



Media Advisory - April 25 – 29

Journey to Well-Being: Student Talent Show at the Sanderson Centre, 88 Dalhousie St, Brantford

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 | 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Contact: Randy Ongena, Vice-Principal, 519-582-1890 or Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Relations, 905-978-1417

Media are welcome to attend the Grand Erie District School Board Student Talent Show, which is an event to kick-off Education Week and Mental Health Week (May 2-6) and showcases the exceptional talents of Grand Erie students. Hosted by Student Trustees, Madelaine Brown and Alex Martindale, the show aligns with the Education Week and Mental Health Week theme *Journey to Well-Being*. Students from across the Board have volunteered to participate in the event to showcase a number of performing arts.

Programme:

- McKinnon Park Secondary School - Concert Band - 'O Canada', Follow The River by James Swearingen, Eighties Flashback arr Paul Murtha
- Simcoe Composite School - Cheer Stars - Performing a Medley
- Anna Melick Public School - Jump Rope Team
- Jarvis Public School - 'Alice in Wonderland' Medley
- Walsh Public School - 'Imagine' & 'Three Little Birds'
- West Lynn Public School - 'Be the Best You Can Be'
- Intermission
- Ecole Fairview - 'Together We are One' - Serena Ryder; 'Happy' - Pharrell Williams
- Grandview Central Public School - Chime Performance
- Graham Bell - Victoria Public School - 'You Got a Friend in Me'
- Cedarland Public School - Dance Performance
- Bellview Public School - Choir - 'I'm Good' & 'Flashlight'
- Agnes G. Hodge Public School - 'Beauty in the World'

Brant/Brantford

Brantford Environment Recognition Awards at Brantford City Council

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 | 6:00 p.m.

Grand Erie's GELA and King George School are recipients of this year's Environmental Recognition Awards for their efforts in the local environment. The City of Brantford established the Brantford Environment Recognition Awards in 2013. The city's Environmental Policy Advisory Committee calls for nominations in a number of categories. The awards will be presented annually to adults and youths who have demonstrated environmental leadership.

Contact: Katie Hashimoto, Supervisor of Energy and Environmental Conservation, 519-756-6301, 281197.

What Makes Our Community Work! Event

Thursday, April 28, 2016 | 10:30 a.m. at GEDSB's Education Centre

This event is to provide an opportunity for students to learn what it takes to make a "community" function. Students are being given the opportunity to visit facilities not always open to the public, learn from on-site staff and get a first-hand look at the type of occupations that exist throughout a particular industry. Three groups of students will tour the Education Centre and Facilities Department at the Grand Erie District School Board at 10:30 a.m. (Central students), 12:30 a.m. (Mt Pleasant/Bellview) and 1:45 p.m. (Agnes Hodge)

Contact: Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications & Community Relations, 519-756-6301 ext. 281147

Blanket Exercise - Truth & Reconciliation Committee at Pauline Johnson Collegiate

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 | 12:15 p.m.

Our event April 26 to be held in the PJ Caf in the aft. The Truth and Reconciliation Committee is hosting an event called a Blanket Exercise run by Kairos Group.

Contact: Mike DeGroote, Principal, 519-756-1320

Brant Badminton

Paris: Senior - April 26

PJ: Junior - April 26, Senior – April 28

BCI: Senior - April 27

Dufferin YMCA Move-A-Thon

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 | 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Corrie Misener-Way, Principal, 519-752-8232

Brant Swimming at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre

Thursday, April 28, 2016 | 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Shannon Scheffel, convener

Haldimand

Special Education Information Night at Caledonia Centennial Public School

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join the Special Education team from Grand Erie District School Board for a conversation about the programs and services provided to students with Special Education needs. Learn how differentiated instruction is used through technology, classroom environment, teaching strategies, assessment, and system supports and how these services meet the needs of students. The Grand Erie Special Education team and reps from the Special Education Advisory Committee will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, visit www.granderie.ca/specialeducation

Contact: Liana Thompson, Superintendent of Education, 519-756-6301 ext. 281173

#GEBeWell Social Media Contest Winner Announced at Assembly at Grandview Central

Thursday, April 28, 2016

Special guests, Heather Carter, School Mental Health Lead and Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Relations will present the grand prize iPod and FitBit to a lucky grade 6 student from Grandview Central. The prize is the result of a contest associated with the #GEBeWell mental health campaign that seeks to raise awareness for students, parents, staff and community on how to be well and to know where to go to get help. The presentation will take place during Grandview's monthly Character Education assembly where the topic is humility.

