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## novembre—November 2018



Dear Confédération Families;

October proved to be a very busy month for our students. We congratulate our soccer and cross country teams on their successes at the regional and district competitions.

November brings us to the midway point in term 1 of our school year. With that comes our progress report cards for students in Grades JK-8. The progress report card is designed to show a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations in all subjects. Progress reports will be sent home on November 12th. Parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled for Thursday, November 15th in the evening and Friday, November 16th in the morning. Information about signing up electronically for an interview time will be sent home through the REMIND app. We are asking all families to sign up electronically this year, beginning on November 5th. If you are not able to do so, please contact your child's teacher to set up an interview time. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress further with their teacher. We hope that you will be able to attend. If you are not available to attend, please contact your child's teacher to make alternate arrangements.

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith  
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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Nov. 1-Pyjama Day  
Nov. 5-9-Electronic interview sign up  
Nov. 8-Gr. 7/8 to Glenhyrst  
Nov. 12-Progress Reports sent home  
Nov. 14-Big Crunch Day to support United Way  
Nov. 15-Interviews and Book Fair (evening)  
Nov. 16-Interviews and Book Fair (morning), PD Day (No school for students)  
Nov. 21-Wacky Hair Day, School Council 6:00-7:30 (Library)  
Nov. 23-Photo retake day  
Dec. 5-Glenhyrst Night (6:00pm)

### Monthly Assemblies

During the month of November, we will be looking for students who demonstrate excellence in "Understanding", showing empathy, patience and tolerance when working with others.

### Information and Updates

There are several ways for families to keep up to date with information about our school:

1. Visit our website :

**[granderie.ca/confederation](http://granderie.ca/confederation)**



2. Sign up for École Confédération's **REMIND** account.:
  - 1) go to your texts
  - 2) enter in the "TO" line: **226-799-0230**
  - 3) type **@confedcour** in the message box
  - 4) send

REMIND is completely blind, we don't see your contact info and you don't see ours. Cancel at any time.

3. Follow us on Twitter: @EcoleConfedGE

### A Note From Our Public Health Nurse...

Stop the Spread of Flu – Get the Flu Shot

This fall, get your free flu shot to protect yourself, your family and community.

- Getting the flu shot supports people who are at a higher risk from the flu, like young babies, older adults and those recovering from disease and illness.

- Flu shots are available for Ontarians six months and older, though kids under five need to get the shot from either a doctor's office or the Health Unit.

The flu shot will be available through doctors' offices by late October. · For more information about the flu shot visit [www.ontario.ca/flu](http://www.ontario.ca/flu) or call 519-753-4937 ext. 446.

# CRUNCH DAY



**in support of**

**BRANT UNITED WAY**

On Wednesday, November 14, we will be participating in Crunch Day. All students in our school will be provided with an apple during the first nutrition break on this day. In return, we will be collecting donations for the United Way, which generously provides financial support to our weekly nutritious snack program. We are suggesting a donation between 25¢ and \$2 for this event.

### Student Drop Off and Pick-Up

Thank you to everyone for their continued cooperation in keeping our students safe during drop off and pick up. If you are sending a family member who is not familiar with our routines, please remind them that there is no drop off on site between 8:45 and 9:15 daily, and no pick up on site between 3:15 and 3:45. The only exception to this is for those with an accessible parking pass or with a special parking pass that has been issued by the school.

### Remembrance Day

We will be recognizing Remembrance Day on Friday, November 9th. All students will have the opportunity to participate in 1 of 2 assemblies that will be held during the morning on the 9th.



### School Safety Procedures

We have completed our mandatory 3 fire drills this fall. Staff and students did an excellent job. We will be conducting a lock down drill during the month of November.

### French Book Fair

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- \* Set the example. Let children see you read.
- \* Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- \* Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.



Our Scholastic French Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

#### Book Fair dates and times:

**Tuesday November 13:**

**Wednesday November 14:**

**Thursday November 15:**

**Friday November 16:**

**Preview Day (no purchasing)**

**Sales from 9:10am-3:30pm**

**Sales from 9:10am-7:30pm**

**Sales from 9am-12pm**



We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!  
Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

### Picture Retake Day

**CHEESE!**



Picture retake day will be November 23. Parents who want their child's picture to be retaken should return the order form and proofs that were sent home following the original photo day.



## School Council

School council meetings are open for all to attend. We have established our 15 voting members, but welcome all who are interested in volunteering and are willing to contribute.

This year's School Council executive is:

Chair – Greg Baetz

Treasurer – Bethan Budgell

Secretary – Jennifer Holt

We will continue to organize a variety of fundraising events throughout the year. The next fundraiser will be magazine and gift ware sales. Families can purchase and renew magazine subscriptions or obtain gift cards through an online campaign. Proceeds will go towards a variety of items and opportunities that enhance our students' school experience. For full information about School Council's initiatives, you can read the meeting minutes each month from our School website. If you prefer not to participate in fundraising, donations to our fundraising initiatives are always appreciated. Cash or cheque can be accepted at the office, and an option on school cash online for donations is also available that includes a receipt for tax purposes. Our next meeting will be on Nov. 21 at 6:00 in the library. Child minding is available.

