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Dear Confédération Families;

Bonne année! Welcome back to the 2019 portion of our school year. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable break and has returned rested and ready to return to learning.

January will draw us to the end of the first academic term. Students will be receiving their report cards on February 14. This report card will reflect your child's achievement of the curriculum expectations, as well as his/her development in the learning skills and work habits from September until the end of January. The report card also includes a tear-off section where students and parents can reflect on student areas of strength, set goals, and identify strategies to meet those goals. This reporting period does not include a formal parent-teacher interview process, however, if you wish to discuss your child's progress, please indicate so on the tear off section of the report card and return it to the school.



Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan. 7 -Feb. 8-Kindergarten Registration

Jan. 16– School Council Meeting in the Library, 6:00 pm

Jan. 21-PD Day-No school for students

Jan. 25-COURAGE assembly-wear your spirit wear

****A full listing of skating dates and times for January and February are provided later in this newsletter.**

Kindergarten Registration

Grand Erie schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. Here, they learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends.

Grand Erie's Kindergarten programs help students get off to the best possible start. Children are challenged and encouraged to do their very best and build relationships with caring teachers who are with them every step of the way.

Families new to Grand Erie's French Immersion program and those who currently have a child in the program must register by no later than February 7, 2019 at 4 p.m.

Overview of the French Immersion Registration Process

- A cap for Junior and Senior Kindergarten as well as Grade 1 is in effect for French Immersion at all sites
- There are limited spaces available for students entering the program
- Students who currently have siblings in the program are guaranteed a spot. Registration, however, is still required
- No out-of-area requests will be permitted
- A randomized selection process will be used for new families to grant access into Grand Erie's French Immersion program

Families will receive confirmation of placement in the French Immersion program or information on the wait list process no later than February 25, 2019.

Contact the main office (519-751-2891) to schedule an appointment and learn what is needed to register your child for September 2019 .



A Note From Our Public Health Nurse...

A Fresh Start to the New Year

Each New Year brings with it New Year's resolutions and an opportunity to make positive changes in our lives. This year, think about how you can be a positive role model for your child and help them develop healthy attitudes and habits that will last a lifetime.

Focus on being active and eating well.

- Add physical activity into your daily plans. Make it a family event and let your children choose the activities that they would like to try.
- Encourage your children to turn off the TV and head outdoors to play instead.
- Include your kids in planning, shopping for, preparing and serving meals; visit <https://www.cookspiration.com/> for tips.
- Role model positive eating habits by eating meals together as a family. Visit www.unlockfood.ca for more tips on creating a positive home eating environment.



Parking Reminders

Just a reminder when parking on the streets around the school, it is important to be respectful of our school neighbours and to follow the parking rules:

- parking and stopping are allowed on only one side of the street (the side with the sidewalk). Signs are posted indicating this;
- parking is not allowed in front of a fire hydrant;
- please do not use our neighbor's driveways unless you have permission from the homeowner;
- parking is not permitted in the space between the corner of an intersection and the posted no parking sign.

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.

Monthly Assemblies

We will be recognizing students who have shown excellence in demonstrating Resilience at our assemblies on January 25. Please wear your spirit wear or school colours (black and gold) on assembly days.

School Council

School council meetings are open for all to attend. Meetings are usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the library. Our next meeting will be on January 16th. Start time is 6:00 and child minding is provided. We continue to organize fundraising for the school. A reminder that QSP magazine orders can continue throughout the entire year.

School Skating Trips

Many classes will be participating in skating as a school excursion this year. In order to participate, students must have a pair of skates and a CSA approved skating helmet (not a bicycle helmet). A very limited number of helmets may be available for students to borrow. Families are encouraged to make arrangements to have these items for their children. Consider borrowing from a friend or cousin. If you are not able to secure skates or a helmet for your child, please let your child's teacher know well in advance. It is sometimes possible for us to arrange for the use of skates if we have enough advance notice. If you have an extra pair to share, please let the teacher know. Skating dates and times are listed below:

Day	Date	Start Time	End Time	Grade
Mon	14 Jan 2019	12:30 PM	02:30 PM	Gr. 1/2, 2, 2/3
Wed	16 Jan 2019	09:00 AM	11:00 AM	Gr. 5 and 6
Tue	22 Jan 2019	12:30 PM	02:30 PM	Gr. 3-4
Mon	28 Jan 2019	12:30 PM	02:30 PM	Gr. 1/2, 2, 2/3
Tue	05 Feb 2019	12:30 PM	02:30 PM	Gr. 3-4



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
- 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
- Information will be posted on Grand Erie's Twitter (@GEDSB) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/GEDSB) accounts

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.





