



Brier Park Public School

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Thank you to our teachers and students for a fun Halloween day from the costumes, to the parties, activities, and the dance. This is a great way to show school spirit and have fun together.

This month, we are working on the character trait for RESPECT. Respect is something everyone should give and receive. To help your child understand this, model respect and remind your child of the Golden Rule. Emphasize the importance of treating others the way you would want to be treated. This year, we are also adding to our assemblies a certificate for Citizenship. This is a student who shows many of the character traits during the whole month and is a model student in the class.

We have begun our QSP fundraising campaign. It has been made easier by allowing parents to do all the ordering online. More information is available in this newsletter. Thanks to your fundraising efforts, we have been able to once again offer our yoga sessions this Fall.

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 4th	Random Act of Kindness Day Pita Pit
Nov. 9th	Photo Retake Day
Nov. 11th	Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 Fox Day Event for Fundraiser Schnitzel on a bun
Nov. 16th	Report Cards Home
Nov. 17th	Subway Interviews 3-9
Nov. 18th	PD Day - NO SCHOOL Interviews 9-12
Nov. 21st	Last Day for Fundraiser
Nov. 24th	HPV clinic
Nov. 25th	Accessibility Awareness Day Pita Pit
Nov. 30th	Assembly - Respect 9:00



STUDENT ABSENCES

- If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call the school and leave a message. The answering machine is on twenty-four hours a day. Call 519-759-8682.
- If your child has an appointment, please call the office in advance or send a note with your child in the morning so their teacher can dismiss them when required. This will help to eliminate calls to the office and class disruptions.

We have a very busy office so please minimize the calls to our office for urgent circumstances only. Our secretary cannot deliver personal messages to classes as it is a disruption to student learning. After school arrangements need to be made with your children in advance !!!

Thanks for your assistance !!

Nut Allergy Alert !!!

Some students have **severe allergies** to nut products that could cause death. **We continue to encourage parents not to pack Nut Products in their children's lunches. This includes WOW Butter.** The families of those students with these allergies have asked that you please closely read labels !!!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

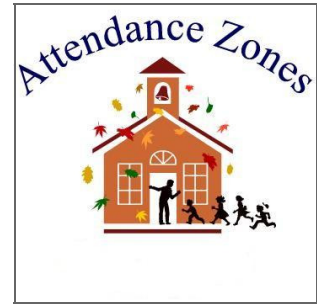
Thank you to everyone who came out to our first meeting. We had a great turn-out! We're really excited to have so many new faces and some new energy this year.

If you didn't get to make it out last month, our next meeting is December @ 7pm in the library. For your convenience, we will once again have babysitting available should you need it.

Attendance at School

Being in school every day and on time is key to your child's academic success. Are you supporting your child's attendance habits ?

- ◆ Have you told your child that you expect them to go to school every day ? If you tell them it's important to you, it will become important to them.
- ◆ Do you ignore weak excuses ? Not feeling like getting out of bed is not a good reason to stay home. It's a rule that they must go to school.
- ◆ Do you only keep your child home if they are sick ?
- ◆ Do you try to schedule medical appointments and family trips outside of school hours ?
- ◆ Do you help your child set the alarm clock earlier if they have trouble getting to school on time ?



Snow Day Advisory

As we approach winter, we would like to remind parents that our school is in **Zone 4**.

Listen to your local news station or check www.granderie.ca for school closures.



As The Cold Weather Approaches



Pretty soon, we will have much cooler weather. Students go outside at recess twice a day for twenty minutes and it is important they dress appropriately.

Please make sure your children are coming to school with a warm coat, mittens, and a hat. We want our students to enjoy the outdoors and be warm.

School Website

Please make sure to check our school website, www.granderie.ca/brierpark



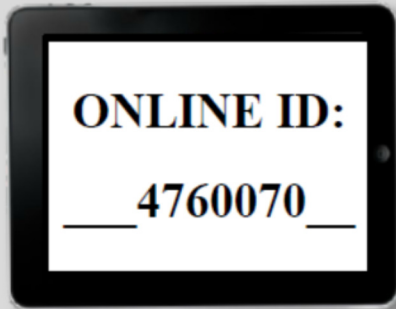
Each teacher has their own classroom area, where newsletters and/or blogs are posted. There are also all school newsletters posted as well as other pertinent information.