## Movement Across the Day

The Canadian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines have been released for the Early Years (0-4) and Children and Youth (5-17). The highlights are below.

**Sweat:** children should accumulate at least 60 minutes/day of moderate to vigorous physical activity. These activities should increase heart rate and breathing, and may cause a child to sweat. Examples include running, climbing on playground equipment, and dancing.

**Step:** children should accumulate several hours of light physical activity throughout the day. Examples include walking, wheeling, and active chores.

**Sleep:** children should receive uninterrupted sleep each night with consistent to-bed and wake-up times. 3-4 year olds need 10-13 hours, 5-13 year olds need 9-11 hours, and 14-17 year olds need 8-10 hours.

**Sit:** children should limit the amount of time they spend sitting for extended periods. Recreational screen time should be limited to no more than one hour/day for 3-4 year olds, and no more than two hours/day for 5- 17-year-olds.

How does physical activity fit into your family's day?

## School Council Magazine Fundraiser

We are running our annual online only magazine sale again! Renew your subscriptions or order new ones! Order gift items to be delivered to the school.

Funds raised will go towards new materials and technology in our school.

All ordering is done online at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca)

> SO easy to order!

> Check out the many other products online – ALL GIFT items purchased will provide our school with MORE PROFIT!! Wonderful Tervis Tumblers and lovely Jewelry that a portion of the sale goes to The Cure for Breast Cancer! These products will be shipped to the school approximately 3 weeks after the end of our campaign.

### **Online Ordering Code 3711090**

For school delivery of product, all Gift items must be ordered by: **NOVEMBER 22nd, 2018**

\*\*\*\*Please note: magazines can continue to be ordered all year long!

***Satisfaction Guaranteed! Have any Questions? Contact QSP at 1-800-667-2536***

## Changes to Transportation

### **A busing note...**

We have a high number of students who ride buses home each day. We are not able to permit students to ride a bus other than their assigned bus at any time (as per transportation procedure 028). If you have an emergency, please contact the office to discuss transportation options for your child/children.

If you are not using transportation services for an extended period of time (i.e. more than a month), parents are requested to contact the school, Sharp Bus Lines and GEDSB transportation office and have your child taken off the bus list.

GEDSB transportation: 519-751-7532

Sharp Bus Lines: 519-751-3434

**Parents are advised to contact Sharp Bus Lines and/or GEDSB Transportation Department for all after hours issues and any concerns with buses and transportation schedules and routes.**

## **Inclement Weather and Transportation**

Winter is just around the corner. In the event of inclement weather, there is the potential for transportation delays or cancellations and school closures.

### **Confédération bus routes:**

503 = Paris - zone 3 and 4  
504 = St George - zone 3 and 4  
505 = Ancaster, Hwy 2/53 - zone 3 and 4  
507 = Brantford only - zone 4  
509 = Brantford only - zone 4  
510 = Lynden Rd - zone 3 and 4  
519 = Brantford only - zone 4  
528 = Brantford only - zone 4  
543 = Brantford only - zone 4

If transportation is cancelled for schools in Zone 4, École Confédération will be closed.

For those living in Brant County, buses 503, 504, 505, and 510 come from zone 3 before picking up students for Confédération. If Zone 3 is cancelled, there will be no pick up for students on these bus routes. The school will be open if zone 3 is cancelled and zone 4 is not cancelled.

### **Inclement Weather Information:**

- Information on Student Transportation Services can be found here: <http://www.stsbhn.ca/>
- For transportation delays, cancellations or school closures, visit: [www.transinfobhn.ca/Cancellations](http://www.transinfobhn.ca/Cancellations)
- If there are school or board facility closures, Grand Erie will post a notification by 6:30 a.m. on the Board's website here: [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)
- Information will be posted on Grand Erie's Twitter (@GEDSB) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/GEDSB](http://www.facebook.com/GEDSB)) accounts
- Closure information will also be shared with local media (i.e. radio, television)
- Find the Board's Inclement Weather Policy here: <https://bit.ly/2HoC1YX>
- Learn how Student Transportation Services makes its decision about inclement weather here: [bit.ly/2JIVSk9](https://bit.ly/2JIVSk9)

In the event of a mid-day closure, the school telephone lines will be needed to work through our Emergency Phone Fan-Out to contact parents. Parents should note that it is very rare that the school will be closed half way through an instructional day.

On days of inclement weather, the staff of STSBHN and the bus companies, who provide service to our area, are actively reviewing current road conditions and future weather patterns in order to make a determination on delayed or cancelled transportation services. Information is collected from a number of sources and a decision is made and posted no later than 6:30 a.m.