École Confédération School Food Sales

Dates for Winter 2019

Booster Juice Smoothie Mondays

(organized by Jr. classes to support year end trip)

January 28

February 25

March 25



Pizza Day Tuesdays

(organized by Parent Council)

January 8, 15, 22, 29



Original Kettlecorn Popcorn Thursdays

(organized by Jr. classes to support year end trip)

January 24

February 21

March 21



**Milk ordered in
December is now being
delivered until March.**

Hot Lunch Thursdays

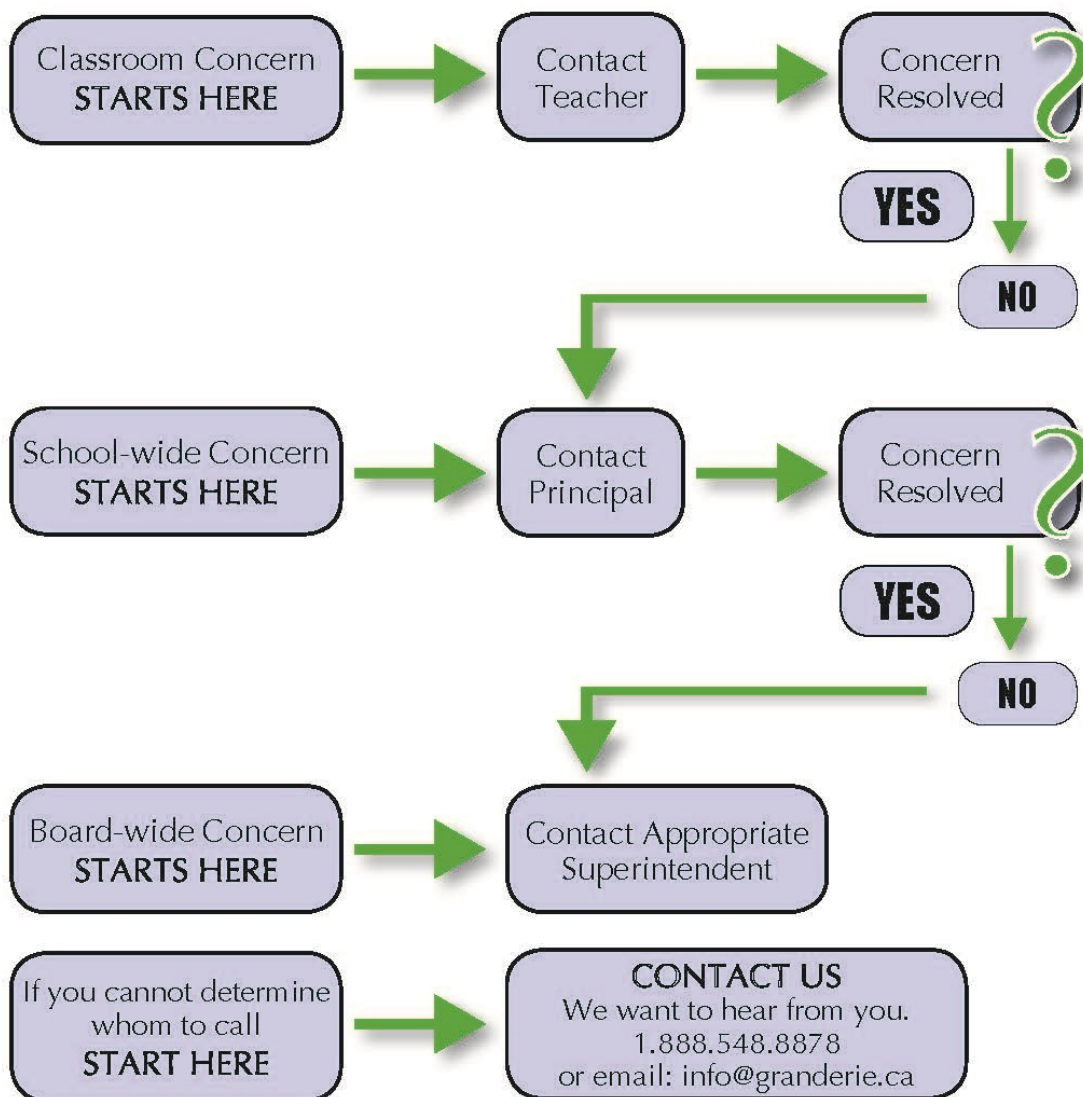
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January 10, 17, 24, 31





HOW TO GET HELP WITH A CONCERN



YOUR TRUSTEE CAN GUIDE YOU THROUGH THIS PROCESS.
Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at granderie.ca

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