



Grand Erie This Week
Media Advisory, May 1 – 5, 2017
Special Edition for Education Week and Mental Health Week



- For a listing of Education Week and Mental Health Week Events, click here: <http://bit.ly/2qoRVHw>

#LetsChalk for Mental Health

Many students will participate in “Let’s Chalk” activities this week where they will use chalk to illustrate motivational quotes and drawings on the school pavement grounds to raise awareness about mental health and wellness.

Music Monday

Students in a number of schools will participate in Music Monday, Agnes G. Hodge is one of them. Monday May 1st is Music Monday, the celebration of Canada’s sesquicentennial of its musical heritage. This year students, educators, and families at A.G. Hodge and O. M. Smith on the Six Nations Reserve are joining together to participate in the annual simultaneous nationwide concert performance to celebrate and sing this year’s original anthem, 'Sing It Together'. Arrangements can be made to access video and photography footage of the event since it takes place at 10:00 a.m. For lyrics and the song please visit www.musicmonday.ca as we, 'Sing It Together'.

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

Bisons Alumni North Park Sports Complex Official Grand Opening (See attached)

Date: Wednesday, May 3 | Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Location: North Park Collegiate-Vocational School, 289 North Park Street

Details: Members of the media are invited to join representatives of the City of Brantford, the Grand Erie District School Board, North Park Collegiate-Vocational School and Bisons Alumni for the official Grand Opening ceremony of the new Bisons Alumni North Park Sports Complex.

Contact: Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Relations, 905-978-1417 and Maria Visocchi, Manager, Corporate Communications, City of Brantford, 519.732.9305

Peter Pan Jr. Play at Jarvis Public School

Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 4, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.

Take a journey past the 'second star to the right and straight on till morning'. Join the Jarvis Public School kids for this timeless tale about a boy who wouldn't grow up. Performed by a talented cast and guided by a skilled groups professionals, Disney's Peter Pan is sure to be great for kids at heart.

Contact: John Kinnear (Acting for Doug Ouellette), Principal, 519-587-2612

Lakewood Elementary School Literacy Day

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 | Contact: Lori Rodgers, Principal, 519-583-0830

- Guest Speakers at 9:30 a.m. Deborah Ellis (Junior/Intermediate) & Robert Ardiel (Primary)
- 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Distinguished community members will be visiting the classrooms and reading one of their favourite stories and discussing how literacy has impacted their lives.
- 1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. - Flashlight reading: Students will gather in a darkened gym to read using flashlights. At the conclusion of the event the book mark contest winners will be announced and presented with prizes. Students will have a drink and snack upon leaving gymnasium.

Celebrate Seneca Central Public School

Seneca students and families are invited to Seneca to view student works, which will be on display in the gym on Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. On Friday, May 5, 2017 at 9:30 p.m. the school will celebrate Grandparents' Day. There will be performances by the Kindergarten class as well as the school Talent Show. Afterwards, refreshments will be served at the back of the gym and grandparents will have the opportunity to visit their grandchild's classroom.

Contact: Caitlin McVean, Principal, 905-772-5222

Grand Erie Celebrates Canada 150 with the Opening of École Confédération (See attached)

Friday, May 5, 2017 | 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | 54 Ewing Drive, Brantford
École Confédération officially opens during the same school year as Canada celebrates its 150th anniversary of Confederation. The opening name is significant as the school is host to French immersion. Anglophone students in Ontario would not have the opportunity to learn the French language and experience French culture without the inclusion of both English and French as official languages in the British North America Act. As Grand Erie marks the sesquicentennial anniversary of Canadian Confederation with the school opening, students are planning an exciting programme. Members of the media are invited to attend the official Grand Opening celebration.

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About the School:

- The new school opened for students on September 6, 2016
- The project cost \$5.8-million in renovations to become the Board's newest French immersion school
- The student enrolment at the school is 622
- Grand Erie was among a number of districts across the province that received additional funding for new or renovated schools
- The Minister of Education announced Ontario's investment in building and renovating schools to provide children with the best possible learning environments
- Specifically for Grand Erie, the Minister of Education announced additional five classrooms and retrofit to Coronation Public School in Brantford to accommodate the students of Fairview Public School
- Learn more: <http://bit.ly/2qlilel>

