



HES March News

2019



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registrations for September 2019 have begun. If you have a little person who will be 4 or 5 years old before December 31, 2019, please call for an appointment (905-768-3012).

If you know of someone with a child that will be eligible to attend kindergarten in September, we encourage you to pass this message on. Thank you.



School Bus Loop

We would like to remind parents that from 8:25-8:55am and 2:45-3:20pm, the parking lot area in front of the school serves as a drop off and pick up zone for students who use Board transportation. In order to ensure student safety and efficient flow through this area, we ask that parents who are driving their children to school refrain from driving through this area during this time. Please park on the road and walk the children to the playground if they are young and require assistance.



New Ontario Law Makes All Grand Erie Schools Smoke-Free

Last fall, the Provincial Government passed the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which prohibits smoking tobacco or cannabis as well as vaping in public areas, such as schools.

The new Ontario law prohibits smoking or vaping within 20 metres of a school's property line. For reference, 20 metres is the approximate length of 1.5 school buses.

In addition to covering all indoor areas at a school, the new law applies to outdoor spaces such as playgrounds or sports fields. Anyone caught smoking or vaping in a prohibited area could face a minimum fine of \$305.

As a result of this new Ontario law, all Grand Erie schools and Board facility sites are now smoke-free.

The local Health Units are supporting Grand Erie with this change, providing new signage (see above), education and awareness information and materials as well as next steps for students and staff looking to quit smoking or vaping.

For more information on the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, visit: <https://bit.ly/2FGV4y5>.



Chocolate Bar Fundraiser



The chocolate bar fundraiser is moving along steadily and we are appreciative of our families who are able to sell chocolate bars. All chocolate bars and money are due back to the school by Tuesday, March 5th.

Save the Date! Telling Tales Family Literacy Event

Who?: Telling Tales All-Star, Jennifer Mook-Sang

What?: Family storytelling event

When?: Wednesday, April 10th 6:30 p.m.

Where?: Hagersville Elementary School gymnasium

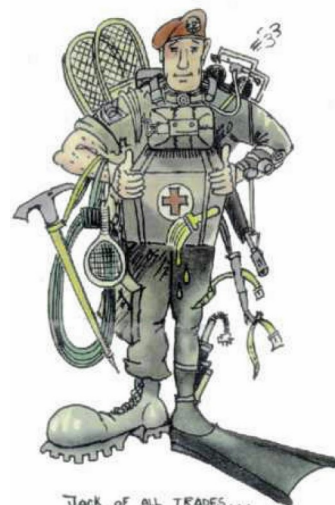
Why?: A unique opportunity to learn about storytelling from a personable author



This **FREE** event is being brought to H.E.S. by our Hagersville Elementary School Advisory Committee (parent council) through the wonderful works of Telling Tales. Telling Tales is a national organization that delivers outstanding literary programming for children and youth that raises awareness of the importance of literacy in our communities. Ms. Mook-Sang is one of the many Canadian authors who has presented at the annual Telling Tales Festival, held at Westfield Heritage Village. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear Ms. Mook-Sang speak about her journey into the art of storytelling as she shares her published works: a picture book, "Captain Monty Takes the Plunge" as well as the children's novel, "Speechless". Both books will be available for purchase at this event. Come and join us! You won't be disappointed!

HELP WANTED!

Hagersville Elementary School has received a Speak Up Grant in order to fund an intermediate career day on April 2nd. We will be reaching out to the school community as well as local community for presenters. If you are interested in presenting to these young students please contact Ms. Kelly at 905-768-3012. We would love to have a wide variety of jobs represented.



Storytelling and Speeches: The Results Are In!

Thank you to teachers and parents for supporting and encouraging students in preparing their speeches to present in their classrooms and congratulations to those students who represented their class to compete against other students in the school.



Primary Storytelling

1st Place Matthew T.
2nd Place Avery S.
3rd Place Shanise HM.

Junior Speeches

1st Gwen S.
2nd Ella C.
3rd Colton NW.

Intermediate Speeches

1st Summer W.
2nd Hannah I.
3rd Kaitlyn C.
4th Sam F.