



## Media Advisory – May 2-6, 2016

### Education Week

In celebration of Education Week, the event listing link, which is organized by county, contains an assortment of events taking place in Grand Erie schools: <http://bit.ly/1UrXDn2>

Highlights of the week include:

**Mental Health Week:** The theme for Education Week is the *Journey to Well-Being* because it's also Mental Health Week. Students will participate in "Let's Chalk" activities (when it's not raining!) to raise awareness about mental health and wellness.

**Digital Citizenship:** Chris Vollum will be educating students and parents to think critically through his Social Media Fitness presentation. He'll teach best practices to confidently, safely and successfully navigate their 24\7 socially-connected online world.

- *Brantford - Central Public School* will have Chris present to students in Grades 4-8 during the day of May 4, 2016 and to parents from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- *Norfolk - Waterford Public School* will have Chris address parents with his Social Media Fitness presentation on Thursday, May 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

**Math Champions:** Schools across the district are offering exciting math events for students and some open houses with parents to learn math with their child:

- *Brant County – Glen Morris Central Public School* is coordinating Mathematics Olympics Day on Tuesday, May 3; Students will be involved in solving fun math problems and students will strive to score points to win cool prizes.
- *Brantford – Graham Bell-Victoria Public School* is offering Marvelous Math Meet will be held on Wednesday, May 4 from 5-6:00 p.m.; Teams, consisting of students and parents/guardians, will race completing the math activities and getting "VISAs" stamped into their passports. Each team will receive a certificate once they have collected enough VISAs from various countries (classrooms) and the top three teams will receive prizes.
- *Haldimand – Oneida Central Public School* is hosting The Amazing Math Race on Monday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m.
- *Norfolk - Lynndale Heights* will welcome parents and their children to Family Math Night on Thursday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m.; Together, parents and their kids will work on math problems in a fun setting.
- Look for more math events at the Education Week site: <http://bit.ly/1UrXDn2>

**Aboriginal Education:** David Bouchard is a Metis author who originates from Saskatchewan and is now based in Victoria, BC. He has authored many books with one of his latest titles being 'The Great Law'. David will continue his speaking engagements with parents, staff, community and students this week to discuss his book and the impact of First Nations, Metis and Inuit identity and the importance of parent engagement and community support.

- Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at Bellview School, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at Joseph Brant Learning Centre (Brantford) | 4-7 p.m.
- Thursday, May 5, 2016 at Caledonia Centennial at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, May 5, 2016 at River Heights at 11:05 a.m.
- Friday, May 6, 2016 at Woodman-Cainsville Elementary, 9:00a.m.

- Friday, May 6, 2016 at Graham Bell Victoria School 11:50 a.m. -12:20 p.m.

**Art Showcase:** Grand Erie will highlight pieces of art through pictures and video on social media from its Education Week Kick-Off Event held last week at the Sanderson Centre and Art Soup events.

**Additional Events:**

- Budget Review Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 | 6-8:30 p.m. Education Centre
- 27<sup>th</sup> Ontario Technological Skills Competition: May 2 - 4, 2016 RIM Park, Waterloo