

# King George Public School

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**Tom Smith**  
**Principal**



**Deb Skoretz**  
**Vice Principal**

## From the Principal's Desk

March, 2012

Dear Parents,

Where has the year gone? We are already nearing Spring Break. It has been very busy at the school lately. By this time, I am sure most of you have seen the letter that was sent home regarding cellular devices. I recognize that we have taken a strong stand, but we are very cognizant of the need to protect our students. As you may be aware, we had a student video several other students on the playground and then post this on Facebook. This is a direct violation of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. It is an illegal action. The student in question was appropriately dealt with, but the situation highlighted a serious issue we have been trying to deal with for some time. More and more students are freely using their cell phones, etc throughout the day; texting, phoning, and videoing or snapping pictures. We have stated frequently that we had no issue with students using their devices off the school grounds, but that in school these had to be placed in their lockers and turned off. If that was followed by all, we would have no issue. Unfortunately, too many insist on pocketing their phones and doing their utmost to use them throughout the day. At some point these actions will place one of our students in a bad position. Pictures might be placed on a social interaction site, used to cyberbully, or some student who is supposed to be secure, perhaps hiding from an absent parent for example, has a picture posted, which blows his/her cover.

I have therefore told students not to bring these devices to school or they will be confiscated until a parent comes to retrieve it. I do recognize that some parents legitimately have a need to be in contact with their children as they reach school and after the day. Otherwise, parents can always call the school (519-752-7486) and in an emergency they can speak with their children. While I do have the right to search lockers, my desire to do so matches your desire to root through your child's bedroom. It is an unpleasant task. Therefore, if students do have their cell phones in their lockers, turned off, there should be no issue. The text home could happen before they enter the school grounds and everyone is satisfied. Otherwise,

these items will be confiscated as mentioned before. Parents will be contacted to arrange pick up.

Remember that our primary concern here is your child's safety. This is your wish as well, so we are hoping this arrangement will work for all.

Regards,

Tom Smith  
Principal

### Important Dates:

Feb 27—March 23—MS Read-a-thon

March 1—District Support Visit

March 2—Good/Bad Touch Presentations for Grades 1 –3

March 6—School Council meets at 6:30 PM in the library

March 12—16—March Break

March 21-23—Grand Erie 3D Aboriginal Art Project

March 26—Mad Science Assembly 2:30PM

March 27—Sr. Chess Tournament at King George

March 29—MS Read-a-thon money is due



# Community News and Partnerships

## Grand Erie Parent Engagement Symposium

Join parents/guardians from King George School and from all across Grand Erie District School Board for an engaging day of workshops designed by parents to support your child's success in school.



**Keynote speaker**  
Mary Jean Gallagher, Chief Student Achievement Officer at the Ministry of Education, will deliver an inspirational presentation on "Parent Engagement & Student Success" that you don't want to miss!

Saturday, March 31, 2012  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Waterford District High School  
Register online by March 7, 2012 at [granderie.ca](http://granderie.ca)  
Lunch is provided. All abilities welcome.

Need a ride? Free bus transportation is provided. There's also free childcare and age-appropriate programming available.

Draws, prizes, and so much more!

Visit [granderie.ca](http://granderie.ca) for registration and workshop details today.

~ Hosted by the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC)

## Online Fun Pass

The Online Fun Pass is back for 2011, featuring great offers from some of Ontario's most sizzling summer attractions. With over \$200 dollar in saving the coupons are great for an affordable family trip.

Starting in June you will be able to access the coupons through the Fun Pass website at [www.ontariofunpass.com](http://www.ontariofunpass.com). Just type in your child's last name and school board in the correct fields. Once all the information is entered you will be able to print the coupons and then simply present them for redemption at any of the participating Ontario attractions. Also visit hundreds of Ontario Parks with \$2 dollars off the regular price of a daily vehicle permit



## OPTIMIST CLUB YOUTH DANCE

MOOSE HALL, 145 WEST ST., BRANTFORD

**FRIDAY MARCH 16, 2012  
7:00 TO 10:00 PM**

**ADMISSION \$5.00  
GRADES 5—8 STUDENTS  
WELCOME**

**REFRESHMENTS  
PRIZES  
FUN**

**CHAPERONED BY OPTIMIST MEMBERS**

**FOR TICKETS CALL 519-753-0715**

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE**

SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) invites parents and community members to learn more about the services and provide input on the programs offered through Special Education at Grand Erie District School Board.

