















Grand Erie District School Board

Learn Lead Inspire

CEO Report

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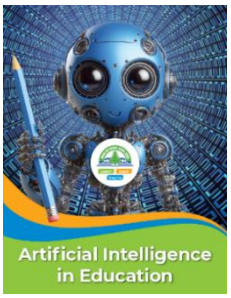
Paris District High School Students Help Shape AI Learning





Grades 11, 12 and GEAiR (Grand Erie Artificial Intelligence Robot), reached a provincial first by becoming the first students to beta-test Grand Erie's Artificial Intelligence Micro-credential Student Modules.



Walter Gretzky Elementary Celebrates School Namesake

Walter Gretzky Elementary School celebrated its namesake's birthday with a school-wide gathering honouring his legacy of kindness, generosity and community spirit.

Knowledge Game Show Engages More Than 500 Students

Another Knowledgehook Game Show brought together 19 classes and more than 500 students to collaborate, problem-solve and put their math skills to the test.

Students Put Learning into Action







Grandview Public School students are leading a wellness tuck shop that provides free personal care products to peers. At **Paris District**, students are gaining hospitality and customer service experience through an updated program and **Delhi District** students transformed a pop-up trailer into a food truck through their construction class, earning high school and college credits.

Paris District High School Student Runs 465 Kilometres for Men's Health



Rogan Cormier is running 465 kilometres over 30 days to raise awareness and funds for issues affecting men's health, increasing his daily distance by one kilometre throughout November, culminating in a 30-kilometre run.

Innovation Hubs Inspire Hands-On Learning and Career Exploration







Innovation Hubs at North Park Collegiate, Cayuga Secondary and Simcoe Composite welcomed Grade 8 students for hands-on learning in coding, artificial intelligence, 3D design, digital forensics, skilled trades and makerspace activities.

Programs, Pathways, and Future Grade 9 Students



Grand Pathways events, Grade 9 Info Nights and Grade 8 Days, invited families and students with opportunities to explore school programs, future pathways and secondary school options.

Grade 8 Days provided students with opportunities to tour school facilities, learn about programs and extracurricular opportunities, meet staff and connect with future classmates as they prepare for the transition to Grade 9.

Grand Erie Connects with Families at Local Fairs



Grand Erie employees connected with families at the Caledonia Fair and Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show, sharing information about secondary school programs and opportunities.

Families learned about ways to explore high school options, visit schools and discover pathways aligned with students' interests, strengths and future goals.

McKinnon Park Student Earns First Place at DECA Regionals



McKinnon Park Secondary School student Lilyanne earned first place at the DECA regional championship hosted at Brock University. The competition brings together secondary students from across southern Ontario.

Delhi District Secondary Drama Students Bring Haunted Sawmill to Life



Delhi District Secondary School's drama department once again transformed the Quance Sawmill into a haunted attraction, featuring monsters, witches, demons and an unscrupulous real estate agent.

Hagersville Secondary Student Receives $1,500 Optimist Club Scholarship

Emily Walton received the Optimist Club of Haldimand's Academic Scholarship, valued at $1,500.



Simcoe Composite Receives $20,400 Grant

Simcoe Composite School received a $20,400 Jay McKie Capital Grant to support renovations to its new Integrated Technology and Manufacturing room.



Supporting Student Success Across Norfolk

Bloomsburg Public School received a $10,000 donation from the Matthew O'Donnell Memorial Fund for its stage revitalization project, while **Simcoe Composite School** received a $20,400 Jay McKie Capital Grant to support renovations to its Integrated Technology and Manufacturing room.

North Park Collegiate Claims Provincial eSports Championship



North Park Collegiate and Vocational School's Grade 9 eSports team won the Ontario eSports Association (OSEA) Gold Division Provincial Championship in its first year of competitive play. Learn more.

