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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

October was a busy month for sports here at Cobblestone. Between Soccer, cross country and the Adrenaline Relays, there was no shortage of practices happening or cheering on to be done! All our athletes represented us very well and I know they had lots of fun in the process. A special congratulations should go to our runners and Junior Soccer Team who represented Cobblestone at CAGE, the highest level of school competition for the Grand Erie District School Board!

As we progress through November, the potential for colder and more unpleasant weather will increase. Please be sure to come prepared each day with appropriate clothing for outdoor activities. (In anticipation of this, we have closed the playground equipment during the school day as boots and mittens pose increased safety risks).

Until December,

Cam MacDonald
Principal

Progress Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parents and guardians will receive Progress Reports for their children when we send them home on November 4th. On them, you can expect comments on your child's learning skills. These areas of skill are very important and directly relate to achievement in all subject areas. It is important to discuss these areas with your child and talk about their strengths as well as areas for which they can set some goals for improvement. You will also receive information about your child's progress in Language and Mathematics with comments on Strengths and Next Steps. For other subject areas, although you may or may not see a comment, you will get information as to how your child is progressing at this early stage in the year. As always, if you ever have questions, please contact your child's teacher. This year, teachers will be scheduling in-person Parent/Teacher conferences. We will be using the online platform [schoolinterviews.ca](https://www.schoolinterviews.ca) to schedule these. You will be able to book timeslots with all your child(ren)'s teachers in one transaction. Please visit the booking link below and follow the instructions on-screen to guide you through the process (use the event code if prompted):

<https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/w65n3>

Event code: **w65n3**

You can, of course, contact your child's teacher to arrange a chance to talk about your child, throughout the school year, whenever necessary.

Both parents and educators share a common goal...to *build a culture of learning to nurture curiosity and opportunity for each learner*. Collaborative conversations throughout the school year between home and school, are important to support your child's continued success for both achievement and well-being!

Diwali "The Festival of Lights"

Diwali is the biggest festival celebrated in South Asian communities and countries. We have many families and students who celebrate this holiday. Children eagerly look forward to decorating the house with lights, dressing up and sharing some delectable, sweet treats. Staff and students will have the opportunity to learn and celebrate together.

Thursday, November 9th, we will have our Diwali Celebration Day, (the official celebration is Sun., Nov. 12th). Children can dress up to celebrate this occasion. If your family is celebrating Diwali in your home, we invite you to wear your traditional clothes when you drop off and pick up your child to share the culture and joy of this celebration with other children and families while making connections and engaging.



Remembrance Day

We will be recognizing Remembrance Day on Friday, November 10th. Programming will take place in classrooms and Mrs. Bage, Mrs. Lapage and the Student Leadership Team are currently organizing an assembly for classes to participate in.

Poppies will be available for students. A donation to the legion for this can be made through School Cash Online and/or with cash at the school on Nov. 10th.



ALLERGY ALERT

We have children in our school community who have severe nut and environmental allergies. In order to make our school as safe as possible for the students, Cobblestone School is completely "nut aware". Please assist us and the students by not sending food to school that contain nuts or nut products.

Peanut-free "Peanut Butter": There is a peanut-free soy nut butter product on the market that says it's a peanut butter substitute and safe for schools. Grand Erie District School Board requests that parents/guardians and staff refrain from sending this product to school in your children's lunches. If it's peanut-free, then what's the big deal? This product looks, smells and taste like peanut butter. The concern is that some children might mistakenly think it's OK to bring peanut butter sandwiches in their lunches when they see their classmates eating the soy product. We simply cannot run the risk of any students or staff member being exposed to peanuts as this may cause an allergic reaction. The safety and health of our students and staff members comes first. For more information on the Board's response to anaphylaxis (allergic reactions), please visit www.granderie.ca. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Inclement Weather and Transportation

Winter weather is almost here. In the event of inclement weather, there is the potential for transportation delays or cancellations and school closures. If transportation is cancelled for schools in Zone 3, Cobblestone will be closed.

Information on Student Transportation Services can be found here: <http://www.stsbhn.ca>

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

Information will be posted on Grand Erie's Twitter (@GEDSB) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/GEDSB) accounts Closure information will also be shared with local media (i.e. radio, television)

Find the Board's Inclement Weather Policy here: https://www.granderie.ca/application/files/5315/7598/6417/FT7_Inclement_Weather.pdf

Learn how Student Transportation Services makes its decision about inclement weather here: <https://bit.ly/2IIVSk9>

In the event of a mid-day closure, the school telephone lines will be needed to work through our Emergency Phone Fan-Out to contact parents. Parents should note that it is very rare that the school will be closed mid-way through an instructional day. On days of inclement weather, the staff of STSBHN and the bus companies, who provide service to our area, are actively reviewing current road conditions and future weather patterns in order to make a determination on delayed or cancelled transportation services. Information is collected from a number of sources and a decision is made and posted no later than 6:30 a.m. As the decision to run, delay or cancel transportation is made in advance of services actually being provided, there may be some instances where variability exists in what was forecast versus what actually occurs. STSBHN and its member school boards want to provide options for the parents and students of our area and so, when it appears safe to do so, transportation services will be permitted to continue as usual. If, on an inclement weather day you feel that your child(ren) would be better off not taking the bus and either being transported into school by yourself or staying home altogether as a result of the road conditions at or near your home, STSBHN and the boards do understand and respect that this decision ultimately rests with you.

School Council

Greetings from you 2023-2024 School Council.

Want a great way to get involved in your child's education? Don't worry you don't have to sit in class with them; but you get to participate in some fun events and sub-committees, if you so choose.

We're happy to let you know of the current subcommittees that the Cobblestone School Council (CSC) has created, but are not limited to. They are:

1. Inclusion Committee
2. STEM
3. Communications
4. Nutrition
5. Socials & Fundraising

If you would like to participate and feel that you would be able to contribute to any of these groups, please send us an email at: CSC.Chairperson23@gmail.com

Please put the committee(s) of choice in the "Subject line".

Each sub-committee chair will contact you and invite you to a meeting. The subcommittees are to help assist in our Cobblestone Community - whether that be, participation in meetings, brainstorming together, creating graphics, volunteering for CSC events, etc.

We look forward to hearing from you and reading your ideas.

Upcoming activities:

Holiday glow in the dark dance

Secret sensations holiday chocolate

Holiday greeting card fundraiser

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 6th-10th – Scholastic Book Fair

Nov. 8th – Indigenous Veterans Day

Nov. 9th – School-wide Diwali celebration

Nov. 10th – Remembrance Day Commemorations at school

Nov. 10th – Progress Reports sent home

Nov. 16th & 17th – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov. 17th – PD Day

Parent/Caregiver/ Community Member Concern Chart



We're Here to Help

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

