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Important Dates

Jan. 22– PD Day
Jan. 24– Library visit (Mesley)
Jan. 25– Bobcat Assembly
Jan. 29-Feb. 2- Boomerang Lunch
Jan. 31– Library Trip (Woodburn)
Feb. 13– Tubing Trip (Grade 4-8)
Feb. 20– SK and Grade 8
Graduation Photos

Our Public Health Nurse, Melanie LeBlanc, is in the building every Thursday morning to support health and wellness at BDES.

Message from the Administrators' Desks

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a wonderful break and a great start to 2018. We are pleased to have students and staff back for a new year of learning and exciting events. We are especially thrilled to have Ms. Soenen back as Learning Resource Teacher and Ms. Sorbara back, who will be teaching our grade 2/3 class for the remainder of the year.

Thank you to all of the families who contributed to our "Fill-a-Bus" campaign. Together, we raised over 2000 food items for families in need in Brant County this holiday season. The Brant County Christmas Hamper program was extremely grateful for our contributions. Initiatives like this teach our students about collective responsibility and generosity. Thank you to Mme. Schonbacher and her class for all of their hard work organizing this important initiative.

Every year, the winter weather presents a number of challenges. Our primary concern here at the school is student safety. If the weather is too cold, students are kept inside for Nutrition Breaks in accordance with GEDSB guidelines. We would ask that you send extra clothing with your children to ensure that they can fully participate in both indoor and outdoor activities at school this winter. A change of shoes is required, as students may not participate in Physical Education without proper footwear. Bussing and other transportation to and from school often causes difficulty in the winter months. Decisions to close schools or cancel transportation are made before 6:30 AM. Information about school closures, bus cancellations or delays can be found at the Transportation Website (www.stsbhn.ca). If this site is not working due to high volume, updates are also posted on Twitter (@GEDSB) and on local radio. Please be safe when travelling to and from school this winter.

Basketball season is upon us. Coaches are busy preparing for tryouts and practices. Students interested in participating in school basketball should listen to the announcements for more information.

We have had some complaints from neighbours about their driveways being blocked, particularly during school drop off and pick up times. Please be courteous and follow traffic rules when dropping off or picking up at school. Also, be mindful of safety as snow banks accumulate this winter. Use crosswalks and watch for traffic.



We will, once again, be having "Boomerang Lunch" week from January 29-February 2. During this week, students are asked to bring litter-free lunches to school. Any waste that is not recyclable or compostable will be sent home in the students' lunch bags.

Please support this initiative to help us reduce our ecological footprint and to encourage healthy eating by reducing pre-packaged foods. Thank you in advance for your support.

Math Myths and Math Facts:

Myth: Math belongs in the classroom. I can't help my child learn math at home.

Fact: Teachers and parents play different roles in helping children learn math. Both roles are equally important. Your child's teacher is trained to teach all aspects of the math curriculum. Your role is to support your child in learning math, and to encourage his/her curiosity and interest about math. A key way you can do this is through everyday activities that involve math.

Use this quick guide to create everyday number problems for your child at an appropriate level. The skills shown in this chart are ones your child should know by the end of each grade.

Grade	Managing	Adding and subtracting	Multiplying and dividing
1	Up to 10¢	to 20 using concrete materials	Introduced to the idea of skip counting (e.g., 5, 10, 15, 20) as a building block for multiplication
2	Up to 100¢	to 18 (e.g., 6 + 8)	Introduced to repeated addition (e.g., 3 fives is the same as 5+5+5 or 3x5) as a step in learning to multiply
3	Up to \$10	2-digit whole numbers (e.g., 37 +	to 7 ´ 7 and 49 ÷ 7
4	Up to \$100	4-digit whole numbers (e.g., 4217 +	to 9 ´ 9 and 81 ÷ 9
5	Up to \$1000	any whole numbers, decimals to hundredths	multiply 2-digit whole numbers (e.g., 24 ´ 31); divide 3-digit by 1-digit whole numbers (e.g., 346 ÷ 7)
6		any whole numbers, decimals to thousandths	any whole numbers, decimals to tenths by 1-digit whole numbers (e.g., 1.4 ´ 4 and 5.6 ÷ 4)
7		fractions, decimals, and integers	decimals to thousandths by 1-digit whole numbers
8		fractions, decimals, percentages, and integers	fractions, integers, decimals by powers of 10

A Note From the Public Health Nurse at Your School...A Positive Start to the New Year

Each New Year brings with it New Year's resolutions and an opportunity to make positive changes in our lives. This year, think about how you can be a positive role model for your child and help them develop healthy attitudes and habits that will last a lifetime.

Focus on being active and eating well.

- Add physical activity into your daily plans. Make it a family event and let your children choose the activities that they would like to try.
- Encourage your children to turn off the TV and head outdoors to play instead.
- Include your kids in planning, shopping for, preparing and serving meals; visit www.familykitchen.ca for tips.
- Role model positive eating habits by eating meals together as a family. Visit www.eatrightontario.ca for more tips on creating a positive home eating environment.



Grade 4-8 Tubing Trip

On **February 13**, students from Grade 4-8 will be going to Chicopee on the annual tubing trip. This is a fun way for students to get outside and enjoy winter activities. The cost of the trip is \$22 per student which includes: transportation to and from Chicopee, a lift ticket and helmet rental. New guidelines state that students must wear a CSA approved "Winter Sport Helmet" for tubing. **Hockey or bicycle helmets are not acceptable.**

We will be looking for parent volunteers to join us on the trip. The cost for parents who wish to participate in tubing is \$14. Parents who wish to chaperone but not go tubing do not pay any charge. Watch for more information coming home this week.



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