



HES February News

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Access to Before and After School Care at Hagersville Elementary School

We need to know if you're interested in accessing Before and After School Care at our school.

This is your opportunity to tell us whether a program would meet the needs of your family.

If enough parents show interest to run a viable program, a third-party provider will coordinate the service at our school for a fee in 2019-20.

Submit your interest by completing this online survey before February 8, 2019.

<https://snap.granderie.ca/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=154695522222>

Results for schools will be available after March 31, 2019.



Smoke-Free Ontario Act: Changes Impact All Grand Erie Schools



Last fall, the Government of Ontario passed the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which prohibits smoking tobacco or cannabis as well as all vaping in public areas, including schools.

The new law specifically states that a person cannot smoke or vape in or around a school. This includes all indoor spaces and all outdoor areas like playgrounds and sports fields. It also prohibits smoking and vaping in public areas within 20 metres of the property line of a school or School Board facility. For reference, 20 metres equals 65 feet, or the approximate length of 1.5 school buses.

A person caught smoking or vaping in a prohibited area may be charged with an offence and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 for a first offence, if convicted.

To assist Grand Erie with this change, the local Health Unit will be providing new signage for all schools and Board facility sites. Through our Public Health Nurses, education information will be available for those looking to quit smoking or vaping. The Board will also be removing all traditional smoking and vaping areas.

Understandably, this is a significant change that will require everyone's cooperation. We don't want to see anyone charged. Therefore, we're asking for your support and assistance in ensuring everyone meets the requirements of this new law.

For more information on the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, visit: <https://bit.ly/2FGV4y5>.

Learning Commons Fundraisers

Hagersville Elementary School is continuing to fundraise for the new furniture for our Learning Commons. As a reminder, the school will be receiving funding to transform our current library into a more modern Learning Commons. This funding is contingent on the school's agreement to raise approximately \$15, 000 towards the furniture.

The School Council Advisory Committee has initiated two fundraisers:

Laura Secord Chocolate Bar fundraiser— There will be a kick-off assembly on Thursday, February 7th. Information regarding consent forms and prizes are coming home.



Family Movie Night — Parents and children are invited to come view a family-friendly movie (TBD) on Thursday, February 21st. Theme-based baskets will be raffled off and snacks will be sold. The doors will open at 5:45pm and the movie will begin at 6:30pm. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

We appreciate the support that families choose to provide for these events, no matter the manner they choose.

School Bus Loop

We would like to remind parents that from 8:25-8:50am and 2:45-3:20pm, the parking lot area in front of the school serves as a drop off and pick up zone for students who use Board transportation. In order to ensure student safety and efficient flow through this area, we ask that parents who are driving their children to school refrain from driving through this area during this time. Please park on the road and walk the children to the playground if they are young and require assistance.



Report Cards will go out on Thursday, February 14. Please take the time to celebrate your child's successes and set new goals with them.



Story Telling and Speeches

The students of Hagersville Elementary School will be participating in the annual public speaking events held here.

Jr./Int. Speeches Feb. 7, 11:15am gym

Prim. Story Telling Feb. 8, 11:15am library

Parents are welcome!

School Bus - Daily Run Delays/Cancellations

Our Transportation Department places paramount emphasis on the safety of students, as well as punctual arrival and departure times. There are occasions when student transportation is delayed, and the Transportation Department strives to ensure that all stakeholders are informed of delays.

The school bus operator posts delay/cancellation updates on the transportation portal (available at: <https://transinfobhn.ca/Cancellations.aspx>) when notified by the driver or other technology that the route is running more than 10 minutes behind schedule or has been cancelled.

Parents are strongly encouraged to go to the transportation portal, and subscribe to notifications from the Transportation Department at <https://transinfobhn.ca/>



Snack Programme

I would like to thank our many parent and community volunteers who assist in delivering snacks to our students throughout the week. In addition, we have been able to provide nutritious snacks during the day to supplement lunches for those students who may need a little extra.

We are accepting donations to this programme for parents who feel inclined. Cashless will be open for the purpose of accepting donations.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registrations for September 2019 have begun. If you have a little person who will be 4 or 5 years old before December 31, 2019, please call for an appointment (905-768-3012).

If you know of someone with a child that will be eligible to attend kindergarten in September, we encourage you to pass this message on. Thank you.