Sports Success

Student athletes continue to compete across a range of high school sports, with strong performances in football, basketball, volleyball, golf, tennis, cheerleading and tug-of-war. Here's the latest:

- Pauline Johnson Collegiate win second AABHN football title
- Dumoulin delivers for Delhi in Mud Jug battle
- Delhi District Lasso Victory in Rodeo-themed Young Canada Day
- North Park Senior Girls Basketball Team 'Committed, Aggressive'
- North Park Senior Boys Volleyball Team Riding 'High-End Talent'
- Brantford Collegiate Crowned High School Golf Champions
- Brantford Collegiate Mustangs Improve to 5-0 in Senior Boys Volleyball
- Pauline Johnson Collegiate Fly High Under the Lights in Delhi
- Brantford Collegiate Wins AABHN Junior Tennis Title
- North Park Collegiate Wins Back-to-Back Volleyball Titles
- BCI Mustangs win AABHN senior football title in game that goes down to the wire

Lynndale Heights Students Promote Inclusive Communication



Students in Lynndale Heights Public School's CARE class have developed workshops to help fellow learners understand augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices and how they support communication.

Co-op Experience Shapes Student's Career Path



Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School student Kylie gained hands-on experience alongside the nursing team in the labour and delivery unit at Brantford General Hospital through a co-op placement.



Legislative Paige Program

Langton student Ramina participated in the Legislative Page Program at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, learning about the legislative process and supporting the work of the legislature.

Paris Students Rescue Kitten Trapped in Underground Pipe



A group of Paris District High School students spent nearly two hours rescuing a kitten trapped in an underground drainage pipe near the school. Through patience and teamwork, the students brought the frightened kitten to safety, with one of the rescuers, Grayson Haskins, later adopting it.

Indigenous Education at Grand Erie



Schools across Grand Erie recognized Orange Shirt Day through learning, reflection and activities focused on Truth and Reconciliation.



At the LEADS Gathering, Elementary Teacher Consultants shared the Auntie Program.

The United Indigenous Student Council was held at McMaster University.

The Annual meetings with Six Nations and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, where hosted for families and community members.



The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee welcomed historian Dr. Susan M. Hill for an evening exploring Haudenosaunee history.

Grand Erie Indigenous Education team participated in the Woodland Cultural Centre's Truth and Reconciliation event, learning about residential schools and local Indigenous initiatives.

New Paris Elementary School Named Willow Grove Public School



The name reflects the community's natural surroundings and symbolizes resilience, growth and belonging.



Celebrating Excellence Across Grand Erie

Learn Lead Inspire awards (Group 1 | Group 2), celebrated individuals whose leadership and dedication reflect its commitments to learning, well-being and belonging. 13 outstanding alumni were recognized as inaugural inductees to the Alumni Hall of Distinction. More than 40 community partners and donors were recognized for their contributions to students, employees and school.

CAA Recognizes Phil Kuckyt for School Safety Leadership

CAA has recognized Phil Kuckyt and Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) with its 2026 School Safety Patrol Program Achievement Award for their work expanding access to school safety patrol training. Learn more.

Parent and Caregiver Learning Series Supports Student Well-Being

Grand Erie launched the Shanker Self-Reg Parent and Caregiver Learning Series, led by Mental Health Coach Brittany Deakin and Social Worker Jennifer Petitclerc.

Supporting Student Nutrition Through Community Partnership



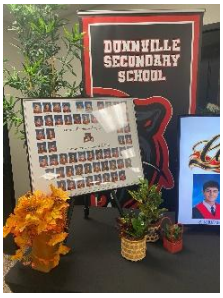
Brant Food for Thought's Breakfast for Champions Gala raises funds for nutrition programs, helping ensure students have access to healthy food to support their learning.

Paris District High School Grad Wins $100,000 Giller Prize



Nicholas Herring has won the 2026 Giller Prize for his novel, *Your Breath in Charcoal*. The Prince Edward Island-based author received the $100,000 award at a ceremony in Toronto. Learn more.

Graduation Ceremonies







Grand Erie celebrated graduates from across the system as students marked this important milestone and looked ahead to new opportunities.