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Important Dates

Jan 8– Apps' Mill (Zondag, Boukhuyt)
Jan 9– Apps' Mill (Grondin, Oakley & Cadwell)
Jan 10–11– Dental Screening (JK/ SK & Grade 2)
Jan 10– Skating (Zondag & MacGregor)
Jan 11– Skating (Mann, Wood & Baldwin), Hot Lunch Orders open online
Jan 14– Skating (Oakley & Caldwell)
Jan 17– Skating (Zondag & MacGregor), School Council 6:30
Jan 18– Skating (Mann, Wood, Baldwin & Schonbacher)
Jan 21– PA Day
Jan 22– Skating (Caldwell & Oakley)
Jan 23– Burford Library (Boukhuyt)
Jan 25– Burford Library (Woodburn)
Jan 27– Food Orders Close Online
Jan 28– Skating (Zondag & MacGregor)
Jan 29– Skating (Schonbacher & Best)

Message from the Administrators' Desks . . .

Welcome back! The BDES staff hopes that you have all enjoyed the winter break and feel rested and ready to tackle the remainder of the school year. Throughout January, students and teachers will be busy finishing assessments for Term 1, as Term 1 Provincial Report Cards come home in February. Parents are encouraged to communicate with their child(ren)'s teachers regarding their progress throughout the school year by telephone, agendas, or electronic means.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent fundraising efforts (FundScrip, Poinsettia Sales, Book Fair). Our Book Fair was particularly successful this year and, thanks to the hard work of Mme. Ross, we can expect to see an influx of new books in our school library. Money raised at the school directly impacts the students at BDES and allows us to continue to offer quality programming, acquire the latest resources and engage students in experiential learning. Amidst a heavy fundraising season leading up to the holidays, BDES families still prioritized giving back to the community through our annual food drive. Your support was overwhelming and the volunteers at the County of Brant Christmas Hampers were awestruck by your generosity. This experience teaches our students a valuable lesson about the importance of altruism and community.

From time to time, information about events at the school need to be passed on to families of certain students or to the entire school population. School administration and the GEDSB Communications Department collaborate to share information around certain events. Please check your child's bag regularly for paper-based communication, and ensure that the email address on file at the school is up to date to receive accurate and timely information that school staff feel is important for you to know.

Winter weather has not yet been an issue for us this year, but bussing delays or school cancellation can be expected during extreme weather events. Please refer to the Grand Erie website for school cancellation and sign up for transportation updates at <https://transinfobhn.ca>.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

Kindergarten registration for new JKs starting in September of 2019 is now open. If you have a child who will start JK in the fall, please refer to registration information sent home with all students. If you are aware of families who have children starting JK in 2019, please pass this information along to them.

Registration for the English stream will remain open indefinitely, but registration for the French Immersion stream closes February 8th, as spaces are assigned through a lottery if numbers exceed our capacity. For more information about the Kindergarten program and Kindergarten Registration, please see the Grand Erie website at <http://www.granderie.ca/board/early-years/kindergarten>.

Focus on Math

How Is Math Learning Assessed and Evaluated?

The goal of all assessments and evaluations is to improve your child's learning. Both teachers and students contribute to the assessment process.

Assessment *for* and *as* Learning

The assessment process helps teachers make appropriate instructional decisions (assessment *for* learning), and helps your child to develop the ability to assess his/her own learning and set specific goals (assessment *as* learning). Before new learning begins, assessment can demonstrate to the teacher and the student what skills and knowledge already exist.

To help students monitor and direct their own learning, teachers identify learning goals and success criteria. Learning goals describe for students what they should know, understand, and be able to do by the end of a lesson, course, or unit. Success criteria describe what successful learning of the learning goals looks like. The teacher and students use these goals and success criteria to give feedback to each other.

As your child learns new knowledge and skills, both the teacher and your child collect information to demonstrate your child's thinking and understanding. This is done through individual or small group conversations, by reflecting on how learning materials are used, and by analyzing work. This informs the teacher's next steps and helps your child gather information about his/her own learning.

Your child will use the learning goals and success criteria to reflect on learning, celebrate successes, identify areas for improvement, make adjustments where needed, and set new personal learning goals.

