



## Grand Erie This Week

Media Advisory, May 29 – June 2, 2017

- National Access Awareness Week: Sunday, May 28 - Sunday, June 4, 2017

### Board Meeting at the Education Centre, 349 Erie Avenue, Brantford

Monday, May 29, 2017 | 7:15 p.m. | For a complete agenda, click here: <http://bit.ly/2sdOunh>

Highlights include:

- Student Recognition Awards:
  - Jaid Pehlke, Grade 8 from West Lynn Public School; travelled to Bolzano, Italy, where she represented Canada in the Under 15 World Selects Invitational Hockey Tournament
  - Angus Cowan, Grade 12 from North Park Collegiate; a multiple OFSAA gold medalist in swimming, most recently capturing two first-place finishes in the senior boys 50-metre butterfly and in the individual medley
- An update on the portfolios of Grand Erie's indicators in the Multi-Year Plan: Well-Being, Technology, Community, Equity, and Environment
- Major Construction Update on the Thompson Creek Addition and the Fairview Avenue Redevelopment

### BRANT/BRANTFORD

OFSAA Events in Brantford hosted by Grand Erie District School Board (See attached schedule)

- OFSAA Boys' A/AA Field Lacrosse Festival | Monday, May 29 – Tuesday, May 30, 2017
- OFSAA Boys' AAA | Wednesday, May 31 – Friday, June 2, 2017
- A banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Best Western

The following is a statement on behalf of David Dean, Chair of the Board:

*"On behalf of the Grand Erie District School Board, we are pleased to welcome all the players, team officials, families and friends to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association (O.F.S.A.A.) Lacrosse Championships. Grand Erie is delighted to be the host school board to more than 30 teams, representing all regions of the province of Ontario to participate and share in this week-long festival.*

*We are extremely excited to share with all of our visitors the Kiwanis Field, a new state-of-the-art facility located at our Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School site, the newly unveiled Bisons Alumni North Park Field situated at our North Park Collegiate-Vocational School site, and the very picturesque facilities at Mohawk Park.*

*Our special thanks are extended to the parents and team officials who contribute so much time and effort to allow the athletes to participate in this great sport of lacrosse. The sport of lacrosse has significant meaning to Indigenous families throughout Grand Erie and Canada; we are proud to showcase this strong connection through the O.F.S.A.A. Lacrosse Championships. We truly hope that all the players, coaches and parents will have an enjoyable time and when the tournament is over, everyone will travel safely home, with memories that will be treasured forever."*

### SIX NATIONS

### ***Lighting the Journey: Grade 7 Day at Six Nations Polytechnic***

Friday, June 2, 2017 | 9:30 a.m. 2:15 p.m.

The Grand Erie District School Board invites Grade 7 students from Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation to meet staff and learn about Grand Erie's programs. The goal of Grade 7 Day is to assist students in making informed choices of the secondary school that will be right for their interests and goals.

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### **HALDIMAND & NORFOLK**

#### **2017 Council for Exceptional Children Awards Night at Holy Trinity Catholic High School in Simcoe**

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 | 7 p.m.

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The awards recognize educators who have advanced the field and quality of special education through categories including Teacher of the Year, Educational Leader, Community Volunteer, and Professional Support Services. Congratulations to the 2017 winners from Grand Erie:

- Student Award: Deanna Peterson (Elgin), Ethan Wiebe (Courtland), Braydon Tansley (J.L. Mitchener), Izzie Green (Major Ballachey), Shania Butler (Tollgate), and Alex MacGregor (PDHS)
- Life Skills Student Award: Trevor Patterson (Cayuga Secondary), Raymond Gosden (WDHS), and Emily Hindrichs (SCS)
- Teacher of the Year Award: Jim Hammond (Valley Heights)
- Paraprofessional Award: Chris Gloyd (J.L. Mitchener), and Tanya Borghese (SCS)
- Professional Support Services Award: Piyali Bagchee
- Community Award: Sally O'Brien (Transportation Officer)

#### **McClung Road Subdivision, Caledonia Boundary Review; Meeting held at McKinnon Park Secondary School**

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 | 6 p.m. for Elementary Boundary Review and 6:30 p.m. for Secondary Boundary Review

A public meeting will be held in each area to discuss boundary considerations of the McClung Road subdivision, enrolment information and accommodation data, with an opportunity for questions and feedback. Final recommendations will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval. The proposed boundary changes will apply to families attending the following schools: Caledonia Centennial Public School, Seneca Central Public School, Cayuga Secondary School and McKinnon Park Secondary School.

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#### **Secondary Grand Erie Games Special Olympics at Cayuga Secondary School**

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 10:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Inspired by the ParaPan Am Games, the Grand Erie Games is a day of outdoor activity for Special Education students in self-contained classrooms. Several secondary schools across Grand Erie are sending students to Cayuga for a day of fun and friendly competition.

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#### **Elementary Grand Erie Games Special Olympics at Cayuga Secondary School**

Monday, June 5, 2017 | 10:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Originally to be held on May 16 but postponed to June 5 due to rain, Grand Erie is gearing up for another day of fun, friendly competition this year. Inspired by the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games held in Toronto two years ago, the Grand Erie Games is an annual celebration for Special Education students to participate in individual and team events.

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