

# COBBLESTONE

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Bell Times  
Entry Bell - 9:05am  
Instructional Block #1  
9:05am - 11:05am  
First Nutrition Break  
11:05am - 11:45am  
Instructional Block #2  
11:45am - 1:25pm  
Second Nutrition Break  
1:25pm - 2:05pm  
Instructional Block #3  
2:05pm - 3:25pm  
Dismissal Bell - 3:25pm

### Message from Administration,

Welcome Back, Cobblestone  
Families!

We hope that everyone enjoyed a restful and well-deserved break filled with time to recharge, reflect, and connect with family and friends. While the break always seems to pass quickly, it has been wonderful to welcome our students, staff, and families back to Cobblestone.

Although the weather has not been ideal for our return with ice, rain, and slush, we are truly grateful to our staff, students, and families for their perseverance and flexibility as we navigate what Mother Nature has provided so far in 2026. The energy in the building has been uplifting, with students eager to reconnect with classmates and share stories from their time away.

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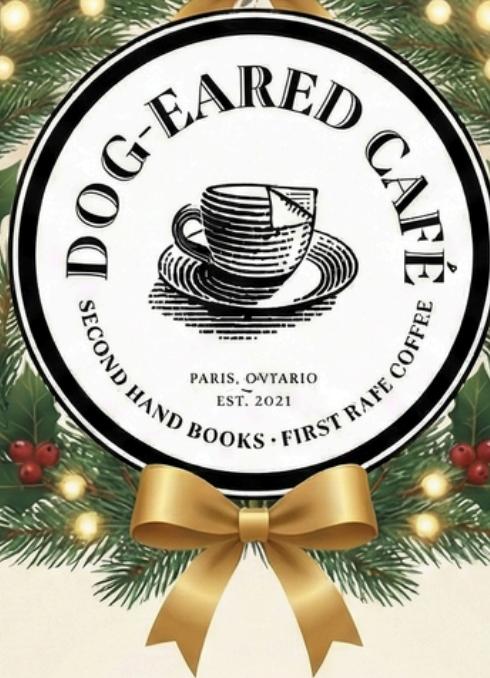
For Mrs. Bannister, this year holds special meaning as it is the Year of the Horse. The Year of the Horse symbolizes hard work, courage, and progress, reminding us that even when the path is challenging, moving forward together makes all the difference. We are excited to celebrate these qualities and nurture them throughout 2026 in our Cobblestone community. As we move into the second half of January, teachers are beginning to organize their assessment information in preparation for Term 1 report cards. This is an important time to reflect on student progress, celebrate growth, and identify the next steps in learning.

During these cold and sometimes challenging winter months, we encourage families and students to take time for self-care, stay active whenever possible, and support one another's well-being. Together, we can ensure that Cobblestone remains a safe, caring, and positive environment for all.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Bannister, Principal  
Ms. DeGraaf, Vice Principal





*Thank you to the Dog-Eared Cafe  
for your generous donations to  
support the holiday open house!*



Cobblestone Elementary extends a heartfelt thank you to the Dog-Eared Cafe for their generous donation of hot chocolate for our Winter Fest Open House. Your kindness made the evening warm, welcoming, and truly memorable for our students and families. We deeply appreciate your support of our school community!

## Chime Choir at Cobblestone

This December, our Chime Choir, with students in Grades 4 and 5, met during second break to learn and play music together. Students worked as a team to practice and build confidence on the chimes. After just a few weeks of practice, the group performed *“Jingle Bells”* at our December Learn Lead Inspire assembly. Due to the enthusiasm and success of this session, we are hoping to offer a winter/spring Chime Choir as well.



## Kindergarten Registration

It is never too early to think about the start of school, and if you have a child who will be four years old by December 31, 2026, online registration is now open! Early Kindergarten registration allows us to plan and implement programming and resources so your child can make the most successful transition as they start school. Our Kindergarten classrooms are vibrant, welcoming spaces where our youngest learners form positive relationships, build problem-solving skills, and develop a strong sense of themselves in the world.

Parents and caregivers of soon-to-be Kindergarten students can visit Grand Erie's Kindergarten webpage to register, as well as find information about transportation, before-and-after care, and resources to ensure the best start to school. Our office is also available to answer any questions you have about the process. We can't wait to welcome your child to Cobblestone next September!



