



# Ecole Dufferin

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Thank you to our teachers and students for a fun Halloween day, from the costumes, to the parties, activities, and the dance. This is a great way to show school spirit and to have fun together.

On **November 12th**, we will be celebrating "Rock Your Mocs." It celebrates the friendships and unities amongst Indigenous Peoples. As a board, we would like all students to either wear moccasins or any type of footwear that represents their own culture. Let's be unified!

We have a very busy November ahead of us with report cards, parent-teacher interviews, our Cinnabon fundraiser, Remembrance Day assembly, Apple Crunch Day, and Anti-bullying awareness week.

Interviews will be on **November 14th** at night and **15th** in the morning. Please sign up using the link the teachers have sent you.

This month's character trait is **HUMILITY**.



## Dates to Remember:

Nov. 1st	P.J. Day for United Way (Loonie)
Nov. 5th	Crunch Day (Bring donation)
Nov. 6th	Pizza Day
	Grade 8s to BCI
Nov. 11th	Remembrance day Assembly 11:15
Nov. 12th	Rock Your Mocs
Nov. 13th	Parent Council 6:30PM
	Pita Day
	Reports Home
Nov. 14th	Parent-Teacher Interviews (3:30PM-8:00PM)
Nov. 15th	Parent-Teacher Interviews (8:15AM-11:00AM)
Nov. 22nd	Cinnabon Orders Due
Nov. 27th	Pizza Day
Nov. 29th	Assembly - Humility
	Smoothie Day



## STUDENT ABSENCES

- If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call the school and leave a message. The answering machine is on twenty-four hours a day. Call 519-752-8232.
- If your child has an appointment, please call the office in advance or send a note with your child in the morning so their teacher can dismiss them when required. This will help to eliminate calls to the office and class disruptions.

**We have a very busy office so please minimize the calls to our office for urgent circumstances only. Our administrative assistants cannot deliver personal messages to classes as it is a disruption to student learning. After school arrangements need to be made with your children in advance !!!**

**Thanks for your assistance !!**

## Nut Allergy Alert !!!

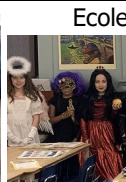
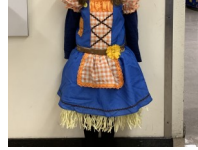
Some students have **severe allergies** to nut products that could cause death. **We continue to encourage parents not to pack Nut Products in their children's lunches.**

The families of those students with these allergies have asked that you please closely read labels !!!



## Thank you !!

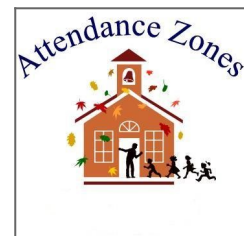
Thank you to our wonderful Ecole Dufferin staff for organizing the many fun events this week for Halloween. Enjoy the pictures of our day !!!



## Attendance at School

Being in school every day and on time is key to your child's academic success. Are you supporting your child's attendance habits ?

- ◆ Have you told your child that you expect them to go to school every day ? If you tell them it's important to you, it will become important to them.
- ◆ Do you ignore weak excuses ? Not feeling like getting out of bed is not a good reason to stay home. It's a rule that they must go to school.
- ◆ Do you only keep your child home if they are sick ?
- ◆ Do you try to schedule medical appointments and family trips outside of school hours ?
- ◆ Do you help your child set the alarm clock earlier if they have trouble getting to school on time ?



## Snow Day Advisory

As we approach winter, we would like to remind parents that our school is in **Zone 4**.

