

The Eyrie

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The Eyrie, is a monthly newsletter with updates about recent and upcoming school items/events. Each edition is posted to our school website at the end of each month. Please subscribe, <https://www.hwsb.on.ca/greensville>



Upcoming Events

April 3

Sub Day

April 4

Family Movie Night #2 6PM

April 7

Box of Cards Fundraiser Begins

April 8 – Authors Visit

April 10 – Pizza Day

April 11 – Gr 7 Vaccination Clinic #2

April 17 – Fire Drill

April 18/21 – Good Friday & Easter Monday Holiday

April 22 – Earth Week Activities

April 23 – Office Administrator Day!

Mrs. Taugher is the BEST!

April 24 – Pizza Day & Final School

Council @ 6-7 PM

Dear Families,

Happy Spring! With the warmer temperatures comes a bit more rain. Once again, our back field is a mud pit and flooded in certain areas. We are making use of pylons to cordon off unusable areas so students can still get outside during their breaks. We will keep families posted should we need to restrict outdoor play time; however, we always look for ways to mitigate that if needed (i.e., extra DPA, use of J. Tew Park, walks around the neighbourhood). We have many upcoming events as we head into our last stretch of the 2024/25 school year. As always, stayed tuned and stay connected!

In Service,

Ms. J. Miskas

Principal

School Electronic Sign: Unfortunately, our school sign was damaged last month by the snow removal company, contracted by the board. Our Facilities Management Team is working on a solution; however, it could be some time before it is repaired.

Pancake Day: Greensville experienced it's first whole-school pancake day last month. It was a rousing success thanks to so many helping hands. There was a strong sense of community felt throughout the day which was our top priority. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped fill bellies and create smiles that day!

COBS Fundraiser Update: School Council ran another successful fundraiser, partnering with COBS BREAD in Waterdown. After all the cards were tallied, our school profit was \$1860.00. Thank you to our wonderful families for supporting this initiative!



EQAO Assessment Dates: For families with students in grades 3 and/or 6, they will be writing the standardized test in May 2025. Specifically, **Grade 6: May 13, 15 and 16 and Grade 3: May 21, 22, and 23**. A letter will be sent home to participating families shortly. Families are encouraged to visit the EQAO website to read more about the upcoming assessment: www.eqao.com

Babysitters Training Course: Youth aged 10-14 might consider taking a babysitting course over the next few months. Various locations are offering the course: Dundas, Hamilton, Stoney Creek and Ancaster. To register online, please visit www.varisafe.ca. Participants will earn a certification card and receive a training manual.

Family Movie Night #2: This coming Friday April 4th, Home & School is hosting another movie event at Greenville. Students voted for the screening of Moana 2! Doors open at 6pm. Snacks will be available for purchase at the concession stand. Bring comfortable seating for your family and kick off your weekend with a good movie. Families are asked to consider donating a food item if possible. ****There will also be a Book & Spirit Wear Swap that evening. Please send in your donations with your child(ren) by Thursday morning. Currently, classes are collecting items in their rooms.**

Author Visit: The staff leadership team has discussed ways to continue bringing our School Annual Plan to life this year. At Greenville, Indigenous education remains an important area of growth. As such, students and staff will have the opportunity to engage in some upcoming learning. On April 8th, the best-selling author and storyteller **Christy Jordan-Fenton** will be visiting our school. She is the author of the well-known children's books *When I was Eight*, *Not My Girl*, *Fatty Legs*, and *A Stranger at Home*. With the blessing of her late Inuvialuk mother and best friend, Olemaun Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, who attended an Arctic residential school in the 1940s, Christy continues to share stories highlighting the strength and courage of Indigenous children.

She will begin at 11:35am with the K-3 classes in the gym. This presentation involves storytelling, interactive empathy-building, and a reading of *When I was Eight*. Age-appropriate context is provided, with a trauma-informed approach highlighting Olemaun's heroism and agency.

After second nutrition break, at 1:05pm, she will then meet with the 4-8 classes in the gym. During this session, Christy will explore the life of Olemaun and her time at residential school through the stories written in *Fatty Legs* and *A Stranger at Home*. This presentation includes an introduction to decolonized thought, intergeneration effects, and cultural reclamation. Please see the book titles below.

Christy & Olemaun



Pancake-palooza!

