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The Brantford Bulletin

Quote of the Week

"I'm more interested in arousing enthusiasm in kids than in teaching the facts.

The facts may change, but that enthusiasm for exploring the world will remain with them the rest of their lives."

— Seymour Simon "

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Issue #2

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Hotel Transylvania 2 is coming

First off, just to be clear, this is NOT a picture of Mr. Gurney and Mrs. Taylor...I know there is an uncanny resemblance, but Mr. Gurney rarely wears a tie and Mrs. Taylor has much more hair.

The amazing Brantford PAC, has organized another community event gearing up for Halloween. Come join the Brantford community next Friday, Oct. 14th in our Brantford gym. Doors open at 5:15 p.m., with the movie starting at 6:15 p.m., tickets are \$2 per person. As always, PAC will have a concession open with pizza, popcorn, drinks and treats before the movie begins and at intermission (finish around 8:00).

Bring your pillows, families, and friends for what should be a great evening. *Parents, please note that this is a "PG" movie,; viewer discretion is advised.* For more information, please visit

<https://www.common sense media.org/movie-reviews/hotel-transylvania-2>



What About ME??

2 weeks ago, as students were merrily skipping home with their newsletters tucked in their backpacks, I came to the realization that 2 staff members were left off my "Welcome to Brantford" list. What a terrible principal I am. After many tears, and the promise of free pony rides, the staff members have finally forgiven my

lapse. So, a BIG welcome to:

Mr. S. Stefanek – Mr. Stefanek is our amazing new grade 6/7 teacher that comes to us from Lochdale Elementary. He grew up in Burnaby and loves being a part of the Brantford Community and connecting with students.

Mr. J. Tejero – Mr. Tejero is Brantford's newest Educational Assistant mostly working in the intermediate grades. He comes to us from Edmonds Community School and is happy to be a part of Brantford

Mr. G. Giguere – Mr. Giguere is our new team teacher working with Mrs. Taylor in our grade 6/7 class every Tuesday and Thursday. He's familiar with Brantford and we're hopeful we'll see him on other days as well. Welcome!

COME AND JOIN US AT THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS

Movie Night - **Friday, Oct. 14th @ 5:15 p.m.** in Brantford gym

Parent Ski Meeting - **Tuesday, Oct. 18th @ 6:00 p.m.** in Brantford library

PAC Meeting - **Wednesday, Oct. 26th @ 7:00 p.m.** in Brantford library

Halloween Parade & Assembly - **Monday, Oct. 31st @ 8:55 a.m.**

It's a Stinky Situation

I'd like to appeal to our wonderful Brantford community to please be vigilant with your furry friends. Everyone appreciates presents and gifts, but the smelly brown kind that we're finding littering our back fields is not something we are enjoying. Much of Mr. Renfrow's time in the morning is being spent picking up after dogs, which is neither pleasant, nor a good use of his time. So please, do your dog "DOO"ty.



Picture Day is Coming

All right boys and girls, your homework for the next couple weeks is to practice that smile! Just a reminder that Individual School Photos will be happening on **Monday, Oct. 17th**. Be sure to come to school ready that day.



Volunteer Driver reminder

I want to thank all of our amazing parent volunteers that drive to and from field trips or sporting events. Without your support, these events would not be possible.

And on the volunteer driver form, it is clearly laid out regarding seatbelts, airbag rules in the front seat, and even booster seat requirements for younger students, but one thing is missing...the clear rule that drivers are not to use any handheld devices while driving. We all know the rules about this, and WHY this is so important. Not only is it a massive safety concern, it also role models bad behaviour for our kids.



So remember, LEAVE THE PHONE ALONE when driving, ALWAYS.

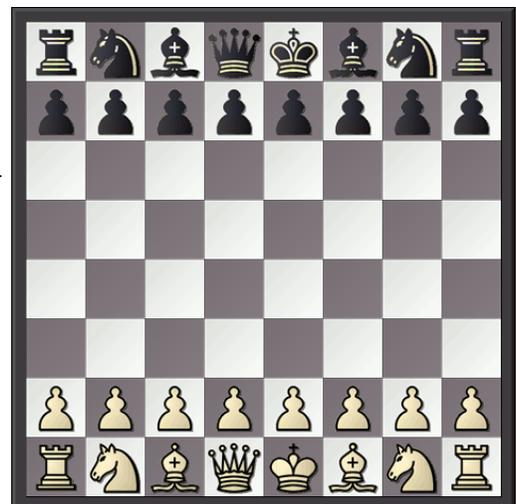
Problem of the Week

Every once in a while, when I have room in newsletters, I'd like to put in a Word Problem for those out there like me that love a good brain stumper. If you solve it, please let me know when you pass me in the hallway or outside. The solution will be in the next newsletter. Good luck!

