



March 2017 Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have been enjoying some very spring-like weather in the past few weeks! Luckily, it hasn't interfered with our Winter Elective Days too much. The students have definitely been enjoying these days at Blue Mountain doing a wide variety of activities.

We are happy to welcome Ms. Heather Minielly and Mr. Craig McLeod to our staff. Ms. Minielly comes to us from York Region District School Board and will be a halftime Vice Principal and halftime Grade 7/8 teacher. Mr. McLeod has worked at Meaford Community School before and is now teaching Grade 5.

In the coming weeks, we will see the school play practices getting into full swing, spring sports will be starting and the Grade 8 students will be getting ready for their transition into secondary school!

SAFE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

519-538-1680 Ext.100

Please remember to report your child's absence in advance by calling the school and leaving a message at Ext 100, by 8:45 a.m. We would also appreciate that you keep the office updated with recent telephone numbers.

PICK UP/DROP OFF & BUS NOTES

If students will be leaving school early during the day we ask that parents **come in to the Office to sign your child out**, and we will call them down at that time. If your child(ren) will not be riding the bus home in the afternoon we need to have these messages **NO LATER than 2 p.m.** Last minute changes hinder our Bus Departure procedures and in some cases hold the bus up. Please be mindful of other students who ride the same bus and those parents waiting for their children.

NO NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS OR EGGS AT GBCS

We have several students at GBCS who have serious, even life threatening allergies to nut, nut products and eggs. For this reason we do not allow any products containing nuts or egg products. Please ensure that you read all food labels carefully and do not send products that contain nuts or eggs to school.

SCHOOL HOURS

Yard Supervision begins 8:35
Instructional Day begins 8:55
Nutrition Break 11:05-11:45
Nutrition Break 1:05- 1:45
Dismissal 3:15

UPCOMING DATES

March 7th & 8th – Electives

March 13-17 – *March Break* (see additional information below)

March 24 – Grade 8 Grad Photos (information to follow)

ELECTIVES

Our Winter Elective Program is set to wrap up with the final dates on March 7th & 8th.



GBCS ORCHESTRA

Our new “term 2” orchestra at G.B.C.S. is underway! In this term we plan to perform for the public at the Kiwanis Festival, at the Goldenaires Spring Concert, for our school, and who knows what other opportunities will come our way! Thursday has always been orchestra night in Meaford – Mr. Delaney has it that night too. However, orchestra night will be moved to Monday afterschool from 3:25 to 4:45 (clean up means we get out at 5:00) for a while. We are doing this because a number of our orchestra members are in the After-school Ski and Snowboard club. When they are finished their five weeks of fun, we will go back to our regular time on Thursdays... for Mrs. Pedlar’s version of “fun”!

Orchestra nights:

Monday, March 6
March Break
Thursday, March 23
Thursday, March 30



Just like joining a team, being part of orchestra requires commitment. If you are new to the experience, give it a try for a couple of weeks, and if it isn’t for you, let Mrs. Pedlar know. Otherwise, students who join are asked to finish the term. If you are at school, but absent from orchestra, see Mrs. Pedlar to let her know you will not be attending that session. Once again we have to thank the Meaford Apple Harvest Craft Festival. Because of them, we have an exciting selection of new music to play. I am looking forward to performing with you! Come out and be part of our musical learning at G.B.C.S.!

INTO THE WOODS



The Elementary School play is deep into rehearsals, getting ready for opening night! The play will be on Wednesday, April 26 at noon and again at 7:00 pm in the school gym. It’ll be a great show, and everyone is invited. Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for further updates.

GR 8 OTTAWA TRIP REMINDER

Second payment of \$200.00 was due February 24th. Reminder to please send this payment in a.s.a.p., either On-line or by Cheque, payable to: Georgian Bay Community School.

PIZZA, MILK & SPECIAL FOOD DAYS!

Milk Cards and Pizza orders are online for ordering.

Milk Cards can be purchased 20 milks for \$15.00 and pizza will be sold for a month at a time.

You can order a month at a time for all Wednesdays or select which Wednesday you would like to purchase pizza. (See details on School Cash Online to register.)

"Day of" orders will still be accepted. Milk \$.75 (White or chocolate), Pizza Wednesdays \$1.00/slice.

Pita Pit orders will be available online this month for orders: March 23, 30th, April 6th, and 13th. If you wish to order the old fashion way, we will **only** be able to accept exact change. If you didn't get to use your re-imbusement coupons last month, feel free to fill out a paper order form and attach the coupon. Please put the exact change and order form in a plastic baggie or envelope. Thank you for supporting the Grade 8 Ottawa trip.

REGISTER FOR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE!!

This service offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities. You can register for your online payment account at <https://bwdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

MARCH BREAK COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

With the March Break just around the corner March 13th -17th, there are many opportunities to attend Camps & Workshops and Public Skating in our Community. There are brochures and calendars available in the office outlining further details of these activities. All are Welcome!

MATH RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The following resource material is available in the Office "Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math". Please stop in, or call the office and have one of these resources sent home with your child.

