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BELL TIMES

Supervision on School Yard
begins at 8:25 a.m.

Learning Block 1 - 8:45 a.m. – 10:45
a.m.

Nutrition Break - 10:45 a.m. – 11:25
a.m.

Learning Block 2 - 11:25 a.m. – 1:05
p.m.

Nutrition Break - 1:05 p.m. – 1:45
p.m.

Learning Block 3 - 1:45 p.m. – 3:05
p.m.

Message from the Principal

Happy “new year”, and welcome back Cobblestone Families!

I hope everyone had a pleasant summer holiday. It’s been nice to talk to students and parents this week about all the things you’ve done over the past two months. I’ve heard lots of stories of fun trips and relaxation. I’ve also heard a few about some more stressful experiences that life seems to always present. Whatever the past 2 months brought for you; I’m looking forward to working together again to support each other.

September brings the opportunity for fresh starts and lots of reason for optimism. Each and every student is full of potential, and on a pathway that is their own unique success story (always in progress)!

Ms. DeGraaf and I look forward to doing our very best at leading an outstanding staff as we create and maintain a safe, welcoming and engaging learning environment for all students at Cobblestone.

For the most up-to-the minute updates and information visit the Grand Erie website:

www.granderie.ca



IMPORTANT: Student Information Updates

****New year new way of receiving important information****

In previous years we would send home the Elementary Student Verification forms, Declaration of Student Accident Insurance, Acceptable Use of Computers and Internet, Medical Alert, Inclement Weather, and a Bus Permission Form for students in grades 6-8 to mark themselves off the bus. We would then ask you to fill them out make any changes and then return them to the school.

This year it will all be done electronically. We will send out an email for you to be able to do the Student Verification. The rest of the forms will be on the [School Cash Online system](#). Each form will have its own item. Please be sure to spend the time to complete each one as all the forms are important for the safety of all our students.

It is vital that the information on these documents be updated each year to ensure our records are accurate in the event of an emergency, injury, or problem. Please return all completed documents to the school ASAP.

Save the Date!!

Meet the Staff Open House:

Please join us for the Cobblestone Open House on September 14th from 5-7 pm. You'll have an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet the Cobblestone educator team. Pizza and drinks will be provided. (to help us estimate numbers for pizza, please rsvp by completing [this form online](#)).

This will be an opportunity for you to make a connection with your child's teacher and to see their classroom for this year (based on our organization on Sept 7th). There will be an opportunity for one-on-one conferences in November.

School Attendance

School attendance for all students is tracked for absences and late arrivals. A Grand Erie District School Board attendance counselor works with our school to track student attendance. A letter is sent to individual parents when children have accumulated a significant number of absences and/or lates. Absences of 15 consecutive days can result in the removal of the student from the school's registration. In all other cases of attendance concerns, a notice is sent to parents from the school indicating the total number of lates and absences for a child prior to involvement with the Attendance Counsellor.

Please note that if you are planning a family trip or have a reason to take your child out of school for 15 or more consecutive days, you are required to complete a "Request for Absence from School" form from the office (and signed by the principal) prior to the absence. This is a GEDSB policy. This form can also be found on the board website under Procedure SO117.

Parking

Parking on site is reserved for staff only, and essential visitors during the day. There is no parking or vehicles allowed on site from 8:00-9:00 daily (morning drop off) and from 2:45-3:45 daily (afternoon pick up). The only exception to this rule would be for those with accessible passes who need to access the 2 designated spots at the front of the parking lot. If your family has a need to access on site with a vehicle during the prohibited times, but does not have an accessible pass, please contact the main office to discuss possible arrangements. When using the accessible spaces, please use the space only long enough to drop your child off so that access is available to other members of our school community who need it. Parking is available on the streets adjacent to the school. Please obey the posted parking regulations when parking on the street and be courteous to our neighbours. Students should cross with the crossing guards provided.

School Security

All parents and school visitors are reminded that it is the policy of The Grand Erie District School Board that all visitors enter the school through the front door and sign in and report their presence in the school or on school property to the office staff at all times.

We have security cameras at our school entrance, in some hallways, and at various points around the perimeter of the school. All school entrances from the playground and parking lot are locked at all times. These measures are put in place in all schools to provide a safe learning environment for all children. All portable classrooms and school staff have swipe card access to the school at any time throughout the school day.

