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Dear Confédération Families;

As September draws to a close, it is hard to believe that we have been back to school for an entire month! Thank you to our staff, students, families, support personnel, and community partners for helping us get the school year off to a great start! We are especially excited to see the return of extra-curricular activities for our Jr and Intermediate students. We thank our teachers and coaches for hosting softball, cross country, soccer, badminton, chess and Magic the Gathering.

As we approach the Thanksgiving weekend holiday, we hope you will all have the opportunity to relax, refresh and take a moment to reflect on all we have to be thankful for.

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith
Principal

M. B. Poladian
Vice-Principal

Dates To Remember:

- Oct. 1-Terry Fox Run Rain Date
- Oct. 5, 6, 7-Softball Tournaments
- Oct. 4-14-Thanks4giving Food Drive
- Oct. 8-PD Day-no school for students
- Oct. 11-Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
- Oct. 12-Mask orders and Fresh from the Farm orders due online
- Oct. 13-Cross Country Meet
- Oct. 18-Photo Day
- Oct. 20-School Council Virtual Meeting
- Oct. 20-21-Soccer Tournaments

Information and Updates

All information and updates will be sent out through our *School Messenger* system. To ensure you are receiving information, please check your junk/clutter email.

Head Lice

Parents are asked to check their child's head regularly in order to keep head lice under control. The Grand Erie District School Board recognizes pediculosis is not a health or education issue but is a community concern and a social nuisance. Pediculosis needs to be managed in the best interest of students through the partnership of parent(s)/guardian(s), students and the school community. The treatment and eradication of head lice is ultimately the parent(s)/guardian(s)' responsibility. "Students diagnosed with live head lice do not need to be sent home early from school; they can go home at the end of the day, be treated, and return to class after appropriate treatment has begun. Nits may persist after treatment, but successful treatment should kill crawling lice." (Centres for Disease Control and Prevention). Brant County Health Unit website at: <http://bit.ly/2dxDj6s>
When a case of headlice is detected in our school, we will follow the procedures outlined in SO101: [SO101: Pediculosis \(Headlice\)](#)
This procedure includes a checklist that families must complete and return to school whenever a case of headlice has been identified.

School Council

School Council held their first meeting on Sept. 23. Elections were held. Congratulations to the following members:
Chair: Beth Stapleton
Treasurers: Amanda Hague & Lindsay Murray
Secretary: Althea Allen
Council is currently looking at fundraising opportunities for the year. Mabel's Labels and Fundscript (see attached flyers). Mask orders have been extended until Oct. 12. Next virtual meeting will be on Wednesday, October 20 at 6:00pm. All caregivers are welcome. Email p-ces@granderie.ca if you would like the meeting link.

Terry Fox Run

Thanks to all families who made donations for the Terry Fox Run. We have raised over \$800 for the Terry Fox Foundation!

Masking Reminder

A reminder to all families that masks should be worn by all visitors and adults in the drop off and pick up areas.

All students are required to wear masks while inside the school. In the event that a student forgets to bring a mask to school, a new, reusable cloth mask will be provided.

Parking Reminders

The parking lot is reserved for staff only. **Drop off on site is not permitted between 8:45 and 9:15 am.** Pick up on site is not permitted between 3:15 and 3:45. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. Just a reminder when parking on the streets around the school, it is important to be respectful of our school neighbours and to follow the parking rules:
-parking and stopping are allowed on only one side of the street (the side with the sidewalk). Signs are posted indicating this;
-parking is not allowed in front of a fire hydrant;
-please do not use our neighbor's driveways unless you have permission from the homeowner;
-parking is not permitted in the space between the corner of an intersection and the posted no parking sign.

School Safety Procedures

We have conducted our 3 Fire Drills for the fall, following all COVID protocols. Thank you to staff and students for following our procedures for these. These practices are mandatory for all schools in GEDSB.

Student Absences or Lates

Please ensure that you call the school prior to 9:00 am if your child will be late or absent. Our voice mail system is available to receive messages 24 hours/7 days a week. Please indicate the reason for the absence to assist us with additional illness reporting procedures that are in place due to COVID-19.

Snack Program

We are thankful to Brant Food for Thought for their generous financial support of our weekly snack program. Our snack program will begin next week and will run on Wednesdays and Fridays to start. Nutritious snacks including fruits, vegetables, dairy and grains will be delivered to classes on each snack day. Donations to our snack program are available through School Cash online. As well, all proceeds from the Fresh from the Farm fundraiser will go towards our snack program.



Important Information for Parents of Bused Students

If your child is not taking the bus home on a particular day, you are required to let the teacher know in writing each time by sending a note, "that your child will be picked up and not taking the bus that day." Please include the bus number. We ask that you make your arrangements with your child before they come to school. Please do not call the school with bus changes for the day unless it is an emergency.

Students are only permitted to ride on the bus that they are assigned. Permission is not granted for parent or student requests to ride other buses that service Confederation.

As a result of the very high volume of daily parent notes and phone calls to change the bus arrangements for children at dismissal, we can only accept parent notes and phone calls **until 1:00 pm** on any given school day indicating that there will be a change (unless it is an absolute emergency). If you need to make a change after 1:00 pm, we ask that you not call but meet your child at the end of day. Meet the teacher on duty in front of the school and ask them to radio for your child to come meet you at the front of the school.

THANKS4GIVING



Please help support the Brantford Food Bank. We will be collecting non-perishable food items from Oct. 4 to Oct. 14. Each classroom will have a box or bin to collect items. The Food Bank will pick up all donated items from the school. Thank you very much for your support!





