



SEPTEMBER 2019

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Principal: Mr. Tom Smith Secretary: Carrie Pineau

Dear Parents;

Welcome back to Greenbrier School for the 2019-2020 school year. We have had a number of changes this year and are happy to welcome a number of new staff to the school.

In Grade 3/4 Ms. Howell has joined us from Major Ballachey. In Grade 5/6, Mr. Greathead has joined us and in our Special Education classes, Mrs. Lukach is in MID and Ms. Josling is taking over the ASD class until Christmas. We now have two full Kindergarten classes, which means Mrs. Mercer rejoins the school as the ECE in Ms. Taylor's class. Ms. Vanderwal has moved from Grade 6 to Grade 1 this year. Mrs. Corrigan has returned from her year off on Mat leave and has once again taken on the responsibilities for the Grade 8 class. As you can see, there have been some changes and we are very much looking forward to a great year.

Our Fall Fair/Meet The Teacher Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 19. More information will be available soon. It was a great success last year and we look forward to the community joining us that evening.

Please take the time to read through the front material on your child's agenda book. The information there will assist you in understanding many of the routines and expectations of the school. These are pretty much the same from school to school, but there many be slight differences to consider.

We look forward to a super year with our students and school community.

Regards,

Tom Smith
Principal

Among our newer students, we do have one who is severely allergic to all nuts (peanuts and tree nuts) and sesame, to the point where contact can be life threatening. As a result, we strongly request that no foods containing any kind of nuts (e.g. Peanut Butter, Nutella) or any foods with sesame be brought into the school at all.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We will be once again running our Food for Thought program. We will be providing a healthy snack to your child two days every week.

We urgently require parent volunteers to help in various aspects of this wonderful program. You can volunteer for as little as an hour a week. If you are able to help please email or call the school office.

Carrie.pineau@granderie.ca

Newsletters

Online

As in previous years, this will be your only paper copy of the Greenbrier Newsletter. Any subsequent newsletters will be sent electronically to anyone who provides me with their email address (form attached).

Volunteer Policy

The Grand Erie DSB has a volunteer policy developed with the safety of our children in mind. All volunteers in our school, including those who accompany students or drive for class trips, are required to have a police check on file in the office. This check must be renewed every two years. For new volunteers your police record check must have been completed in the last two years and must include a vulnerable sector police check. We appreciate our volunteers and depend upon your assistance. We have police check letters at the office to be completed and taken to the Police Department to have your check done. **Due to a liability issue, children not enrolled in the school are not allowed to accompany parents while volunteering.**

Agendas

Students in Grades 1—5 have been provided with an agenda. Grade 6, 7 and 8 students have been given the option to use a digital device as an agenda. If your child received an agenda, please send in \$7 to cover the cost of this valuable tool.

Cell Phones at School

If students bring a cell phone, and/or any other electronic device to school, that device is the responsibility of the student. Greenbrier school is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Students must get their teacher's or the office's permission to text or call a parent to let them know they need to be picked up. Please stress to students that they must get permission before making the call to a parent/guardian.

Greenbrier Organization

Kindergarten	Mrs. Fisher
	Mrs. Beal
Kindergarten	Ms. Taylor
	Mrs. Mercer
Grade 1/2	Ms. Vanderwal
Grade 2/3	Ms. Salole
Grade 3/4	Ms. Howell
Grade 4/5	Mr. Greathead
Grade 6	Ms. Merritt
Grade 6/7	Mr. Lainson
Grade 8	Mrs. Corrigan
Autism	Ms. Josling
Tech	Ms. Lukach
DD	Ms. Francisca
Library/Prep	Ms. Jurkus
French	Ms. Charlton
LRT	Mrs. Cartwright

Student Absences/ Illness

When your child is unwell, they should remain at home to ensure that other students and staff are not exposed to the illness.

