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Happy March Break to All!

It always feels like something of a victory to reach the March Break. Even though we still have a term and a half left in the year, the spring always seems to fly at double the speed of the other seasons. If this is your first year with us, hold on tight...



We wish our teachers, students, and their families a wonderful and restful week ahead, and look forward to seeing everyone back at Blyth Academy Whitby on Monday March 19.



GUIDANCE UPDATE: Setting Goals

by Guidance Counsellor Karen Brierley

Whilst planning a class for Grade 9 on educational planning and goal setting, I read an interesting [article](#) referencing smart goal setting for teens and felt that it would be useful for parents to read.

Mid-term reports have just been sent out, course selection planning has begun for the next academic year and higher education counselling conversations have started, and so this is a great time to sit down with your son/daughter to discuss next steps and plan some smart goals together. The article highlights the importance of putting the teenager in the driving seat when defining goals and allowing them to own them; our role is to provide wisdom, experience and knowledge, to help them shape their goals and keep them realistic.

I encourage each of you to read the article and take some time over March break to discuss and define some pertinent goals with your son/daughter.

Y2 ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM COMES TO BLYTH ACADEMY WHITBY



We are very excited to be rolling out a new program starting shortly after the March Break for our students in Grades 7, 8 and 9.

This program has students identifying a problem, doing some research, coming up with a solution, creating that solution (either a 3D printed item or a website), and then presenting that solution. Think Dragon's Den for the 12-15 age group!

This program has been designed by Y2 Entrepreneurship Labs, with a goal of providing "forums where multiple stakeholders in a community will benefit. Youth will learn new skills and gain new perspective to accelerate their own personal development as leaders and entrepreneurs. Community entrepreneurs will have opportunities to work with and mentor future leaders. Schools will have community support to deliver portions of the Provincial Curriculum. Ecosystem partners can showcase entrepreneur support programs, and help build future entrepreneurs".

We look forward to reporting back in a few weeks as to the problems our students are setting out to solve, and will be inviting parents to the pitch presentations on Monday June 11.



MEET THE TEACHERS

Meghan Hagedorn

Humanities

Joined: February 2018

Please describe your teaching/employment experience prior to joining us at Blyth Whitby.

Prior to joining Blyth Academy Whitby I was an Occasional Teacher with Kawartha-Pine Ridge District School Board.

What hobbies and interests do you have?

Anything outdoors with my dog!

What are you most excited about this year?

This is the first opportunity to have my own classroom!!!

If you became famous, what would it be for?

Owning the most dogs by a single person.



Ms. Meghan Hagedorn

LOOKING AHEAD...

Mon. Mar. 12 - Fri. Mar. 16

- MARCH BREAK! School will be closed, and teachers and administrators will not be monitoring phones or email.

Tues. Mar. 20

- Term 3 Parent/Teacher Interviews from 4pm - 6pm (high school)

Thurs. Mar. 22

- York University Community Nursing students presenting on healthy relationships to Middle School
- 11 biology and 12 chemistry students to visit UOIT for Science Day



Welcome to spring! Middle School decorates their windows for the upcoming season.

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