Join in the conversation about the Board's special education plan at a school near you!

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***Tuesday April 17, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Hagersville Elementary School (Gym), 40 Parkview Road, Hagersville  
905-768-3012***

***Tuesday April 24, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Waterford Public School (Gym), 100 East Church Street, Waterford  
519-443-8942***

***Wednesday April 25, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Branlyn Community School (Branlyn Community Room)  
238 Brantwood Park Road, Brantford  
519-759-7240***

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Grand Erie District School Board is committed to provide services to our students, parents/guardians, staff and community that are free of barriers and biases. Please contact the host school if you require additional supports to improve accessibility during your visit.

## **School Council**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 6:30 PM in the Library

We would like to remind families that we participate in the Campbell's Labels for Education program.

Each item we submit is worth 1 point. For some products we submit the UPC, for others we need to include the front label or the lid. It can be quite confusing, so we have included on the following two pages the requirements for the eligible products.

Thank you for your help in earning extra funds for our school!

# ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS

All products are worth 1 point unless otherwise stated.

## EATING



**CAMPBELL'S® condensed soup**  
10 oz / 284 mL, 28 oz / 796 mL  
**SAVE:** full label (UPC and front panel)



**HABITANT® soup**  
227 mL, 398 mL, 796 mL  
**SAVE:** full label (UPC and front panel)



**CAMPBELL'S® CHUNKY® soup or chili**  
10 oz / 284 mL, 14 oz / 425 g, 19 oz / 540 mL  
**SAVE:** full label (UPC and front panel)



**CAMPBELL'S® CHUNKY® bowls**  
420 mL  
**SAVE:** lid



**CAMPBELL'S® Ready to Serve soup**  
19 oz / 540 mL  
**SAVE:** full label (UPC and front panel)



**CAMPBELL'S® HEALTHY REQUEST® bowls**  
398 mL  
**SAVE:** lid



**CAMPBELL'S® SOUP AT HAND®**  
284 mL  
**SAVE:** lid



**CAMPBELL'S® HEARTY NOODLES®**  
55 g  
**SAVE:** paper lid



**CAMPBELL'S® GARDEN of EATIN'®**  
500 mL  
**SAVE:** UPC



**V8® SOUP**  
500 mL  
**SAVE:** UPC



**CAMPBELL'S® Créations soup**  
500 mL  
**SAVE:** UPC



## COOKING



**CAMPBELL'S® Easy  
Cooking Sauce**  
500 mL  
SAVE: UPC



**CAMPBELL'S® Ready to Use  
broth**  
900 mL  
SAVE: UPC



**PREGO® Pasta Sauce**  
375 mL, 645 mL, 1.75 L  
SAVE: lid

## SNACKS



**PACE® salsa**  
428 mL, 642 mL  
SAVE: lid



**GOLDFISH® crackers**  
28 g, 168 g, 180 g, 190 g, 200 g, 1.36 kg  
SAVE: UPC



375mL, 675mL  
Prego



Campbell 's® Healthy  
Request® Bowls – 420 mL

## BEVERAGES



**V8® vegetable cocktail**  
156 mL, 250 mL, 340 mL, 354 mL, 950 mL, 1.36 L, 1.89 L  
cans SAVE: crushed cans  
bottles SAVE: labels  
boxes SAVE: UPC

image  
required

**V8® V-FUSION® beverage**  
354 mL, 1.36 L  
SAVE: cap

image  
required

**V8® SPLASH® beverage**  
473 mL, 1.89 L  
SAVE: cap

**= 1 point**

## Notes From Your School Health Nurse...

### Making Lunches Nutritious and Delicious

Lunches are an important part of your child's growth and development. The foods that you pack in your child's lunch bag should be ones that will help them stay energized throughout the school day and will give them the nutrients that they need to grow healthy and strong.

