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BLUEWATER DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

The Egremont Eagle

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back everyone! How lovely to have a normal start to the school year! I would like to thank all students and parents for their cooperation in adjusting to new routines.

Our [Egremont School Handbook](#) is available on our website and contains important information including our code of conduct and normal operating procedures. Please refer to our website for the latest protocols regarding COVID. Currently, the initial letter that was sent to families before school started is posted there.

We have several new faces on our staff to begin the year. Ms. Fry is covering the Grade 2/3 class for the year. Mrs. Matheson is back in Grade 2/3 but Ms. King will be teaching Fridays. Mrs. McInnes is mornings and Mrs. Lichty is afternoons in one of our Kindergarten rooms. New to our EA staff is Ms. Schenk.

Please remember that our current organization may change due to shifts in enrollment. More information will be shared with you soon.

A reminder that this letter, and other useful information will be posted on our school website at www.egr.bwdsb.on.ca, which we will endeavor to keep updated throughout the year.

This newsletter is coming to you via our student information system. Going forward, whole-school communication including newsletters, emergency bulletins, messages from our Director of Education or the Ministry will go out via School Messenger. Once you have signed up, you can adjust how you receive messages using the School Messenger App. I encourage you to sign up for phone, texts and emails. I only send messages via phone for urgent situations (e.g. school closures). Please see page 7 for instructions on how to register. If you need any help please contact me (Cathy Griffin).

Attached with this newsletter is a school year calendar. Note the Professional Activity days (Sept 23, Oct. 28, Nov 25, Feb. 3, Apr. 28, Jun 2). Report Cards will come home 3 times in the school year - the Progress report on November 18; Term 1 on February 27; Term 2 June 28. Complete school year calendars can be found on our website or the

Bluewater website (www.bwdsb.on.ca)

Please monitor your children for head lice and contact the school if detected so that we can help to minimize transmission.

School Community Council
If you are interested in being a part of our SCC, please contact the office. All are welcome.

No nut products please!
Please help in protecting students with a severe life-threatening food allergies to peanuts and nuts (anaphylaxis). This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes.

Please send foods to school that are free from peanuts or nut products. If you would like to look at a list of safe foods please go to SnackSafely.com. If you have baked or made an item yourself without nuts, and you have done your best to make sure no nut products have come into contact with the ingredients, you may label it nut free.



Thank you! We look forward to a great year full of learning!

PLEASE check out Sept Dates on page 4!

JK/SK— Mrs. Runyon
ECE—Mrs. MacTavish
JK/SK—Mrs. McInnes & Lichty
ECE—Mrs. Bennett
Grade 1— Ms. VanEsch
Grade 1/2—Mrs. Hartemink
Grade 2/3 —Ms. Fry
Grade 3/4—Mrs. Matheson
Grade 4/5— Mr. Lyle
Grade 6— Mr. Orr
Grade 7—Mrs. Moore
Grade 8—Ms. Culp
Core French & more— Ms. Holliday

Instrumental Music/Drama/Guidance —Mr. McInnes
Prep coverage—Ms. Fisher (was Reeves)
Learning Resource—Mrs. Barnes
Educational Assistants: Mrs. Smit, Mrs. Wright, Ms. Schenk and one to be hired
Office Manager—Mrs. Timmins
Head Custodian—Mrs. Lawrence
Evening Custodian—Mrs. Nicholson
Principal—Ms. Griffin

School Day Schedule

Please see [Egremont School Handbook](#) on our school website for full details

At Egremont we follow a Balanced Day schedule with two nutrition breaks.

8:40-8:55	Drop off/Walkers meet at Optimist Club
8:55	Entry Bell—students move directly to the classrooms; all staff are present in the hallways to provide supervision.
10:55-11:35	Snack/Lunch Break and Outdoor Activity (recess) - half in/half out then switch
1:35-2:15	Snack/Lunch Break and Outdoor Activity (recess) - half in/half out then switch
3:15	Dismissal—Walkers & students being picked up report to the gym, Daycare students to gym hallway, bus students to bus lines
3:20	Walkers are escorted across our driveway. Pick up students are lead to the sidewalk in front of school. Drivers can entre the bus loop AFTER the busses.

Bus Cancellation Reminder

PLEASE subscribe as bus runs may be cancelled if we become short of drivers.

On-line bus cancellations for Bruce & Grey counties are available at <https://www.mybrucegreyschoolbus.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. Anyone can subscribe for email notifications for general notices, school closures and route cancellations & delays. You must first confirm that you have a valid email address. To subscribe go to the above site, click on the "Subscriptions" icon, then click on "Subscribe". Enter your email address and press the "Subscribe" button. You will receive an email confirmation containing a link that you will need to click to complete the subscription process. Once you have confirmed your email address you will be able to login and select what you want to subscribe to and update your information (if necessary).



