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The **Brantford** **Bulletin**

Quote of the Week

*“Live so that
when your chil-
dren think of fair-
ness, caring, and
integrity, they
think of you.”*

- H. Jackson
Brown, Jr. -

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So You Think You Can Write? So Do We!

Every year, the Burnaby School District holds the annual WORDS Writing Competition. Student work that is “selected” will be published in the WORDS anthology to represent the best of Burnaby student writers. It’s open to all ages, from Kindergarten to Grade 12, in both English and French. To enter:

- All entries must be original work from students
- Must have been written during the current school year and are limited to 500 words in length
- Elementary school entries will be accepted in the following categories:
 - Age 5 - 7 poetry or prose; Age 8 - 10 poetry or prose; Age 11 and older poetry or prose
- All entries must be suitable for general audience publication.

Students can submit their writing at the office (there is a bin clearly labeled for WORDS submissions). The hope is that **EVERY Brantford student** will submit at least one piece of writing. All entries are due by Feb. 8th, as that is the day Brantford staff will begin vetting the entries for excellence, and selecting the 18 entries we are allowed to submit for Brantford (only allowed to submit 5% of the school population).

Winners will be notified at the end of February and will be invited to a special ceremony and dinner at Michael J. Fox Theatre in May. Good luck everyone! Get writing!

A Big Techy Thanks!

As most of you likely heard, Brantford was transformed into a technology wonderland on Tuesday. We had coding on our iPads, we had a green screen, and we had a whole lot of robots. This was all thanks to Mr. James Pearce, principal of Surrey Center School, and his team of staff and students. Thanks so much for sharing your passion, lessons, and your time for our Brantford students...it meant so much.

K. Gurney—Principal

Thank You

COME AND JOIN US AT THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING
EVENTS

*School Assembly—Tues., Jan. 31st @ 2:00 in gym

Literacy Week—Feb. 6th—10th (keep watch for opportunities to join us)



Red Cross Babysitting Course

So you're in grade 6 or 7, and you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Well, Brantford has the course for you! Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. Information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.



Brantford, February 17th, 2017, 8:30-3:30 (Pro-D Day)

\$60 + GST online registration

<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>



Student Registration

February is registration month for next year...that's this Wednesday!

During the month of February, Brantford will be accepting registrations for the 2017-18 school year. Registration for French Immersion and Out of Catchment are NOT based on a "first come, first served" basis, so it does not matter if you register Feb. 1st or Feb. 28th (although it's always a good idea to register early in case you forget any necessary forms).

Please visit the district Registration Page for forms and information regarding the registration process. Once forms and documents are filled out and ready, please bring everything to our front office and Ms. Thomson, our office secretary, will help you complete the registration process.

No appointment necessary. Brantford registration times are:

9:15 to 10:15 am 11:00 to 11:45 am 1:15 to 2:45 pm



Problem of the Week

Grandfather Stefanek has figured out the following:

"My daughter, Taylor, is 24 years younger than me, and 35 years older than my grandson Gurney. Together our combined ages add up to 100"

How old is Grandfather Stefanek, Taylor, and Gurney?

OK, the last problem of the week was as follows:

"Brantford Lake on Jan. 1st, had only 1 lily pad on it. However, on Jan. 2nd, it had 2. On Jan. 3rd, it had 4. You guessed it, on Jan. 4th it had 8. This pattern continued until on Jan. 31st, the lake was COMPLETELY covered in lily pads. What day was the lake 1/2 covered in lily pads?"



ANSWER = Most people guess January 15th or 16th, but nope...the answer is Jan. 30th, because it doubles every day. So on Jan. 30th, it was 1/2 covered, and by Jan. 31st, it was completely covered because it doubled

Literacy Week

Literacy Week (Feb. 6th—10th) is almost here. The Brantford Literacy Committee has planned some fun and exciting activities for everyone. Here are just a few:

Happy Reading



Monday, Feb. 6th

- * Staff members will swap, and read books in other rooms some time during the day
- * Everyone is encouraged to "Wear Words" this day.

Tuesday, Feb. 7th

- * Guest Readers at Brantford

Wednesday, Feb. 8th

- * DEAR (Drop Everything & Read) Day. Throughout the day, when someone comes over the announcements and says "Drop Everything & Read, you must get out a book and read...even if you're in the middle of an intense basketball game
- * WORDS Writing Contest entries due

Thursday, Feb. 9th

- * Book Swap in the gym

Friday, Feb. 10th

- * Dress as your favourite book character (Cat in the Hat, Harry Potter, etc., but maybe we should avoid Captain Underpants)
- * Families invited to join us for Family Reading in the gym at 2:30 p.m. (bring a good book to read with a group of kids...something short so you can move around)

Throughout the Week:

- * Staff members will have their favourite childhood picture books displayed in the front display case. Each day, a book will be chosen, and students will fill out a ballot guessing which staff member's book it is. Correct guesses then will be put in a draw for a prize at the end of each day. On Friday, all remaining books will be on the ballot, and we will draw up to 5 winners.
- * And finally, we are throwing out our 1st ANNUAL Brantford "**NO MEDIA FOR A WEEK**" CHALLENGE. We are challenging all students to go without TV or other media from Monday, Feb. 6th – Friday, Feb. 10th (E-Readers and writing on Microsoft Word for example would be fine as these promote literacy). Those students that succeed will have their names entered into a draw for a lunch in the principal's office, catered, served, and paid for by the principal. Please sign up on the form that will be coming home soon.



Extra Socks?

As we head back into the rainy weather soon, one item that seems to be in high demand is dry socks. If you have an extra pair at home, we'd recommend that you keep a pair in your child's backpack or have them put in their cubby in their class.

As well, if you have extras you'd be willing to donate to the school to have on hand, we'd gladly accept them for students that may need them after a slip in a puddle.



B.C. Provincial Yoyo Contest

The B.C. Provincial Yoyo Contest is a fun filled day for beginners and masters alike. Featuring contests for anyone throughout the day. There will be a competition for any skill level including a champions division including three World Yoyo Contest Semi-Finalists. The event will be held on February 4th, 10 AM to 4PM at Marlborough Elementary School, 6060 Marlborough Ave, Burnaby, B.C.

This event is **FREE** for everyone, and will even have yoyos you can play with if you don't have your own. Our own former teacher, Mr. McKay (formerly Meugens), will be there to help run the event. Head to www.canadayoyo.ca for more information.



A few of our former Brantford students in high school have started a "Create Change" campaign to raise money and awareness for the education rights for girls in countries such as Ghana, Africa.

The attached sheet has information on how you can help by placing an order for Valentine's Cards, that allow you

to spread the love to people you know, and also help support this cause.

You can find more information at the website www.createchangenow.ca or email their team at createchangebmss@gmail.com

