



# Seneca Central Public School

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## Dates to Remember

November 5<sup>th</sup> – School  
Council meeting 6pm

November 11<sup>th</sup> –  
Remembrance Day

November 14<sup>th</sup> – Harvest  
Dinner

November 15<sup>th</sup> – PD Day

## Dear Seneca Central Families:

Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War, the Second World War, and the Korean War, as well as those who have served since then.

More than 1.5 million Canadians have served our country in this way, and more than 100,000 have died. They gave their lives and their futures so that we may live in peace.

Following the First World War a French woman, Madame E. Guerin, suggested to British Field-Marshal Earl Haig that women and children in devastated areas of France could produce poppies for sale to support wounded Veterans. The first of these poppies were distributed in Canada in November of 1921, and the tradition has continued ever since.

Poppies are worn as the symbol of remembrance, a reminder of the blood-red flower that still grows on the former battlefield of France and Belgium.

One day every year, we pay special homage to those who died in service to their country. We remember these brave men and women for their courage and their devotion to ideals. We wear poppies, attend ceremonies, and visit memorials. For one brief moment of our life, we remember why we must work for peace every day of the year.



## Winter is coming!

Please remember that children need to be dressed appropriately for the weather with mittens, hats and a warm coat. Indoor shoes are especially important during this time of year. Running shoes are the best footwear as these can then be worn in the gym. Slippers are not appropriate as they must be worn outside in the case of an emergency.

# *SUCCESS* for Every Student

## Progress Report Cards and Parent-Teacher Interviews

The Elementary Progress Report Card and the Parent-Teacher Interview are two ways for parents to receive feedback on their child's progress. The Elementary Progress Report Card is first in the series of reporting student achievement to parents.

This report is designed to show a student's development of their learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year. The progress report card outlines a student's general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations.

Teachers use the progress report to inform parents if their child is progressing very well, well, or with difficulty.

Seneca Central School will send the Elementary Progress Report Cards home on **November 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### The Parent-Teacher Interview

Information provided in the progress report often needs more explanation. That's why the Parent-Teacher Interviews are important and timed with the release of the Elementary Progress Report Card.

The interview is also an opportunity to talk about the progress of your child's social development in addition to the information provided in the progress report.

Seneca Central School will hold our Parent-Teacher Interviews on the evening of November 14<sup>th</sup> and the morning of November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to make appointments with their child's classroom teacher and come prepared with questions and concerns. Enclosed is information around the **new** online interview booking procedure.

**\*NEW\***

Visit <http://seneca.schoolappointments.com> and follow the "REGISTER" prompts to get started on booking your interview time. Goes live on November 6<sup>th</sup> till the 12<sup>th</sup>.

## WHEN THE BUSES ARE CANCELLED, THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED!

It is parents' responsibility to decide whether or not it is safe for their children to attend school if the weather conditions are questionable. In the case of extreme weather, the Grand Erie District School Board may cancel buses in any or all of their four "zones". We are in **ZONE 2**. When transportation is cancelled by zone, all schools within the identified zones will be closed to students and staff. When morning transportation has been cancelled, all transportation shall be considered cancelled for the day. Please listen to any of the radio and television stations to obtain information on school bus cancellations.

All Cancellations are also posted on the Board website: [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)

## MATH in EVERYDAY LIFE



### Activities that Involve Math

#### Kindergarten to Grade 3

We have leftover food. Which size of container should we use to store it for later? Why?

#### Grades 4 to 6

It costs \$6 to buy 2 cartons of eggs. How much would it cost to buy 3 cartons of eggs?

#### Grades 7 & 8

One store is selling the game you want for 30% off \$26. Another store is selling the same game for 10% off \$19.99. Which store has the better deal?




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# COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE



## MONTH of NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Grand Erie...</i>  <b>Strong Values</b>  <i>Character Attributes</i>  <b>RESPECT</b></p>					1	2
3	4 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	5 School Council Meeting 6pm	6 Online Interview booking opens	7	8 Grade 7/8 Immunizations	9
10	11 Remembrance Day Red and Black Day 	12	13 <b>Book Fair Starts</b> Online Interview booking closes	14 Harvest Dinner  Interviews PM	15 PD Day No School  Interviews AM	16
17	18 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	26	27	28 Int. Boys Volleyball	29	30



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Dear Parents:

Progress Reports will be going home on November 11, 2019. The Fall Progress Report places a strong emphasis on the development of students' learning skills and work habits. Students' achievement of six learning skills and habits will be shown on the front page of the progress report.