Egremont School Community Council (SCC)

Get involved with Parent Council! Join our quick monthly meetings to discuss fundraising ideas, projects, school and student needs. Past projects include the grade 1 and 3 swimming program, our fall Meet the Teacher Night, musical showcase, Family Fun Night, and playground rejuvenation.

You can attend in person or virtually!

For more information feel free to contact the office or our SCC President, Tammy Stevenson 519-334-3392.

Snack Program

Our snack program will be up and running this week. We offer a selection of whole fruits and items that meet the nutritional guidelines set out by the Ministry including granola bars and cheese strings. Bins are delivered to each classroom in the morning and are available at lunch times.

Teacher Program/Classroom Newsletters

Throughout the year, teachers will send home newsletters, describing classroom program, routines, curriculum and classroom expectations, assessment and evaluation information, information about special projects, activities and events they have planned. We are using email communication through our new Student Information System, ASPEN. Please contact the office if you do not have an email address on file with us,

Important Busing and Safe Arrival Information

Riding Bus Transportation

For information regarding transportation, please see the “Riding the School Bus” pamphlet located on the web-site www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca under “Info for Parents”. These procedures are in place to create maximum safety for all students. Kunkel Bus Lines will be providing bus transportation. The company may be reached by calling 1-800-586-5357.

Please note that buses cannot provide transportation for birthday parties or other get-togethers. In these cases, parents are responsible for providing transportation. Buses provide transportation between school and students’ homes or regular child care providers only. No additional passengers will be given permission to ride a school bus that they do not ride on a daily basis.

Picking Up?

If you are picking up your child instead of having them ride the bus, please notify the office **prior to 2:00 p.m.** . It becomes very busy in the office at dismissal time and we always want to avoid possible mix-ups which can be upsetting to both students and parents. This contributes to student safety and avoids unnecessary delays in bus departure. Please send a **note/letter** to inform the school of any changes in regular bus, walking or pick-up routines.

Walkers and Bikers

If your child is walking from Holstein, we encourage them to use the pathway. Walking on the road is an unsafe practice. Prior to school and following dismissal, the road is very busy with a variety of traffic. Keeping to the pathway increases student safety. Students who ride their bike to school are expected to wear a helmet and adhere to safe cycling practices.

Bus Route Change Requests

Requests for bus route changes must come to the school office (not the bus driver), in writing, and can only be approved under very special circumstances (i.e. not for play dates, parties etc.)

As noted on the previous page, please subscribe to on-line bus cancellations for Bruce & Grey counties available at <https://www.mybrucegreyschoolbus.ca/Cancellations.aspx>! This is very important this year ALL YEAR due to replacement bus driver shortages in our area.

Attendance and Safe Arrival

We need your help in ensuring safe arrival for your child at school. Communication between home and school is essential, so if your child is absent, please call the school by 8:45 a.m.. Classroom attendance is taken first thing in the morning and again at 1:10 p.m.

Our voice mail phone service will accept your message if you need to call outside office hours. **It is the responsibility of parents to inform the school of every absence or lateness by telephone with a reason provided.**

If we do not receive notification from home, we will be contacting parents to ensure the safety of each child. Students who arrive late to school are required to report to the office before going to class. Our goal is to keep all our children safe and maintain efficient office operation. We appreciate your help and efforts to support your child's learning with regular attendance.

Please read through the important document available on our website. [Letter regarding Covid Protocols September 2022.doc](#) . This has the details regarding the use of screeners, when to stay home, how long to stay home and when to use a mask. As updates come, they will be emailed to you as well as posted on our website.

PLEASE RETURN ASAP — Important !

You will have received various forms in the first week of school requiring your consent. Please return to the school as soon as possible making sure that all required signatures are completed.

Library News

Mrs. Jones will be continuing at Egremont as our Library Clerk! Mrs. Jones and her volunteers keep our library in tremendous shape and well-stocked with books



Administration of Medication to Students

Parents/guardians are reminded that written permission for the administration of medication is required. If your child's doctor prescribes medication to be administered during school hours, a form must be completed before any medication may be given and/or stored at the school. Please call the school or drop in to see Mrs. Timmins if you require a form.

Student Accident Insurance—COMING SOON

FALL PHOTOS
GOOD NEWS!

www.photovisions.ca



PhotoVisions' COVID aware photography procedure has been reviewed and approved by your school board's Health and Safety.

So, we are ready to safely take your amazing photos - with a few tweaks!
This year all orders will be only available for viewing and ordering from our secure online site.

We will not be sending home any paper order forms. All students will be supplied a personal Online Code at time of photography. All photos will then be accessible in approximately 48-72 hours after their session.



PHOTO DAY: Tuesday, September 20th

Upcoming Dates in September

- Powley Day: Landmark Metis rights victory
- 20th Photo Day
- 21st International Day of Peace—Wear WHITE
- 21/22 Indigenous Journey Days Grade 6-8
- 23rd—PA Day—no school for students
- 28th Rowan's Law Day
- 29th Terry Fox Run (Donations accepted that week)
- 30th Truth and Reconciliation Day—Wear ORANGE