



February 2020



BLUEWATER DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

The Egremont Eagle



From the Principal's Desk

Report Cards: Due to current provincial labour action involving the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), it will not be possible for term 1 report cards to be completed. As always, parents/guardians are encouraged to contact their child's teacher should they have any questions about how their child is progressing at school.

Job action: I am sending notifications 4-5 days before any strike action via school messenger email or via paper copies for those families I believe are not registered for email notification. Confirmation of the strike day if there is a negotiation deadline that passes without resolution is sent out as well. If you are not receiving emails please register or to check your settings at: go.schoolmessenger.ca

We will continue to do our best to run pizza, milk and other parent council, student or volunteer activities around job action days. Pizza will be Tuesday this week. The Great Soup Challenge will be Wednesday. A huge thank you to Ms. Wilkin and Ms. Cheeseman for organizing this opportunity.

Students make a healthy meal, feed the school and vote on their favourite recipe. *Please remind all students to bring a bowl/ container and spoon if they wish to try the soup on Wednesday.*

Winter weather & bus-sing: We have been fortunate that despite the up and down weather, our busses have been able to run consistently. Please do check the bus planning website or listen to the local radio stations for updates (<https://www.mybrucegreyschoolbus.ca/Cancellations.aspx>)

Bus companies must decide, very early, whether or not they can run, with student safety the ultimate consideration. Typically, the school does remain open, so parents are welcome to bring their kids to school if busses are cancelled and you can travel to school safely.

The next **Parent Council meeting** is scheduled for this Wednesday Feb 5th at 6:30 p.m., in the school library. Please join us to discuss plans for additions to our playground and more. If you are unable to attend and

wish to share your ideas regarding the playground please contact me.

Our school **speech competition** will be held the morning of Wednesday, February 19, in the gym. If needed, the make up dates are Thur, Feb 20th and Fri Feb 21st.

Gay Straight Alliance. We are starting an Egremont GSA. Staff have noted inappropriate name calling. The goal of this voluntary group is to improve the school climate for everyone by promoting discussion about homophobia and its affect on everyone. The first task is advertising ways staff, students and parents can prevent name calling and harassment. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to support this initiative.

Field Trips: All field trips are currently on hold. We will refund if rescheduling becomes impossible .

Upcoming events: Please see our school website for the live calendar:
CALENDAR:
<https://egr.bwdsb.on.ca/>

Winter School Bus Safety Tips

Allow extra time to get to your bus stop.

Wear bright clothing so the bus can see you in the early morning and late evening.

Stand away from where the bus stops. Buses need extra room to stop when there is snow and ice

Dress properly. Winter clothing, hats, and boots will keep you warm.

Don't play in the snow while waiting for the bus. Don't throw snowballs at the bus or anyone else.

Don't slide on the snow or ice patches in driveways or on the street. You could slide under the wheel of the bus and get hurt.

Don't push or shove around the bus. Someone could fall down on the ice and get hurt.

Hands should be kept to yourself at all times while riding on the bus. Fighting and picking on others creates a dangerous bus ride.