Ministry policy places an emphasis on teachers using the progress report to conduct rich discussions and proactive conferences with parents and/or students in the Fall to help establish a positive tone for the remainder of the year. This report indicates for parents how well their children are progressing in all the subjects and provides an early indication of those subjects where the student may need additional help.

Parents are strongly encouraged to book a time to review this report. Students in the Kindergarten classes will be receiving their Kindergarten Communication of Learning Initial Observations and interviews are strongly encouraged.

## **\*NEW THIS YEAR ON-LINE INTERVIEW PROCEDURE\***

Keeping the lines of communication open throughout the year is an important component for student success. To continue to foster this, Seneca Central will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews on **Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:45 to 6:15pm and Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:45am to 11:15am**. Interviews will be **15 minutes** in length.

### **To arrange for a Parent/Teacher Interview -**

- 1 Open for booking appointments from November 6<sup>th</sup> till November 12<sup>th</sup> 2019.** Log into - <http://seneca.schoolappointments.com> and register for an account by clicking the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in the on-line form.
- 2 Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button.**
- 3 Once you have selected your date and time, you can print a copy for your reference. A Confirmation Note (of your interview date /time) will not be sent home in your child's report card.**
- 4 A system reminder email will be sent to you about the interview date. Your email address is an important piece to automated communication from school. If you do not receive our automated emails and telephone calls from the school, please give us a call so we can check and update your email address on file with us.**
- 5 If you are having difficulties, you may choose to call the school to book appointments over the phone.**

Respectfully,

Mr. Giancarlo Crotta  
Principal



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## Parent/Teacher Conference Scheduling <http://seneca.schoolappointments.com>

### ***Parent Registration***

Parents click on the "Register" tab and fill in the registration form to create an account. Once parents have successfully registered, they can login to the system and then must register their students by name.

### ***To Book Appointments***

#### **Select Teachers**

Parents can schedule appointments for any student that they have added to the system by clicking on the "Appointments" button beside the student's name. The parent is then taken to a page where they can select the teachers with whom they wish to meet. Multiple teachers can be selected by using the "Ctrl" key on a PC keyboard or the "Command" key on a Macintosh keyboard.

#### **Teacher Appointment Calendars**

Parents are shown the calendars of the selected teachers. It also shows them appointment times that are unavailable for booking. Parents can select appointment times by simply clicking the check boxes or by clicking in the time block beside the check box. Once an appointment time has been selected it will change to green. If no appointments are available, click on the *call back* button at the top of the list.

It is not possible for parents to select more than one appointment at the same time or to select more than one appointment with the same teacher. Javascript enabled browsers are required for validation on the screen.

#### **Appointments Booked Successfully**

Once the appointments are booked the screen will display the list of appointments for the student. When the parent clicks on the "Return to Home Page" button, they will return to the home page with their students and their appointments listed. They can book additional appointments, or they can book appointments for another student.

#### **Parents with More Than One Student**

If a parent has more than one student at the school, the teacher appointment calendars will have an additional feature displayed when the second (or third, etc.) student bookings are made. If a sibling has an appointment booked, the student's name will be displayed for a parent, thus making it easier to book adjacent appointments.

#### **Printing Parent Appointment Schedule**

From the home page it is possible for you to generate a PDF document with the list of your appointments. By clicking on the "Print Appointments" button a window will pop-up asking the parent what they wish to do with the document. In Internet Explorer, it is recommended that people click the "Save" button, save the file and then click "Open" to view the file. IE sometimes has a problem downloading and opening PDF documents that are generated from web sites.

Click "Open" after the download is complete to view the PDF.

#### **Parent Schedule PDF**

The generated PDF will list the appointment times, the student and the teacher with whom the appointment is booked.

If you are having difficulties, you may choose to call the school to book appointments over the phone.