**How many squares are on a chessboard?
How many rectangles?**

Hint: There are WAY more than 64 squares!

By the way, I still haven't figured out how many rectangles there are yet.



Brantford Terry Fox Event 2016

BIG thanks go out to all the parents that came out for our Brantford Terry Fox Event this year. Many were handing out Popsicle sticks, some were cheering students on as they ran, and others were actually running with us. It's always wonderful to see the amazing parent support we have.



**THE
TERRY
FOX RUN**
for cancer research

Our goal this year was to raise \$710 (a Toonie for Terry from each student) for the Terry Fox Foundation to help fight cancer. If the students achieved this goal, they earn an extra recess. Well, we raised almost \$750 this year, surpassing our goal, which meant some very happy students and staff that received an extra "sneaky recess" this Wednesday. Way to go Brantford!

Halloween Costumes

Of course, Halloween is only 3 weeks away, which means we will all have an excuse to dress up as animals, pirates, witches, or super heroes. Here are a couple guidelines we use when it comes to costumes at Brantford:

We must be able recognize every child for safety reasons. This means that students are not to wear full face masks or other coverings that would make identification difficult. Half masks are often OK as long as we can see the child's eyes. Detachable swords, light sabers, or other such "weapons" are not allowed at school, even if they are brought in a bag. Of course, this again has to do with student safety.

On Monday, Oct. 31st, we encourage students, parents, and staff to come in full costume as we will be showing off our outfits first thing in the morning. We'll kick it off with a costume parade first thing in the morning, followed by an assembly at around 9:30 a.m. It would be great to see you there.



Fireworks Safety

Around Halloween time, we often will notice a few fireworks left on the field when staff arrive in the morning. We always do a sweep of the school grounds each morning, but it would be a great idea to speak to your children if you haven't already, about the importance of not touching these items, as many are still "live" and can be quite dangerous.

Wacky Hair Day (Oct. 13th)

Just a reminder to parents that Thursday, Oct. 13th is "Wacky Hair Day". We encourage students, parents, and staff to show their Brantford school spirit and have some fun being creative with your hair. FINALLY, I get to bring back my old mullet!



Ski Meeting for parents on Oct. 18th @ 6:00 p.m.

In January 2017, Brantford will continue the wonderful tradition of FUN FRIDAYS. If you're new to these, like I am, Fun Fridays involve the following opportunities for 3 days, **Jan. 13th, 20th, and 27th:**

- **Skiing in Whistler (gr. 4—7 only)**
- Skating @ Bill Copeland Arena (gr. 3—7)
- Curling @ Brantford (K—2)

To prepare for these events, we are holding a meeting in our Brantford Library on **Oct. 18th @ 6:00 p.m.**

for all intermediate parents wanting to find out information about the ski trip.



School Drop-off and Pick-up

Having had the chance to be out on patrol duty for the last couple weeks, I wanted to take the time to remind parents and family members of a couple lessons we have been trying to teach the students:

1. Use the crosswalk – please do not teach your children that crossing the street during pick up and drop off is acceptable unless they are using the marked crosswalk. Students learn much more from what we DO, not what we SAY. Please role model this for all students.
2. U-Turns – believe it or not, as I am writing this newsletter, I am looking at a parent do a U-turn right in front of the school. This one is easy, **don't do it!** The last thing I want to be doing is jumping on the hood of your car to stop you from putting kids at risk.
3. No stopping zones – We still have parents stopping right out front of the school on Brantford Avenue to drop their kids off. Yep it's convenient, but can you imagine what would happen if EVERYONE did this.
4. Stopping in the middle of the parking lot - This is the BIGGEST issue at the school so far. Many parents come early and park around the edges where Visitor parking and Loading Zone is indicated, which is fine. The issue is the families that stop in the middle of the driving lane of the parking lot that cause the massive back up and safety concerns for everyone else. Please stop doing this, ever.

If we think selfishly, a child is going to get hurt; when we think of others, we provide a safe environment for our students and role model for everyone. Thanks for doing your part to keep our kids safe.

