

# Ecole Dufferin

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## From the Principal's Desk

**Welcome back !!!** I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and I wish you and your family a **Happy New Year**.

**THANKS**

A great big **thank you** to the volunteers who assisted with the Cinnabon fundraiser. We raised \$2600 from Cinnabons for the school!!! Thank you Cathy Costa-Morris for all your time and effort. This year, fundraising covered the cost of our Mindful Movement for all students, supplied technology for the learning commons, and funded teachers with monies for classrooms.

Just a reminder to parents that many of our classes have a license for **Lecture Enfant**, a website that allows students from kindergarten to grade six access to books online at every level, from home. We are also using [prodigymath.com](http://prodigymath.com) and [Mathies.ca](http://Mathies.ca) as a Math resource online. Teachers have sent information about this in their newsletters and every student has a log in and password to access the site. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.



**THANK YOU !!**

### Dates To Remember:

January 6th	Back to school
January 8th	Pizza Day
	Parent Council meeting 6:30 p.m.
January 15th	Pita Day
January 20th	P.D. Day - NO SCHOOL
January 22nd	Pizza Day
January 29th	Pita Day
January 31st	Assembly - Integrity
	Smoothie Day
	Twin Day
February 5th	Pizza Day
February 12th	Pita Day
	Parent Council meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 14th	Red/White/Pink/Heart Day
February 17th	Family Day - NO SCHOOL
February 18th	Bus Safety Presentation
February 19th	Pizza Day
February 26th	Pita Day
February 28th	Smoothies
	Assembly - Compassion



## Clarification on Board Weather Notifications

As we approach the snowstorm season, we want to make sure parents are aware of the Board's cancellation policy and weather zones.



The Board bases its decision on whether or not to run school buses on how safe the routes are that our school buses travel. In consultation with our bus operators and transportation staff, we decide as early as possible, and no later than 6:30 a.m., if buses will run. If buses are not running in a zone, then schools in that zone are closed.

The board notifies all local media outlets and posts a message on our transportation website (<http://www.cooperativetransportation.ca>) or the Board website ([www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)).

Please be aware that our school is in **Zone 4**. Please make sure to listen to the radio stations (FM92.1 Brantford, FM98.9 Simcoe, AM1380 Brantford) before sending your children to school.

**PLEASE  
KEEP US  
POSTED**

If your family has moved over the holidays or information has changed with regards to phone numbers or emergency contacts, please let us know.

## **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 !!!



## Keeping Warm and Dry

With winter weather, we also have many students who will get wet outside.

We ask that parents pack an extra set of clothes in a bag for students to have at school. We want to make sure the students are comfortable at school.

Thank you for your assistance as we try to keep your children dry and warm during the cold season.



# Kindergarten Registration

## Kindergarten Registration Begins January 6, 2020

### Overview of the French Immersion Registration Process

- A cap for Junior and Senior Kindergarten as well as Grade 1 is in effect for French Immersion at all sites.
- There are limited spaces available for students entering the program.
- Students who currently have siblings in the program are guaranteed a spot. Registration, however, is still required.
- No out-of-area requests will be permitted.
- A randomized selection process will be used for new families to grant access into Grand Erie's French Immersion program.
- Families will receive confirmation of placement in the French Immersion program or information regarding the waitlist no later than February 25, 2020.

Please bring the following items with you to register your child:

- ♦ **Birth Certificate/Baptismal Certificate (Mandatory).** Birth certificates can be ordered online with a fast turn around time.
- ♦ **Proof of current address (utility bill, Canada Post mail), telephone numbers (cell, work, emergency contacts).**
- ♦ **If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2020, he or she is eligible to register for school for September 2020.**

We will be having an orientation for all new JK/SK students in late spring. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Banner or Ms. Demeulenaere, at 519-752-8232.

For more information, please speak with me or visit [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca).



## Math at Home: Myths & Facts

**Myth:** Math belongs in the classroom. I can't help my child learn math at home.

**Fact:** Teachers and parents play different roles in helping children learn math. Both roles are equally important.

Your child's teacher is trained to teach all aspects of the math curriculum. Your role is to support your child in learning math, and to encourage his/her curiosity and interest about math. A key way you can do this is through everyday activities that involve math.

Use this quick guide to create everyday number problems for your child at an appropriate level. The skills shown in this chart are ones your child should know by the end of each grade.

Grade	Managing Money	Adding and subtracting	Multiplying and dividing
1	Up to 10¢	to 20 using concrete materials	Introduced to the idea of skip counting (e.g., 5, 10, 15, 20) as a building block for multiplication
2	Up to 100¢	to 18 (e.g., $6 + 8$ )	Introduced to repeated addition (e.g., 3 fives is the same as $5+5+5$ or $3 \times 5$ ) as a step in learning to multiply
3	Up to \$10	2-digit whole numbers (e.g., $37 + 26$ )	to $7 \times 7$ and $49 \div 7$
4	Up to \$100	4-digit whole numbers (e.g., $4217 + 1914$ )	to $9 \times 9$ and $81 \div 9$
5	Up to \$1000	any whole numbers, decimals to hundredths	multiply 2-digit whole numbers (e.g., $24 \times 31$ ); divide 3-digit by 1-digit whole numbers (e.g., $346 \div 7$ )
6		any whole numbers, decimals to thousandths	any whole numbers, decimals to tenths by 1-digit whole numbers (e.g., $1.4 \times 4$ and $5.6 \div 4$ )
7		fractions, decimals, and integers	decimals to thousandths by 1-digit whole numbers
8		fractions, decimals, percentages, and integers	fractions, integers, decimals by powers of 10