## Attendance Counts!

Did you know that missing just one day of school every two weeks adds up to four full weeks over the course of the school year? Success at school is directly related to regular attendance.

School attendance for all students is tracked for absences and late arrivals. If your child is going to be absent, please use the Safe Arrivals app or toll-free number to report before the beginning of the school day. A GEDSB attendance counsellor works with our school to track student absences. Absences of 15 consecutive days can result in the removal of the student from the school's registrar.

Please note that if you are planning a family trip or have a reason to take your child out of school for more than 15 consecutive days, you are required to complete a "Request for Absence from School" form.

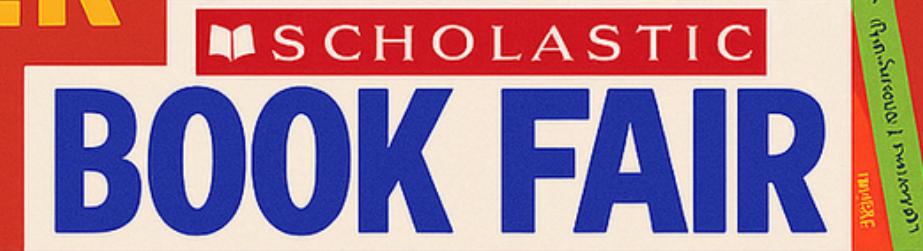
Please remember to report any student absence, late arrival or early pick up online using the School Messenger app!

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# DECEMBER



# THANK YOU PARENT VOLUNTEERS!



YOUR HELP AT THIS EVENT  
IS GREATLY APPRECIATED  
BY STUDENTS AND STAFF



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Cobblestone we did it again! Many thanks to your generous hearts we have filled a car full to the brim (back seats included!!) full of Winter Clothing to help keep people warm that need it this winter! So proud! Thank you thank you thank you!! ❤️❤️❄️❄️

## Student Nutrition Program

Each day, all students have access to healthy snacks, if they are interested.

We are thankful for the support of Brant Food for Thought for providing funding for this program. **Additional donations can be made to the school snack program through SchoolCashOnline.** Thank you to those families who have already made donations, our students and snack team appreciate your support!

Thank you to Mandy Young, Kay Macdonald, and their team of faithful volunteers for their contributions to the school snack program! If you are available to volunteer for the snack program, please contact the office.



## Fire Drills and School Lock Down Procedures

In accordance with the Brant Fire Department and GEDSB Policy on School Lock Down, your child(ren) will be involved in 3 Fire Drills during the Fall and Spring months. Lock Down Procedures will also be practiced.

### Peanut/Nut Aware School

A few reminders about food policies at Cobblestone:

- This is a peanut/nut aware school. Please do not send peanut-based products, peanuts, nut/soy products, or anything that may contain nuts of any kind into the school. The safety of our students depends on this.
- Peanut butter substitutes such *Wow Butter* are not permitted in GEDSB Elementary Schools.
- Food of any kind is not permitted on the school playground during recess breaks. Students are given the opportunity to eat their snacks and lunches prior to or immediately following recess.

## **Important Field Trip Information for Families**

To ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience, please take note of the following important information:

### **1. Permission Forms and Payment:**

- All permission forms and payments must be completed on Cash Online by the firm deadline, which is one week before the trip. Unfortunately, no exceptions can be made. Please contact your child's teacher to discuss any barriers you may have well in advance.

### **2. Parent Volunteers:**

- We welcome parent volunteers! Please note that a Police Check is required for all volunteers.
- If you are driving for the trip, a separate driver form is required for each trip. These forms will be provided by the school.

### **3. Supervision and Safety:**

- Adequate supervision is crucial for the safety of our students. If we do not have enough supervisors, the trip may be cancelled.
- All supervisors must complete the Volunteer Supervisor Informed Consent form.

### **4. Communication:**

- Teachers will provide regular reminders about deadlines and trip details. Please check your emails and school communications frequently.
- If your child is not attending the trip, a plan will be in place for them to stay at school.