As the decision to run, delay or cancel transportation is made in advance of services actually being provided, there may be some instances where variability exists in what was forecast versus what actually occurs. STSBHN and its member school boards want to provide options for the parents and students of our area and so, when it appears safe to do so, transportation services will be permitted to continue as usual. If, on an inclement weather day you feel that your child(ren) would be better off not taking the bus and either being transported into school by yourself or staying home altogether as a result of the road conditions at or near your home, STSBHN and the boards do understand and respect that this decision ultimately rests with you.

## **Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser**



Thanks to all who participated in the Fresh from the Farm fundraiser. Our apples and veggies will be available for pick up on November 13 from 3:30-5:30 pm or during your parent/teacher interview on November 15 or 16th.







# École Confédération School Food Sales

Dates for Nov., Dec. 2018



## Booster Juice Smoothie Mondays

Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26

Dec. 3, 10, 17

### MANGO MANIA

Mangos, strawberries, passion fruit and guava.

### BERRY BLOSSOM

Strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, passion fruit & guava.

### STARBERRY

Strawberry, passion fruit, guava and bananas.

## Pizza Day Tuesdays

November 6, 13, 20, 27

December 4, 11, 18



## Original Kettlecorn Popcorn Thursdays

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Dec. 6, 13, 20



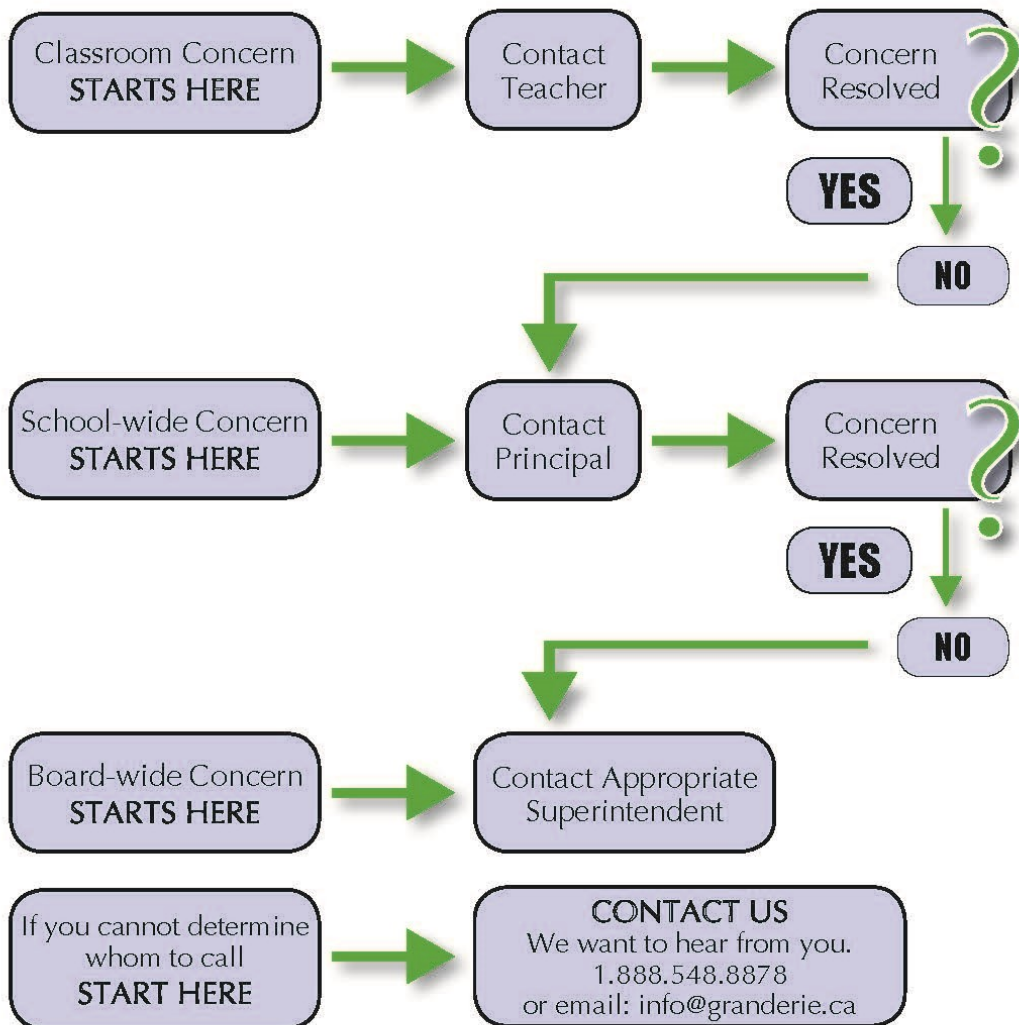
## Hot Lunch Thursdays– For November only

Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29





## HOW TO GET HELP WITH A CONCERN



**YOUR TRUSTEE CAN GUIDE YOU THROUGH THIS PROCESS.**  
Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at [granderie.ca](http://granderie.ca)

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