Making lunches that suit not only picky eaters but also meet the balanced school day criteria can sometimes be tricky. Keep these helpful tips in mind to make packing lunches a breeze:

**Head out the door with the mighty 4:** A healthy lunch includes foods from at least 3 of the 4 food groups. If your child is on a balanced school day, the only thing that changes is the timing of when their food is eaten; so pack foods from 3 of the 4 food groups for each break and include 2 drinks as well – one for each break

**Include everyone:** Include your kids in planning/packing their food for the school day. They may be more willing to eat their lunch if they helped to make it

**Pack lunches safely:** Teach children to wash their hands before eating. Use an insulated lunch bag to keep cold foods cold and a thermos to keep hot foods hot. Wash all fruits and veggies before packing them

For more information and tips on packing healthy lunches, visit [www.bchu.org](http://www.bchu.org) or speak with your school health nurse.

**Joe Kranz, our school health nurse, visits King George weekly on Tuesday afternoons.**

### Feedback Feedback:

We have been noticing fewer returns from our Feedback forms lately. This could be due to very busy lives or maybe even be a result of a general satisfaction about the goings on at King George School. In any case, regardless of the reason, we do value your feedback. This school is a significant part of the community and what happens here often has an impact on what happens at home. Conversely, we are also impacted by what goes on in the community. This is a roundabout way to say that we want to hear from you. You would be amazed by the number of good ideas implemented into schools as a result of helpful suggestions by parents.

While there were no written returns this month, I did receive a call that warrants a general reply.

One parent has brought to light a real issue around the playground. King George School, like all elementary schools in the Grand Eire District School Board, is a non-smoking area. It has been pointed out that at the beginning and end of the school day a number of older siblings and parents are smoking in this area. Even teachers and school staff who smoke are required to leave the school grounds to smoke. We ask that all parents, etc who do smoke, please do so no closer than across the street from the school grounds. We recognize that this may be an imposition, but we all are aware that young children often try to emulate the actions of their parents and older siblings. We ask that you respect this request for the benefit of all our students.

Do take the time to respond to the issues you see at the school or the great things you see happening by filling out and returning the Feedback forms. Your opinions will be read and considered. Also, we do draw from the returned forms each month and the winner gets a free milk.



## THE KINDERGARTEN PARENT SURVEY

**COMING SOON!**

**In April, parents with children in Senior Kindergarten** will receive a request to fill out a survey for an important research project being conducted by the Brant County Health Unit and the Best Start Network along with the Offord Centre for Child Studies. The survey is about the experiences of parents and young children living in Brantford and the County of Brant. Your information will be used to help us learn more about the needs of parents, find the gaps in programs for children and promote healthy child development so all children have a good start and are ready to begin school.

It is important that parents complete the KPS for their child and it is only with your generous help that our research is a true reflection of the needs of families in Brantford and the County of Brant. As a token of our appreciation **your child will receive a free book just for participating!**

More information will be coming soon but if you have questions now, please contact Anca Gaston at 519-753-4937 ext. 330 or by email at [agaston@bchu.org](mailto:agaston@bchu.org).





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## Feedback



**We'd like to know what you think. Please specify compliments, concerns, issues etc. for comment and response in next month's newsletter. Fill in your child's name below to ensure you are entered into our draw for free milk!**

### Compliments:

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### Concerns :

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### Recommendations:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (for draw).

*You can also give us feedback through our new website:*

[www.kinggeorgeschool.synthasite.com/feedback.php](http://www.kinggeorgeschool.synthasite.com/feedback.php)

**We would like to connect with you online. Please provide us an email address so we can send you the newsletter and other updates right to your inbox.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_