All Grand Erie Schools Are Smoke-Free



The Province's Smoke-Free Ontario Act prohibits smoking tobacco or cannabis and vaping within 20 metres of a school's property line. For reference, 20 metres is the approximate length of 1.5 school buses.

The law covers all indoor areas at schools in Ontario as well as all outdoor spaces, such as playgrounds, parking lots and sports fields. Anyone caught smoking or vaping in a prohibited area could face a minimum fine of \$305.

All Grand Erie schools and Board facility sites are smoke-free. For those looking to quit smoking or vaping, there are supports available through the local Health Unit or our school's Public Health Nurse.

For more information on the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, visit: <https://bit.ly/2FGV4y5>

Harassment Statement

The Grand Erie District School Board (the "Board") is committed to providing a working and learning environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Beyond the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code, every individual has an equal right to learn and work in an environment that is free from harassment and objectionable behaviour. The Board recognizes the value of establishing and maintaining respectful working and learning environments and of responsiveness to the damaging effects of harassment and objectionable behaviour. The Board will not tolerate harassment or objectionable behaviour from any person in the workplace. Full details can be found in Policy HR5 on the Grand Erie website.



Student Pick-Up and Drop Off

Students are welcome to arrive at school any time after 8:25 a.m. when a teacher will be on duty to supervise. Children should not arrive prior to this time due to the absence of supervision by staff.

Families will need to park on the side streets adjacent to the school and walk students to this area. Pick up at the end of the day will continue to begin at 3:05 in the same location as drop off at arrival. Parent parking for drop off or pick up is not permitted in the parking lot or directly in front of the school on Grandville Circle.

Walking routes should be planned to utilize the crossing guards an/or crosswalks at stop signs. It is not recommended that pedestrians cross directly in front of the school as this area can get very crowded and busy with cars and buses. Please practice physical distancing when dropping children off. It is recommended that families wear a mask in the drop off and pick up zone in the event that physical distancing is not possible.

Please note that dismissal time is very busy for students. It is important for families to establish a clear routine with children and the classroom teacher. If there is a change in routine, a note from the parent/guardian will be expected by the teacher each and every time.

Message from Student Transportation

Transportation Delays/ Cancellations, are you getting notified?

Did you know that there are a number of ways to see if your child(ren)'s bus is running behind schedule or has been cancelled? The ways that you can be notified of an interruption include:

1) downloading the bus delays app from either the Google Play or Apple store; detailed instructions on setting up the app is available by visiting <http://www.stsbhn.ca/faqs> and clicking on the last FAQ labelled "Delays and Cancellation App".

2) register to receive email notifications. To register simply visit <https://transinfobhn.ca/Login> and create an account. After your account has been created, connect your child(ren)'s bus service to your email address by logging in and clicking the "Add Student" button. Detailed instructions on setting up your account is also available by visiting <http://www.stsbhn.ca/faqs> and clicking on the FAQ labelled "having trouble logging into the Parent/Student portal". For parents who look up bus information before the start of school, you have already completed this option!

3) visit <https://transinfobhn.ca/Alerts> daily to see if your bus is running behind schedule or has been cancelled.

If you are having trouble with any of these methods, please reach out to the transportation office by emailing transportation@stsbhn.ca or by calling 519-751-7532.

Bus Procedures

We have 7 large buses to transport our students. Dismissal from school at the end of the instructional day is staggered to allow for a safe exit to the buses for all children.

All parents of bused students must provide the school, the Board Transportation Office, and bus company with accurate and up to date information.

Families who are not using transportation services for an extended period of time (i.e. more than a month), are required to contact the school, the bus company, and GEDSB transportation office and have their child taken off the bus list.

Families are advised to contact the bus company and/or GEDSB Transportation Department for all after hours issues and any concerns with buses and transportation schedules and routes.

GEDSB transportation: 519-751-7532

Sharp Bus Lines: 519-751-3434



School Council

School councils play a vital role in the education of all Grand Erie students through their work to promote and improve student achievement and school performance. Traditionally, our school council has supported our school with parent engagement events, in addition to other initiatives that enhance the educational experience for our students. There is a mandatory of 4 meetings throughout the year. Our school council bylaws indicate that we have a between 5 and 15 voting members from which the council selects a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

If you are interested in holding a voting seat on the school council you will need to send an email including your name and your child/ren's names to: p-cob@granderie.ca along with the following statement: "I wish to declare my candidacy for a voting position on the Cobblestone School Council for the 2023-24 school year" and a little blurb about yourself describing what skills, attributes and interests you would bring to the role of voting member.