### Inclement Weather Information:

- Information on Student Transportation Services can be found here: <http://www.stsbhn.ca/>
- For transportation delays, cancellations or school closures, visit: [www.transinfobhn.ca/Cancellations](http://www.transinfobhn.ca/Cancellations)
- If there are school or board facility closures, Grand Erie will post a notification by 6:30 a.m. on the Board's website here: [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)
- Information will be posted on Grand Erie's Twitter (@GEDSB) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/GEDSB](http://www.facebook.com/GEDSB)) accounts

Find the Board's Inclement Weather Policy here: <https://bit.ly/2HoC1YX>

Learn how Student Transportation Services makes its decision about inclement weather here: [bit.ly/2JIVSk9](http://bit.ly/2JIVSk9)

## As The Cold Weather Approaches



Pretty soon, we will have much cooler weather. Students go outside at recess twice a day for twenty minutes and it is important they dress appropriately.

Please make sure your children are coming to school with a warm coat, mittens, and a hat. We want our students to enjoy the outdoors and be warm.

## School Website & Facebook Group

Please make sure to check our school website, [www.granderie.ca/schools/dufferin](http://www.granderie.ca/schools/dufferin)

The school newsletters is posted there monthly. I also suggest joining our private and closed group on Facebook, **Dufferin Parent Council**. We just need your child's name and teacher's name when signing up.



*Ecole Dufferin in Conjunction with*  
**BRANT FOOD FOR THOUGHT**  
is participating in



## **CRUNCH DAY**

**in support of Brant United Way**  
Tuesday, November 5th at 10:00  
We will all be Crunching Down !!!

Suggested Donations: \$0.25 - \$2.00 per student/staff

Your Crunch Day donation  
Gives Back to our Nutrition Program!!  
Top Three Schools in the Board  
Win Gift Cards for Our Nutrition Program !!!



It's that time of year again!! Order your Cinnabons for Christmas.

Purchase either a box of 9 Minibon and/or a gift certificate (redeemable at any Ontario or Nova Scotia location) at a cost of \$13.00 (retail is \$15.99).

Orders can be made on:

<https://schoolcashonline.com/> or cash/cheque made payable to Dufferin School.

Deadline to order is November 22nd. Merci!

Delivery dates will vary per class – December 10th, 11th, or 12th.

All fundraising is used to support better programming, beautifying the school, and assisting our students to better education.

# Cyber-Bullying



Bullying has unfortunately expanded its wings to cyber-bullying. Bullying now includes the use of any physical, verbal, electronic, written or other means. Bullying by electronic means includes such behavior as: creating a web page or a blog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person; impersonating another person as the author of content or messages posted on the internet; and communicating material electronically to more than one individual or posting material on a website that may be accessed by one or more individuals.

Ashley Sampson ► Sam  
EVERYONE HATES YOU!!!!  
Yesterday at 10:47 am • 1

Research has found that the internet has not just taken bullying beyond the school yard; it has created new bullies. 21% of students surveyed said they were bullied online, 35% said they bullied others, 19% said that rumours had been spread about them online, 28% saw online bullying but did not intervene, and only 8% of students said they would inform their parents of online bullying. Our goal as parents and educators is to tell our children that they will not be in trouble by telling us and that we will help them. As educators, we will promote ethical behavior online, encourage empathy and common sense, promote netiquette and cyber-kindness as per our board policy.

If your child is a victim of cyber-bullying, they should be encouraged to:

- ◆Not reply to messages from cyberbullies.
- ◆Not erase or delete messages. E-mails can be traced to a specific computer.
- ◆Make copies of all messages and pictures.
- ◆Not be a digital bystander. If you know people are being hurt, let them know you support them.
- ◆Save the e-mail address
- ◆Save the date and time received
- ◆Save copies of relevant e-mail, with full headers
- ◆Save nickname of offending person
- ◆Save name and URL of chat room

If the cyber-bullying is threatening:

- ◆Change your e-mail address, account, username or phone number.
- ◆File a detailed complaint with the school.
- ◆File a complaint with the Website, Internet provider or cell phone company.
- ◆Contact the police if conduct appears to be criminal.

We are hoping that this information will be useful to you as parents as we work together to keep all students safe and promote healthy relationships.

