



Grand Erie This Week | Media Advisory Back to School Edition | September 6 – 9, 2016

Welcome back everyone!

Reporters and photographers are welcome to visit a school on the first morning/day/week to meet students, parents and, in some schools, new principals. If there is anything that you'd like to feature for Back to School in addition to the ideas listed below, please let me know.

Visit us on Twitter and Facebook throughout the day using #GEFirstDay to see the fun photos from families across the board!

Setting New Directions

Grand Erie launched its new 2016-2020 Multi-Year Plan. The Board of Trustees approved a new strategic direction to guide the work of the Board with the goal of Success for Every Student. The goal will be achieved through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations.

- New Video: <https://youtu.be/jKYiUMWsfWI>
- Director's Blog: <https://brendablancherblog.wordpress.com/2016/08/31/welcome-back/>
- Media Release: <http://bit.ly/2bVUdq3>
- Multi-Year Plan: <http://bit.ly/2bl6rBx>

Doors Open for Students on the First Day at École Confédération

Tuesday, September 6, 2016 | All day

Members of the media are welcome join staff and students at École Confédération as they start the new school year. Students in Kindergarten to grade 5 from the former École Fairview will reunite with students in grades 6 to 8 at Sky Acres Campus in the \$5.8 million newly renovated, single-track French immersion school on Ewing Drive. The name Confédération is significant as the school will open in the 2016-17 school year, the same year during which Canada celebrates the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

North Park leaders guide Grade 9 students on the first day

Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. with a BBQ at 11:30 a.m.

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A number of senior students are supporting Grade 9 students transitioning into secondary school at North Park. Link Crew Leaders have been assigned to a crew of Grade 9 students and will continue to make contact to offer support and encouragement throughout the year. Plans for first-day activities are under way to provide opportunities and encourage Grade 9 students to get involved in school life.

Schools with similar programs as North Park will be hosting events during the first day and include: *BCI, Paris District High School, Waterford District High School, Hagersville Secondary School, and Delhi District Secondary School*

Welcome Back at Teeterville Public School

Tuesday, September 6, 2016 | 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Director Brenda Blancher will celebrate the new school year at Teeterville Public School to kick-off the year and the launch of Grand Erie's new Multi-Year Plan, Success for Every Student. There will be a meet and greet from 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. the playing of O Canada, followed by remarks by Julie Lumax, Principal and then Brenda. Principal Lumax will outline a message about community partnerships and how it takes a

village to raise a child. Staff will then be introduced, followed by the process of moving students with their teachers into their classrooms. Weather permitting, the event will outdoors.

Grand Erie Welcomes New Principals

The list of new Principals is detailed by municipal regions:

- **Brantford:** Banbury Heights – Pete Ashe; Cedarland PS – Holly Knill; James Hillier – Jeannette Marry*; Major Ballachey – Mark Fraser*; Princess Elizabeth – Gail Ash*; and Walter Gretzky ES – Grant McKinnell
- **Haldimand:** Oneida Central – Judy Townson*; Fairview Avenue PS – Charlotte Morphet; Jarvis PS – Doug Ouellette; Thompson Creek ES – George Nurse; and Walpole North ES – Clara Anderson
- **Norfolk:** Boston – Cam MacDonald*; and West Lynn – Rob Weber*

**Administrators have been promoted from Vice-Principal to the role of Principal*