Deadline for these self-nominations is September 14th, elections (if required) will be September 21st, and selection of the executive will occur on September 28th. The first meeting of the 2023-24 Cobblestone School Council will be held on Thursday, October 5th.

Cobblestone Specialized Services

We're excited to introduce ourselves as Specialized Services and Student Support Team at Cobblestone. Combined, we have several years of experience in self-contained special education classes, teaching throughout the primary, junior, and intermediate divisions, and in fostering a love of learning in our students. We're enthusiastic, passionate, and ready for an exciting year at Cobblestone Elementary!

Our role is supporting the classroom teachers and support staff in providing differentiated instruction in the classroom, as well as, guiding families through the special education processes within Grand Erie District School Board.

We're looking forward to meeting you as we greet students from 8:25am-8:45am on the playground each morning. Please feel free to reach us by email at meghan.bage@granderie.ca and erica.lapage@granderie.ca or by phone; 519-442-2500 ext. 102006 or 102007.



Warmly,

Meghan Bage and Erica Lapage

Learning Resource Teachers

Fire Drills and School Lock Down Drills

In accordance with the Fire Department and GEDSB Policy on School Lock Down, your children will be involved in 3 Fire Drills in the Fall and Spring months. Staff will discuss procedures with students later this fall.

Student Agendas

Student agendas are an important tool for parent-teacher communication and are used by most of our classroom teachers with their students/families. They are also an important part of the learning skills students use to assist with organization. If your child's teacher uses agendas, one will be provided with to each student. The cost of an agenda for 2022-23 is \$7 and can be paid for through the school cash online website.

Peanut/Nut Aware School

A few reminders about food policies at Cobblestone:

- * This is a peanut/nut aware school. Please do not send peanut based products, peanuts, or any nut/soy products that may contain any of these items to the school. The safety of other children depends on this.
- * Peanut butter substitutes are not allowed in elementary schools in GEDSB.
- * Food is not permitted on the school playground at recess. Students are permitted the opportunity to eat their snacks and lunches prior to going outside or immediately following the morning and afternoon recess periods.

Boomerang Lunches

In the spirit of reducing waste, we will be hosting boomerang lunches this year. Students will be asked to take home any recycling or trash created as a result of food consumed for lunch. Families may consider sending an extra, small bag for students to collect these items in or students should use an empty, re-useable container once they have consumed the food inside. We thank you for your support of this process.

Picture Day

Picture Day is Tuesday September 19th! Please see the attached flyer for more info

Terry Fox Run

Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday, September 22nd.

Donations will be collected online only this year through the Terry Fox Foundation's webpage. Please visit the link below.

[Cobblestone Elementary School - Paris, ON | Terry Fox School Run](#)



Student Nutrition Program

Here at Cobblestone Elementary, we have an incredible team of volunteers that help bring healthy, fun and diverse snacks to the students at our school. The Snackbox Program is intended for every student and is headed by the Brant Food for Thought Program. Their mission is based on the importance of good nutrition being such a main contributor to a child's ability to learn and succeed in school. Brant Food for Thought set out great guidelines for snacks to be as well balanced as possible. Snacks include whole fruits and vegetables, high quality dairy and protein options and whole grain products. Our Snackbox team sets their goals to make nutrition FUN and yummy and available two or more days a week.

How can you help? We are so glad you asked!

Please consider a donation through the Snackbox Program option on our School Cash Online. Every single dollar helps to feed the bellies and minds of our students.

Another great way to help is to join one or both volunteer groups we have. 1) We have a team who volunteer weekly/ bi-weekly for the program to prepare and distribute the snack boxes right in the school. This year Snackbox will run on Wednesdays and Fridays.

A police record check is required for this and can be picked up the front office.

2) We also have a team who will come together once-twice a month to bake and package generous amounts of yummy goods to be served in the Snack boxes. This is done at a licensed kitchen off site within Paris.

Our Snackbox team is headed by Mandy and Kay, and they are both looking forward to working with another amazing team this year to fill bellies and fuel minds.

