



**Grand Erie This Week
Media Advisory: December 7 – 11**

Board Nomination Meeting, Education Centre (349 Erie Avenue, Brantford)

Monday, December 7, 2015 | 6:30 p.m.

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

The 2016 nomination committee report and nominations from the floor is on the agenda. A media release will be issued on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 to announce the 2016 chair and vice-chair. The Inaugural Meeting will take place on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.

Brant/Brantford

Adopt-A-School Donation at Woodman-Cainsville Public School

Coles Bookstore in the Lynden Park Mall donated \$7,700 to Woodman-Cainsville Public School for books through the Adopt-A-School program. This program supports Indigo's mandate that a book can change a child's life forever. By giving books to schools in the communities, they are helping to give every child the chance to build a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Contact: Diannah Dean, Principal, 519-756-5013

Holiday Festival at Onondaga-Brant Public School

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 | 6:15 p.m.

Holiday concert for parents.

Contact: Laurie Murray, Principal, 519-753-8885

Haldimand

Primary Craft Night at River Heights School

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

This festive evening invites River Heights parents and their children into the classrooms to work together to create special crafts for the holiday season.

Contact: Kathy Ricker, Principal, 905-765-5437

Haldimand East Elementary ARC (Accommodation Review Committee) Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 | 7 – 9 p.m. | Meeting to be held at Rainham Central School

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

Interested parents and community members are invited to attend the final Accommodation Review Committee meeting. For further information, please visit <http://bit.ly/1GiUsYQ>

Anna Melick Christmas Presentation

Thursday, December 10, 2015 | 6 – 9 p.m.

Christmas presentation by students. Parent council is holding a hot chocolate and cookie fundraiser along with great prizes up for grabs in a raffle, during the presentations.

Contact: Deb Warner, Principal, 905-774-3766

Junior Co-ed Volleyball at Dunnville Secondary School

Friday, December 11, 2015
Contact: Jeremy Sharpe, Mike Shirton, 905-774-5460

Norfolk

12 Days of Christmas at Bloomsburg – in support of 7-year old Maria Ham

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

Maria Ham (7-year-old, Grade 2 student) was diagnosed with Leukemia in the last week of September 2015. Maria is a sister to 8 brothers and sisters, and daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Ham. Maria was hospitalized immediately upon diagnosis at McMaster Children's Hospital where she has remained since to receive treatment. This medical reality quickly resulted in three significant financial stressors for this family: increased transportation costs, increased nutritional costs for mom staying at Maria's side while nursing a 5 month-old son, and increased monthly rent costs, as family needed to find a compatible winterized home to support the large family, rather than return to Mexico, as had been their custom for the last number of years. In support of the Ham family, students have planned a series of community building spirit days built along the theme of the holidays. Activities include dress-up days, an annual Turkey Dinner on Dec 11 organized by the Parent Group and an annual student Christmas Concert on Dec 16 organized by staff. Additional information:

- Donations can be made payable to Bloomsburg Public School with Ham Family Donation on the memo line
- Clothes were donated to support the children in the cooler months
- Donations have been received as follows: Over \$750 from student's staff and parents of Bloomsburg, \$700 from Lions Club of Waterford, \$1000 from the Lioness Club of Waterford and \$1400 from The Rotary Club of Simcoe.

Grade 8 Visit at Simcoe Composite School

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 | all day

Simcoe Composite School will be hosting the students from our Grade 8 elementary schools.

Holiday Open House at Lynndale Heights Public School

Thursday, December 10, 2015 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Join us for our annual tradition. Get re-acquainted with your child's teacher and participate in our Christmas activities: BINGO, make an ornament, visit Book Fair, buy Spirit Wear, meet Parent Council, Face Painting, Reindeer Food, make Gift Tags.

Contact: Bill Valoppi, Principal, 519-429-2997

Port Rowan Public School Holiday Musical Performance at Valley Heights Secondary School

Thursday, December 10, 2015 | 7 - 8 p.m.

Contact: Christine Stewart, Principal, 519-586-3541

School Turkey Dinner at Bloomsburg Public School

Friday, December 11, 2015 | 12 p.m.

Bloomsburg Public School's Parent Council is coordinating this annual event. All students, staff, bus drivers and volunteers will be served a full course Turkey Dinner catered by a local chef. Students will be asked to donate \$2 on the day of the Dinner. FOS SO Wayne Baker and local Trustees are welcome to attend this phenomenal school community event.

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