Assessment *of* Learning

At or near the end of a period of learning, the teacher gathers information about your child's learning, to evaluate and summarize what has been learned and to make a decision on a grade. He/she talks to and observes your child in the classroom, and looks at assignments, tests and projects, for evidence of what your child knows and is able to do, and compares that against the expectations in the curriculum.

The Report Card

The report card summarizes your child's achievement at two points in the school year. It gives a grade or mark for at least four of the five math strands each time. Each strand is reported on at least once in the school year. The report card also evaluates your child's learning skills and work habits, essential for success.

EQAO

At the end of Grades 3, 6, and 9, your child will participate in a province-wide assessment of math learning based on the Ontario curriculum for mathematics and what students are learning in classrooms every day. These assessments are done by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency that measures how well Ontario's public education system is developing students' math skills. EQAO test results are not included on report cards in Grades 3 and 6 but provide important information to schools, districts and the province about how we can continue to grow as an education system.

From Math Learning Today, Council of Ontario Directors of Education



Looking for a valuable volunteer opportunity? BDES has the right program for you!

The Strong Start Reading Program helps struggling students learn to read.

This is only a 10 week commitment after two short training sessions.

Please contact Ms. Soenen for more information.



Food Drive Results

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Food Drive this year. Together, we collected **3581** food items that were donated to the Brant County Christmas Hampers. This program supports families in Burford and throughout the County of Brant with holiday food and gifts. Extra food is also distributed to the food banks across Brant County.

On December 14th, Mme. Schonbacher's class delivered the food to be packaged into Christmas Hampers. The program staff were highly impressed by the success of our food drive and by the manners and enthusiasm of our students. We would like to also thank Mme. Schonbacher for organizing the food drive, Lang's Bus Line for providing the bus to transport the food, and our bus Driver, Neil, for helping to load, unload, and driving the bus. We hope that our students are reminded of the importance of giving and the power of collective action. Many of our classes surpassed their goals and the top-donating classes received a pizza party for their efforts.



Requirements for Skating

Our Grade 4-8 classes have signed up for skating times over the next couple of months. Teachers will allow for free skating, offer instruction and play games with the classes on the ice. This is a fun way for our students to be active and enjoy winter activities.

In order to participate, all students and parent volunteers must wear CSA approved hockey helmets. Other types of helmets (bicycle, snowboard, etc.) so not meet GEDSB or OPHEA standards for skating. We would like all students to participate in skating. If you do not have proper equipment, please ask friends and inform the school well in advance of your child's skating time and we will do our best to locate equipment.



A Note From the Public Health Nurse at Your School...

A Fresh 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 <https://www.cookspiration.com/> for tips.
- Role model positive eating habits by eating meals together as a family. Visit www.unlockfood.ca for more tips on creating a positive home eating environment.





January 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Holidays 	2 Holidays 	3 Holidays 	4 Holidays 	5
6	7 Back to School ! 	8 Kanter's, Zondag and Bouckhuysen's classes to Apps Mills Pita Day	9 Tanaszczuk, Grondin, Oak- ley & Caldwell's classes to Apps Mills	10 Dental Screen- ing for JK/SK & Grade 2's Zondag & Mac- Gregor's class Skating 9 am Pizza Day	11 Dental Screen- ing for JK/SK & Grade 2's Mann & Wood Skating 9 am Baldwin Skating 11 am Hot Lunches & Milk Open Online	12
13	14 Caldwell & Oakley Skating 1:30 pm	15 Pita Day	16	17 MacGregor & Zondag Skating 9 am Pizza Day School Council Meeting- 6:30	18 Mann & Wood Skating 9 am Baldwin & Schonbacher Skating 11 am 	19
20	21 P.A. Day No School 	22 Caldwell & Oakley Skating 1:30 pm	23 Bouckhuysen's class walks to Burford Library	24 Pizza Day	25 Woodburn's class walks to Burford Library	26
27 Hot Lunches & Milk Close Online	28 MacGregor & Zondag Skating 1:30 pm	29 Schonbacher & Best Skating 1:30	30	31 Pizza Day	1	2