. 3 or sandra.magnani@granderie.ca. Assistance is required every morning for breakfast between 7:30 - 10:00 as well as for scribing from 8:45-1:00 each day. A notice will go home with dates and times shortly. We work in shifts and you may assist for an hour or a whole morning. Any assistance is appreciated.

Our next fundraiser is beginning this month. We are selling Lottery calendars with prizes to be won each day. Calendars are only \$10 each or 3 for \$25. There are more than 60 chances to win throughout the month. Our grand prize is a \$150 ITunes card donated by Photovisions.

As we communicate with you by e-mail, it is important for you to remember to give the school your updated e-mail address. Please email us at jane.baxter@granderie.ca or call 519-759-8682 to update your information.



Upcoming dates:

April 7th	Pita Pit	
April 12th	International Day of Pink	
April 13th	Chicken with rice	
April 14th	Easter Friday	
April 17th	Easter Monday	_ 0
April 21st	Subway	Important DATE 1
	Jump Rope for Heart Event	DATEL
April 25th	Ice Cream Day \$2	onit.
	Dairy Queen Ďay Fundraiser	
April 26th	Secretary's Day	
	Wrestling Tournament (W. Ross MacDonald)	
April 27th	Bar Burrito (Thursday)	
April 28th	PD Day - NO SCHOOL	

April 30th Brantford Classic Run (W. Ross MacDonald)
May 1st Assembly - 9:20 - Humility

May 1st - 5th Staff Appreciation Week
May 4th Staff Appreciation Week
Grand-Parents, Parents, and Special Friends Day 9:00 - 10:00

International Day of Pink and Safe Schools

Our student council worked together to put together an assembly on bullying and "Pink Shirt Day" which was held last month. Pink Shirt Day began in Nova Scotia when two high school students and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy for a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied. The students took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. The theme of our Pink Shirt Day assembly was to promote a positive school climate and to always be inclusive.

Wednesday, April 12th will mark the "International Day of Pink". Once again the Safe Schools Committee will encourage students to wear pink as a statement against bullying. Talk to your children about bullying. Encourage them to report bullying to their teachers. Explain to your children the difference between bullying and normal conflict between students.

Conflict VS. Bullying

Happens occasionally Happens repeatedly

Accidental Done on purpose

Not serious Serious-threat of physical harm or

emotional or psychological hurt

Equal emotional reaction by both Strong emotional reaction on part of

victim

Not seeking power or attention Seeking power or control

Not trying to get something

Trying to gain material things, or power

Remorseful-takes responsibility

No remorse-blames victim

Effort to solve problem No effort to solve problem

Secretary's Day

April 26th is Secretary's Day. We want to thank Mrs. Baxter for all her hard work!!



School Cash On-Line



Please be advised that all schools in Grand Erie will be cashless starting September 2017. We

will **no longer accept cash** payments for field trips and lunch orders. Make sure to register and get signed up now. https://www.schoolcashonline.com/

Immunization Notice

According to the Immunization Schools Pupil Act, the Brant County Health Unit has assessed and identified students that are overdue for vaccines that are required to attend school. A suspension order and immunization notice was mailed to the individual student's home address in February 2017.

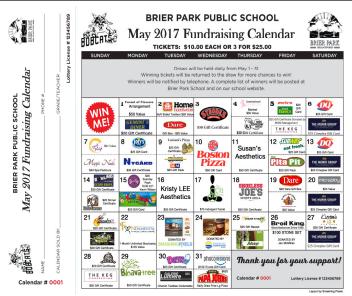
If you have received a letter and have **not** taken action, please contact the Brant County Health Unit at 753-4937 ext. 451 as soon as possible to resolve the immunization issue.

If the vaccine issue is not resolved, the student will be suspended from school starting April 20, 2017. Again, if you, as the parent/guardian has already contacted the health unit and resolved this issue, ignore this message.

Lotto Calendars

School Council is organizing another Lotto calendar in May as a fundraiser. Every day in May, we will be doing a draw for prices worth at least twenty dollars in value. We will be selling each calendar for \$10 each or 3 for \$25 for more than 50 chances to win during the month of May. Calendars will go on sale in April.

This year, to make it easier for parents, we will send home five calendars per family so that the purchaser receives the calendar portion when they purchase the calendar. The students will then return to school the "Numbered Section" of the



calendar with the purchaser's information and the money. All unsold calendars will need to be returned to the school before May 1st.

Thank you to everyone who donated and assisted in getting donations. Please support us by purchasing our calendars and selling them to friends and family. Please contact jennifer.ciere@gmail.com or sandra.magnani@granderie.ca for more information.