



Grand Erie This Week Media Advisory: June 13-18

Media Advisory: June 13 – 17

- Brantford Pride Flag Raising at City Hall: Monday, June 13, 2016 | 3 p.m.
- Father's Day: Sunday, June 19

Grand Erie Joins Pride Walk

Saturday, June 18 | 12:00 p.m. Grand River Community Health Centre
Be sure to look for Grand Erie's flag flying high with members of the Grand Erie District School Board walking together in this year's Pride Walk.

Indigenous Education Pen Pal Gathering | Children Coming Together in Friendship

Friday, June 17, 2016 | All day event

Chiefswood Hwy 54 & Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken

In anticipation of the Annual Pen Pal Gathering, media are welcome to attend the event at Chiefswood to see young artists from Grade 4 to Grade 8 who have participated in the Grand River Arts: Neighbourhood Dialogue Project (G.R.A.N.D). Students from Six Nations will meet their Pen Pal from surrounding Grand Erie and Hamilton schools. For more information about the project, click here:

<http://www.penpalproject.ca/grand-project.html>

Contact: Suzie Miller, First Nations, Metis and Inuit Student Work Study Teacher, 519-753-2669

Certified EcoSchools in Grand Erie

Ontario EcoSchools is an environmental education and certification program for grades K-12 that helps school communities develop both ecological literacy and environmental practices to become environmentally responsible citizens and reduce the environmental footprint of schools. Recently, Ontario EcoSchools toured Grand Erie sites and awarded status to a number of schools. The Grand Erie District School Board is proud to celebrate the achievement of our EcoSchools. First year Grand Erie certified EcoSchools have been awarded with a water bottle filling station provided by Facility Services in recognition of their efforts and accomplishments. Congratulations to the following schools:

- Bronze Certification: Branlyn Community School, Cayuga Secondary School, Dunnville Secondary School, Grandview Public School, Langton Public School, J.L. Mitchener Public School*
- Silver Certification: Centennial-Grand Woodlands School, Echo Place School, Graham Bell-Victoria Public School*, Greenbrier Public School*, James Hillier Public School, Jarvis Public School*, Lynndale Heights Public, McKinnon Park Secondary School, Onondaga-Brant School*, River Heights Public School, Teeterville Public School, Woodman Cainsville School*
- Gold Certification: Bellview Public School, Burford District Elementary*, Delhi Public School, Fairview School, Grand Erie Learning Alternatives, Grandview Central Public School, King George School, **Mount Pleasant Public School**, North Ward School, Oneida Central Public School, Paris Central Public School, Paris District High School, Ryerson Heights, **Valley Heights Secondary School**, West Lynn Public School*
- Platinum Certification: Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School

Schools in Bold will receive a five year seal and schools with an asterisk denotes first year certifying EcoSchools. Media are welcome to visit any of the EcoSchools in their area. Contact the principal or me to facilitate a visit.

Brant/Brantford

Track And Field Regional Dates

BCI/NPC- Monday, June 13, 2016

Paris/PJ – Tuesday, June 14, 2016 raindate: Wednesday, June 15, 2016

County Finals: Friday, June 17, 2016 (rain date Monday, June 20, 2016)

Burford District Elementary School Ground Greening Ceremony

Thursday, June 16, 2016 | 9 a.m.

At this ceremony we will be planting a tree and receiving some generous donations from grants. Our School Ground Greening Committee started this project late November and since that time has raised close to \$ 30 000 for this project. Our focus is greening the school yard over a few phases. The first phase will be expanding the kindergarten area and providing more play opportunities for students.

Contact: Mary Ann Shay, Principal, 519-449-2457

Walter Gretzky Fun Fair

Thursday, June 16, 2016 | 5-8 p.m.

Including food trucks!

Contact: Jane Goldspink, Principal, 519-770-1288

Yoga and Wellness at Agnes Hodge

Friday, June 17, 2016

Winners of the yoga mats and yoga session for the Journey to Well-being art submitted for Education Week.

Contact: Heather Knill-Griesser, Principal, 519-756-4950

Haldimand

Freedom Runners 2K at Caledonia River Trail

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 | 1 p.m.

Freedom Runners, created by Dave Gervais in 2012, promotes important educational values and goals that support the development of character in boys and girls. Running is used as a vehicle to deliver the program. These include striving to achieve one's personal best, courtesy, perseverance, equity, respect, teamwork, self-discipline, and self-control. Through added partnership with HNHU, education around tobacco and marketing, stress management, and healthy eating are presented to participants. Our purpose is to inspire and empower participants and teach them tools to overcome barriers to success. The program reaches students age 4 – 14, and many of our mentors (staff members who work with students) report a sense of accomplishment and meaning. The program is growing. This year's run will see runners from 7 GE elementary schools and almost 450 students completing the 2k Freedom Run Challenge.

Contact: David Gervais, Principal, 905-774-4727

Yoga and Wellness at Hagersville Elementary

Monday, June 13 | 10:00 a.m.

Winners of the yoga mats and yoga session for the Be Well Campaign receive a session with Bhava Tree.

Contact: Janice Hughes, Principal, 905-768-3012

Norfolk

Bulldog Blast at Bloomsburg Public School

Thursday, June 16, 2016 | 4:30 p.m.

Annual fundraising event for families of Bloomsburg Public School, consisting of games, classroom raffle baskets, penny table raffle items of local business donations, a dog show from the local Canine College, and safety displays from Norfolk County Fire Department and Norfolk Detachment of Ontario Provincial Police. Event runs until 7:30 p.m.

Contact: David Van Laecke, Principal, 519-426-0942

Yoga and Wellness at Delhi District Secondary School

Tuesday, June 14 | 9:00 a.m.

Winners of the yoga mats and yoga session for the Be Well Campaign receive a session with Bhava Tree.

Contact: Lynn Abbey, Principal, 519-582-0410