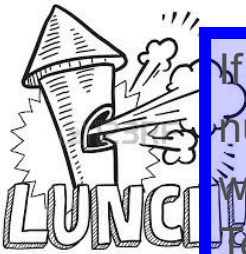
If your child(ren) are remaining at home, or have an appointment etc., please ensure you call the school before 9:00 a.m.



Grand Erie District School Board Harassment Policy

The Grand Erie District School Board of Education requires us to review the harassment policy with the community on an annual basis, most commonly done through the school newsletter. The Ontario Human Rights Code defines harassment as: "...engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome." Harassment may include comments or conduct by a person towards another person which are intimidating, annoying, hurtful or malicious. Any person who persists in such behavior, based on prohibited grounds, which he or she knows or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome may be guilty of harassment.

We have a procedure in place for our staff to follow, including the issuing of a trespass citation if harassment persists. As community members it is very important that we deal in an appropriate manner with our staff. They work hard to care for and teach your children.



If your child will be leaving every day to go home for second nutrition break please send a note to this effect. Otherwise, if they will be leaving occasionally a note each time will be required. Telephone calls are not acceptable, it must be a signed written note.

Student Insurance

The Board takes every precaution to provide a safe learning environment for students, but accidents do happen.

Under the Education Act, Ontario school boards are empowered to "provide, by contract with an insurer under the Insurance Act, accident and life insurance for pupils, the cost of which is to be paid on a voluntary basis by the parents or guardians."

For more information, please contact the Board office at (519) 756-6306, ext. 281169.

Reminder: The driveway at the front of the school is for school bus and special needs student drop off and pick up. No other vehicles should be using this driveway at any time. There are parking spaces available in the lot at the side of the school. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Sign-In Policy

When you enter the school, you must sign in at the office and be sure to wear our visitor pass when in the school.

This assures students and staff that the adult in the building has permission to be in the school. If you do not wear a visitor pass, staff will ask you to go to the office to sign in.

We have these policies in place as we make every effort to keep your children safe while at school.

Meet the Teacher Night

Is September 19

Save the Date

Additional Items from the Office

- In order to minimize interruptions during the school day, we ask that you make after school arrangements prior to class time.
- We realize that on the odd occasion a child will forget their lunch, shoes, etc. at home. We ask that students attend school each day with everything they will require for that day to minimize interruptions to not only your child, but to their class.
- Continuous lateness of students will be forwarded to the attendance councilor. We understand this may happen on occasion but if it becomes a habit, there are steps that need to be followed. All students should be on the school grounds and enter their appropriate door when the bell rings. The front door is NOT for student use.
- Supervision on the school yard begins at 8:40 a.m. There will not be anyone on the yards before that time.
- To ensure the safety of our students, no one is permitted within the school without having first checked in at the office to receive a visitor pass
- **Please ensure all attached documentation is completed and returned to the school ASAP**

Dogs on Playground

Due to safety concerns, dogs are NOT permitted on the school grounds at any time during the school day or before or after school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Greenbrier Parent Council 2019/2020

WELCOME BACK to those returning and to those joining us new this year WELCOME!!!!!!

Please join us at the Fall Fair/Meet the Teacher event on Sept. 19th from 5-7pm.

Food and beverages available for purchase as well as fun activities while parents have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and your community

We would appreciate any volunteers to help with this event, even an hour of your time would help

Please contact the Council Chair Amber Haw via email walkamber@gmail.com or on Remind <https://www.remind.com/join/6642gh>

Can't wait to meet everyone there!!!

Dropping off Students

Just a reminder that students should not be brought in the front door to be dropped off. Children should be taken around the school to their designated drop off area. They should be picked up in the area at the end of the day.

Feedback Form:

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As always, we sincerely appreciate your feedback. Feel free to let us know your questions, suggestions and compliments at any time.

We appreciate your feedback. Please respond either by paper or electronic means. Send your comments to tom.smith@granderie.ca.

Compliments:

Concerns:

Recommendations:

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Your Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Please register for REMIND app to receive newsletters and up to date information from Greenbrier

Message: @349cdc