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Where Learning Takes Flight

Message From the Office

Well the school year is just flying by and it is hard to believe that it is March already. It has been a long and cold winter but there is light at the end of the tunnel as we move toward spring.

We want to thank the members of the SCC for organizing the Dance-a-thon for the students and all of the families who supported the event by sending in pledge money. The SCC has a fundraising goal this year to help buy new audio/sound system equipment for the gym to use for assemblies and important events. As a reminder, there is a SCC meeting next week on Wednesday March 6 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend and child care is provided.

Please mark your calendar on March 25 for Family Science Night hosted by Scientists in the School. This is a free event and is a great way for families to come and have some fun together while exploring different science topics. Registration forms will be sent home with students on Monday March 2.

March 26 is Purple Day. We are asking all staff and students to wear purple that day to support Epilepsy Awareness.

We thank all parents/guardians for supporting our safe schools initiatives by checking into the office upon arrival at school and not heading to classrooms directly. Mrs. Pearson or other office staff will be glad to help with any questions you have or will call to classrooms for your child to come to the office.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing break. It starts Friday March 13th and extends through to Friday March 20th. School resumes on Monday March 23rd.

**March
Break**

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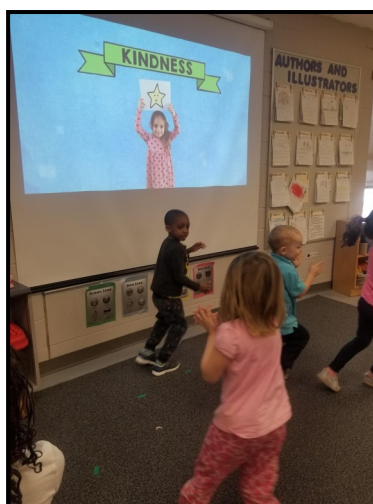
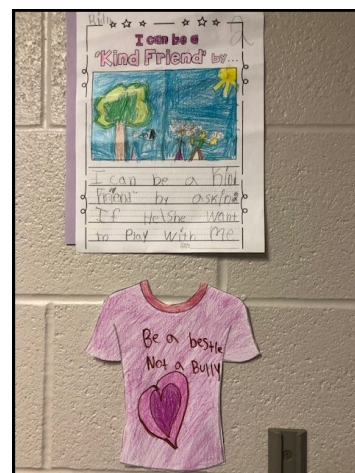
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Pink Shirt Day

On Feb. 26, staff and Students at GBA participated in Pink Shirt Day as we stand up against bullying and work on being kind to one another. There were many great lessons and activities in the classrooms and we will continue to build on this for the rest of the school year as we make GBA a safe and calm learning place for everyone!



#GBASOARS



Follow us on Twitter!

GBA has a Twitter feed. Regular announcements will be posted regarding important school information and dates. Check us out at the following @SchoolAttersley

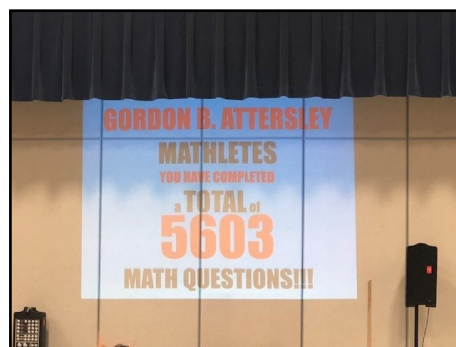


Kindergarten Registration is Open



Mathletes

On Friday Feb. 7, Mathletes came to GBA and our students in grades 2-8 had a wonderful day of working in teams and solving fun math problems. The students worked hard and solved over 5600 questions— a new GBA record! Thank you to our awesome grade 7 and 8 students for being group leaders and helping the students solve the problems.



DANCE-A-THON WAS SO MUCH FUN

The students had a wonderful time at the Dance-a-thon on Feb. 14th. So many dressed in Red and White and got in the spirit of Valentine's Day. The DJ had them all showing their dance moves and fun was had by all. Here are the grand prize winners from pledges brought in:

Reznor H. - Limo with friends to McDonalds

Riley T. - Sky Zone Passes

Kian B. - Lazer Quest Passes

Top Class - Mrs. Byers-Slemon - Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to the SCC for organizing the event and to all of the families for supporting the day and fundraising for the school!



March 26 is Purple Day

Purple Day is an international grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. On March 26th annually, people in countries around the world are invited to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness.

GBA is proud to recognize this day and we ask staff and students to wear purple that day school in recognition of those who have epilepsy.

For more information you can go to their website:
<http://www.purpleday.org/>



Dates To for March

- March 4 SCC Meeting @6:30 pm
Child Care provided
- March 5 Pizza Day
- March 11 Hot Dog Day
- March 12 Pizza Day– last day of school before March Break
- March 13-20 March Break– schools are closed
- March 23 Welcome Back
- March 25 Hot Dog Day
Family Science Night 6-8 pm
- March 26 Pizza Day
Epilepsy Awareness Day



Compare your child's immunization record

Ontario Immunization Record

| Age at Vaccination | Diphtheria | Tetanus | Pertussis | Polio | Haemophilus influenzae Type B | Pneumococcal Conjugate | Rotavirus | Measles | Mumps | Rubella | Meningococcal Conjugate-C | Men-Quinjugate - A,C,Y, W135 | Varicella (Chickenpox) | Hepatitis B | Human Papillomavirus | Seasonal Influenza | Pneumococcal Polysaccharide | Shingles (Herpes Zoster) |
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| 2 mos | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 mos | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 mos | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 mos | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| 15 mos | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 18 mos | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4-6 yrs | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 12 yrs (Grade 7) | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 14-16 yrs | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24-26 yrs | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Every 10 yrs* | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Every year | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 65 years | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 65-70 years | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |

This chart shows the schedule for free vaccines in Ontario. Coloured boxes indicate vaccines that are given in one needle. If you think you or your child have missed any vaccines, speak to your health care provider.

For all children born before 2018, this is what their immunization record should look like. For children born in 2018 or after, an additional rotavirus vaccine is required at 6 months.



durham.ca/immunize



If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.



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"The best luck of all is the luck that you make for yourself." Douglas MacArthur