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www.granderie.ca/specialeducation

Contact: Liana Thompson, Superintendent of Education

Norfolk

South East Norfolk Elementary Accommodation Review DELEGATION NIGHT at West Lynn Public School

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 | 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications & Community Relations, 519-756-6301 ext. 281147

A Pupil Accommodation Review has been initiated for elementary schools in the South East Norfolk area. Elementary schools included in the review are: Elgin Avenue Public School, Lakewood Elementary School, Lynndale Heights Public School, Walsh Public School and West Lynn Public School. Join us at the next Accommodation Review Committee Meeting, which is the Delegation Night to hear from the public, for the South East Norfolk Elementary Pupil Accommodation Review. For more information, including the agenda and the Report to Board that outlines the recommendations that will be brought to the first ARC meeting, click here: <http://bit.ly/25fBkVG>

Annual Country Breakfast at Springview Farm Golf Course

Thursday, April 28, 2016 | 7:30 a.m.

The Child Nutrition Network presents the annual breakfast at Springview Farm Golf Course featuring the popular local gift baskets on the penny sale table. Guest speaker and draws follow breakfast at 7:30 a.m. The provincial Student Nutrition Program is an initiative of the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) and is administered regionally through Haldimand-Norfolk R.E.A.C.H. CNN is the local provider for the Student Nutrition Program.

Contact: Sharon Smyth, Haldimand-Norfolk REACH, 519-587-2441 ext. 286

Mini "We Day" at Delhi District Secondary School

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 | Period 4

Mini We Day is a small version of the one students attended in Toronto in October. The purpose of this is to inform the audience of DDSS staff and students as well as local Grade 7 and 8 students from Delhi Public School; inform them of how they can change the world and how they can make the change. This is a subsection of the Free the Children Group started here in Canada by two young brothers, Craig and Mark Kielburger. There is a buy out for students and staff to attend, a donation of \$2. The event will include: prizes, music, videos, performers...it is a very fun event. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this great cause, please contact Mrs Beselaere-Hammond. luann.beselaere-hammond@granderie.ca Also, at We Day, teachers will be PIE-d. Yes, students will have the opportunity to throw a pie into a teachers face. (A dream come true for some.) How does this work? Put money into the jar of the teacher(s) that you want to see get PIE-d at lunch in the foyer, or in the library. The teacher with the most money will be PIE-d. If the teacher chooses to BUY out of the pie, they can match the donation and be spared. It is all for a good cause The Tumaini Children's Foundation, founded by Norfolk resident Cherie Szucs, (www.TUCHIFO.com).

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

Earth Day at Valley Heights Secondary School

Thursday, April 28, 2016 | 12:00 p.m.

Annual School Yard Clean Up, Earth Day displays, draws, and quiz!

Contact: Sue Noort, Principal, 59-586-3522

Family Craft Night at Bloomsburg Public School

Thursday, April 28, 2016 | 6:30 p.m.

Parent Council has organized a craft night for parents to bring in their children who attend Bloomsburg Public School. Spring crafts/activities are for JK-Grade 8 age children. Activities include painting/decorating a wooden frame, then going into the photo booth for a fun family photo to insert into the frame, landscape painting lesson, string art, decorating a wooden gift for Mother's Day and cookie decorating. This evening is free to parents, thanks to funds through PROGrant from MOE, as well as community business partnerships with Eisings Greenhouse and Schweyers Water Haulage.

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