If you are interested in joining our awesome team of volunteers, please contact:

Kay @ k.macdonald4@hotmail.com

or

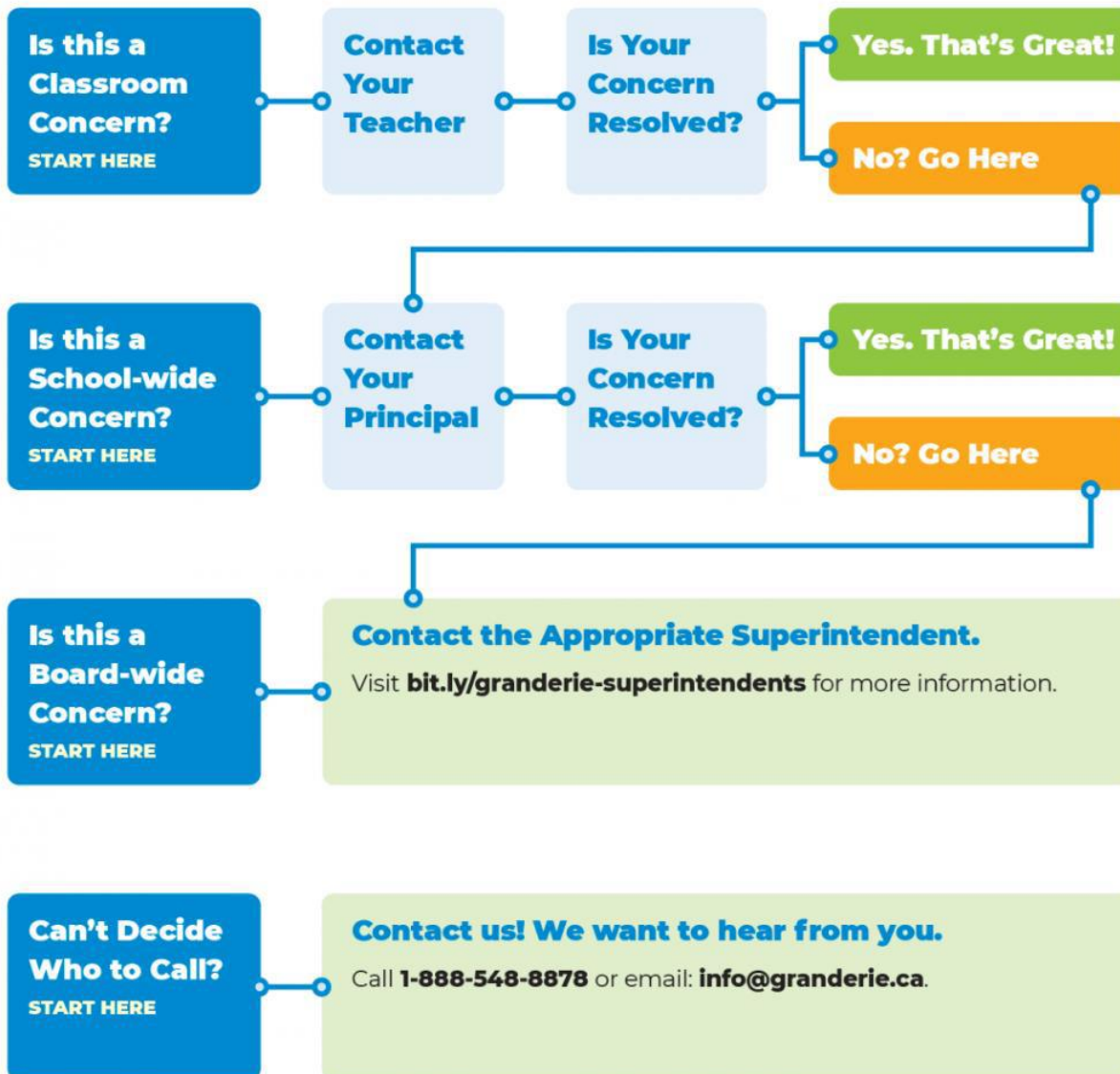
Mandy @ Arazmataz333@yahoo.ca

Parent/Caregiver/ Community Member Concern Chart



We're Here to Help

Find out who to contact at Grand Erie using this helpful resource.



Your Trustee can guide you through this process.

Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at granderie.ca/board/about/trustees

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!



Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.