**We appreciate your cooperation and support in making these trips a memorable experience for our students. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.**

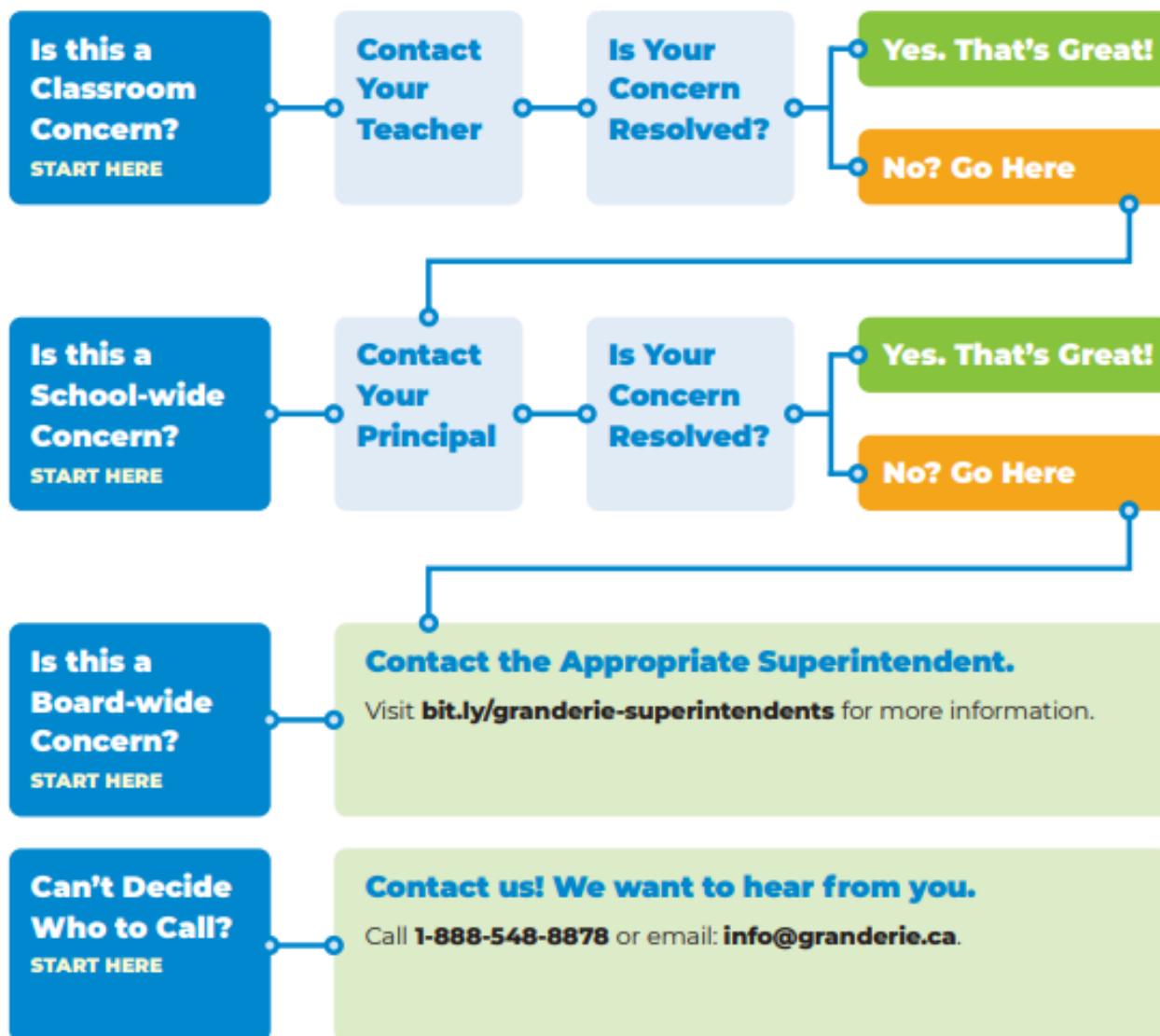
**Sincerely,**  
**Cobblestone Staff**



# Parent/Caregiver/ Community Member Concern Chart



## We're Here to Help



Parent/Caregiver/Community member inquiries will receive an acknowledgement within 2 business days. Grand Erie shall make a best effort to provide an estimated date of response in a parent/caregiver/ community member inquiry if it cannot be fully addressed within 5 business days of receipt.

**Your Trustee can guide you through this process.**

Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at [granderie.ca/board/about/trustees](http://granderie.ca/board/about/trustees)