BRIER PARK FALL FUNDRAISER 2016 QSP MAGAZINES!!!

ATTENTION PARENTS: We need your support!
Please help by sharing our project with your friends and family.

3 STEPS TO SUCCESS

1 Go to: QSP.CA/ETOOLS
Register, send emails, set up texting tool, and attach video or selfie to your online campaign!



SEND 12 EMAILS to family and friends AND ...



You get a Thumbs-Up device holder!!

2 Talk to your circle of friends and ask if they would support by purchasing from the catalogues! More than 500 magazines to choose from!!



3 Easy way to sell ...snap a pic of the message below! Share, Text and Post!!!

Hi Friends and Family! I am selling Magazine Subscriptions for my school. My goal is to sell 6 items! Can I count on you to support me? ☺ Please reply with YES! and I will call to take your order, or go to www.qsp.ca - our group code is 4760070. Thank you!!

PAYMENT:

Preferred method of ordering and payment is ONLINE at www.qsp.ca - if unable to pay online, please make cheques payable to

BRIER PARK SCHOOL

ORDERS DUE: MONDAY, Nov. 21st/16

OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE MORE FUNDS! Check out some new products at www.qsp.ca - any item purchased online will provide our school with MORE PROFIT! Gifts, chocolates, bulbs, kitchen items and more! These products will be shipped directly to you. *Shipping charges for Canadian addresses apply.* ALL ONLINE ORDERS WILL COUNT TOWARDS PRIZES TOO!! (2 gift items = 1 magazine item for prizes)

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.QSP.CA



"REACH THE TOP" GOAL CHART!! Check out the Envelope with the GOAL Cumulative chart attached for awards from 1 to 28 items sold! The more items sold, the more prizes won!



Plus, earn "FUNKY FOX" COLLECTIBLES!! Sell 1 item, receive a FOX collectible and lanyard

Then earn another fox for every item sold! Earn all 20!!!

ALL FOX COLLECTIBLES WILL BE HANDED OUT at the end of the campaign!



Cyber-Bullying



Bullying has unfortunately expanded its wings to cyber-bullying. Bullying now includes the use of any physical, verbal, electronic, written or other means. Bullying by electronic means includes such behavior as: creating a web page or a blog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person; impersonating another person as the author of content or messages posted on the internet; and communicating material electronically to more than one individual or posting material on a website that may be accessed by one or more individuals.



Research has found that the internet has not just taken bullying beyond the school yard; it has created new bullies. 21% of students surveyed said they were bullied online, 35% said they bullied others, 19% said that rumours had been spread about them online, 28% saw online bullying but did not intervene, and only 8% of students said they would inform their parents of online bullying. Our goal as parents and educators is to tell our children that they will not be in trouble by telling us and that we will help them. As educators, we will promote ethical behavior online, encourage empathy and common sense, promote netiquette and cyber-kindness as per our board policy.

If your child is a victim of cyber-bullying, they should be encouraged to:

- ◆ Not reply to messages from cyberbullies.
- ◆ Not erase or delete messages. E-mails can be traced to a specific computer.
- ◆ Make copies of all messages and pictures.
- ◆ Not be a digital bystander. If you know people are being hurt, let them know you support them.
- ◆ Save the e-mail address
- ◆ Save the date and time received
- ◆ Save copies of relevant e-mail, with full headers
- ◆ Save nickname of offending person
- ◆ Save name and URL of chat room

If the cyber-bullying is threatening:

- ◆ Change your e-mail address, account, username or phone number.
- ◆ File a detailed complaint with the school.
- ◆ File a complaint with the Website, Internet provider or cell phone company.
- ◆ Contact the police if conduct appears to be criminal.

We are hoping that this information will be useful to you as parents as we work together to keep all students safe and promote healthy relationships.

