

Regular Board Meeting |
Monday, February 22, 2016

Student Recognition Program

The recognition program is Grand Erie District School Board's way to honour and celebrate students who have accomplished excellence in the areas of academics, athletics, and the arts, as well as excellence in the community. This evening, Ethan Golden and Jacey Nelligan were honoured and shown in the photos with Brenda Blancher, Director of Education, and David Dean, Chair of the Board.

Ethan Golden, 8, Ryerson Heights Elementary

Ethan Golden is an advocate for juvenile arthritis and has been working towards collecting one-million dimes to support juvenile arthritis research. He recently won the 2015 Youth in Philanthropy Award from the Association of Professional Fundraisers – Golden Horseshoe Chapter. Best known for wearing his bowtie, Ethan has been involved and seen volunteering his time at a number of community events in Brantford and Brant County, raising awareness for his campaign.



Jacey Nelligan, Gr. 12, Cayuga Secondary School

Jacey has received 32 medals and 20 ribbons for championships, tournaments, and most valuable player awards by the age of 17. She currently plays softball for the Ancaster Blizzards as a third baseman and catcher. This summer her team travelled to PEI for the national competition after winning provincials. Jacey's team won the Eastern Canada Championship in softball. She has been playing sports since she was 3-years-old finding an interest in softball from her mom who won gold for the Canadian Women's Softball team in 2013 and in hockey from her dad.



Do you know a student to nominate for this recognition? Learn about the criteria and the nomination process by visiting the Student Recognition section on the Board's website under the Student tab or directly through this link: <http://bit.ly/1T2CS1v>

Achievement

Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) Mid-Year Update: The Grand Erie District School Board received the report on the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement Mid-Year Update as information.

- Click here to directly access the BIPSA: <http://bit.ly/1oykdNM>
- To view the full Mid-Year Update, click the report here: <http://bit.ly/1Q6q0RW>

Mind Over Metal at Valley Heights: VHSS invited guests to celebrate the wrap up of the Mind Over Metal camp for Houghton Public School students on February 11. Thanks to the support of Grand Erie, Mohawk College and The Canadian Welding Association (CWA) Foundation, the manufacturing program based out of the Norfolk County school has taken off. The CWA foundation has provided training, machinery and funding for the program.



- Read the full story and watch a video here: <http://bit.ly/1OrhAlZ>

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Workforce Report: Grand Erie District School Board approved the Workforce Report with data as of January 31, 2016: <http://bit.ly/1D4vYvf>

Approval of Minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of January 25, 2016 (Regular Board), and February 8, 2016 (Committee of the Whole).

The following were received as information:

- Summary of Accounts - January 2016: <http://bit.ly/1TvK0BO>
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes: <http://bit.ly/1TAWIk3>
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes - January 7, 2016: <http://bit.ly/21IFp7U>
- Native Advisory Committee Minutes - November 17, 2015: <http://bit.ly/1PT3P3z>
- Student Senate Minutes - January 14, 2016: <http://bit.ly/1TvK4l8>
- Compensatory Education Steering Committee Minutes - April 30, 2015: <http://bit.ly/1Qcykmo>