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Since 2013 *Fresh from the Farm* school fundraising has connected over 2,200 schools with Ontario farmers and enabled them to raise over \$1.9 million for school initiatives by selling over 4.3 million pounds of Ontario grown fruits and vegetables

14lb Vegetable Bundle

\$18.00

LESS THAN
\$1.30/lb

Includes

- 5 lb bag White Potatoes
- 3 lb bag Sweet Potatoes
- 3 lb bag Yellow Onions
- 3 lb bag Orange Carrots



8lb Apple Bundle

\$20.00

ONLY
\$2.50/lb

NEW - 8 lb bag Ambrosia apples

Ambrosia apples are a beautiful bright pinkish red and light yellow coloured apple. They are crisp and juicy with a distinct sweet aroma and sweet low acid flavour. Excellent for eating fresh.



Orders can be made through School Cash Online until Tuesday, October 12th.

A curbside pick up date for orders will be shared later, and will fall between Nov. 8 and Dec. 9.

All proceeds will go to our school snack program.





FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FAIR 2021

THURSDAY OCTOBER 7, 2021

2:00-6:00PM

EarlyON, 30 Bell Lane Brantford

**Please call 519-759-3833 ext. 110 to
register for your 1 hour time slot to join**

Transportation is available if needed. Ask for details when
you call to register.

This an outdoor event, following COVID-19 guidelines including
physical distancing, face coverings and symptom screening, to ensure
your safety.

Labels for the stuff kids lose!



Be sure to label all your gear and supplies to help keep them out of the Lost & Found. Shop for durable, personalized labels and support our fundraiser!

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Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com
to support our organization.



Our Exclusive School Code

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Just in time for the holidays,

École Confédération Parent Council is hosting an online fundraiser for our school with **Fundscrip**.

Purchase gift cards from www.fundscrip.com and a percentage of your purchase value will be donated back to our school. All payments are done online and all gift cards will be delivered right to your home.

How to register for an account:

- 1) Go to www.fundscrip.com
- 2) Click on Support a Group (Top Right)
- 3) Enter our school code (top of this page)
- 4) Fill in your personal information.
- 5) Check your email and confirm your account.
- 6) Confirm your preferences.
- 7) Start shopping.



Payment options available include: electronic funds transfer, online banking, or credit card.

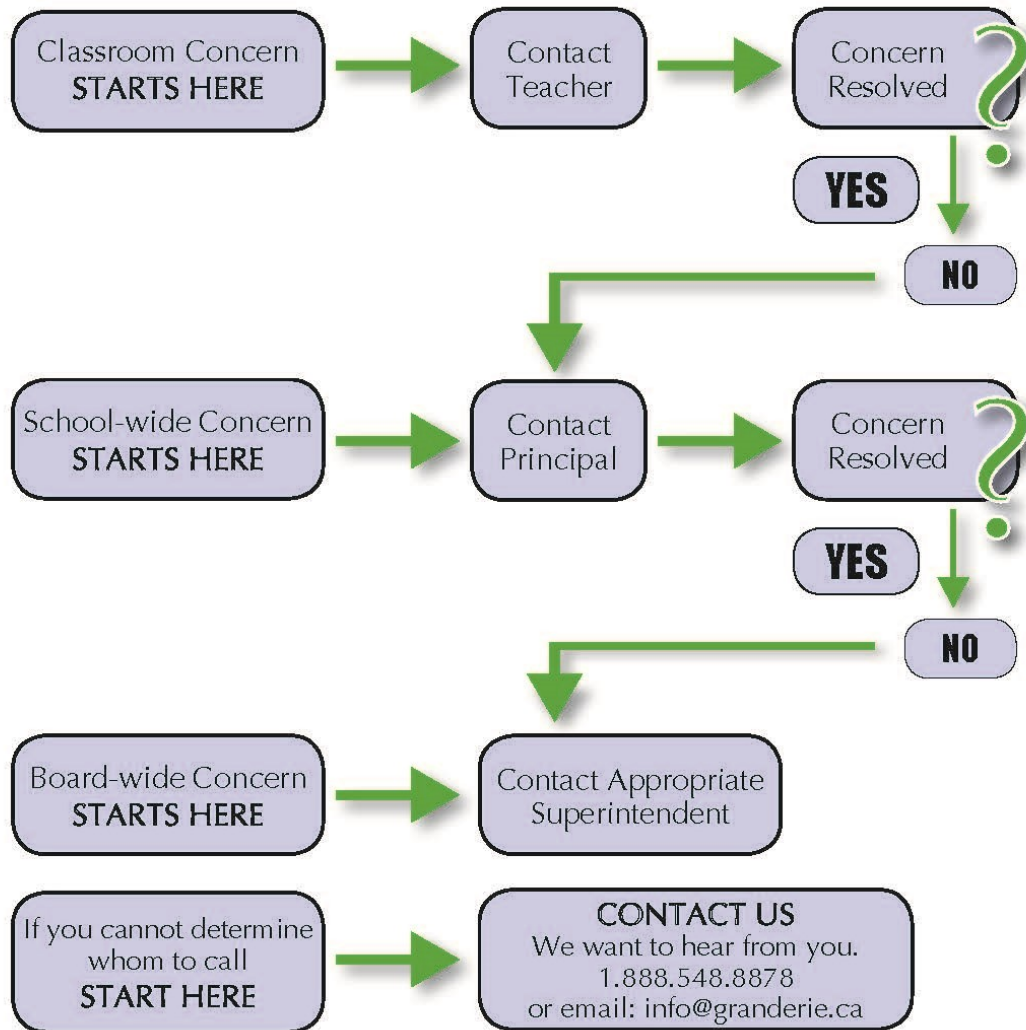
We thank you in advance for supporting our school. Happy shopping!

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