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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

December is here, and the break is only three weeks away! As we approach the end of the year, we should look back with pride at what our students and staff have accomplished in a mere 3 months. Students have been working hard on both academics and extracurricular activities. We have some great athletes as well as talented artists. I would like to thank the staff and parents for all you do to support our kids.

The weeks leading to the holidays will be quite busy with many special events occurring in many classrooms. Volleyball teams have been practicing hard for their competitions. We are really looking forward to our 10 (11) days of Holiday Spirit which will begin on December 8th.

The holiday season, with its many traditions, is certainly an important time to reflect. The relationships we have in our lives are so important and it should be a priority to nurture them, especially at this time of year. With those close to us, we should celebrate unique strengths and talents while offering kind support whenever it is needed. It's my sense that this certainly takes place at our great school.

Have a great December, a fantastic holiday and a happy new year!

Cam MacDonald
Principal





Cobblestone's Coyote Crew Presents...

Holiday Spirit Days!



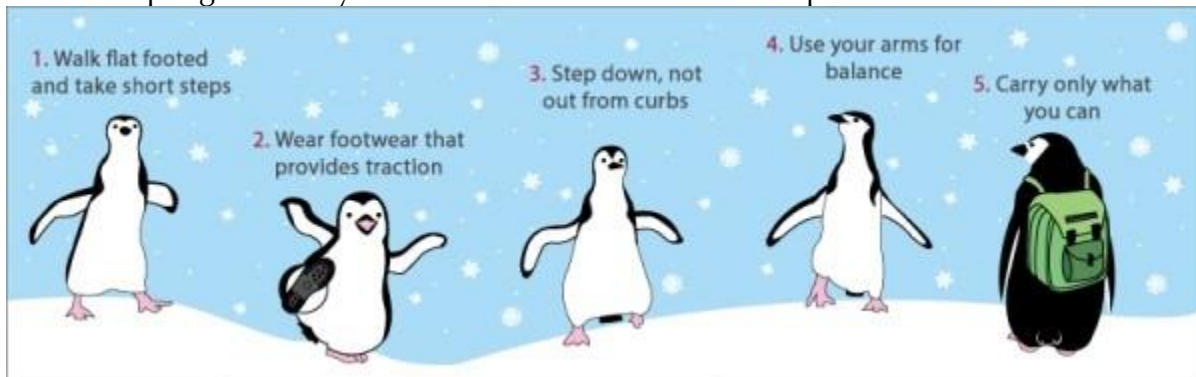
Monday December 4	Tuesday December 5	Wednesday December 6	Thursday December 7	Friday December 8
	<i>Getting up for a super fun, spirit-filled month...</i>			 Wear blue & white today!
Monday December 11	Tuesday December 12	Wednesday December 13	Thursday December 14	Friday December 15
 Bring in cereal and oatmeal today!	 Bring in canned or boxed soup today!	Bring in pasta and sauce today! 	 Bring in baby food today!	Bring in canned vegetables and meat today!
← Cobblestone Cares: Fill-A-Bus for the Christmas Hampers →				
Monday December 18	Tuesday December 19	Wednesday December 20	Thursday December 21	Friday December 22
 COBBLESTONE CARES: Kindness Day! Bring a compliment to share! Do something kind! and We'll fill-a-bus with the food collected! 	 Join our Coyote Crew and wear fun or festive socks! 	 Come DECKED out in your favourite holiday or winter gear!	Winter Solstice BINGO Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior/Intermediate BINGO Games 	LONG WINTER'S NAP Cozy up in your comfy clothes or pyjamas BYOM: Bring your own mug for complimentary hot cocoa from the Coyote Crew

Winter Weather Safety

Winter is here, and with it comes the chance of slips and falls. Here are some tips and reminders to help keep you and your family safe during the coming months.

Tips:

- Use the designated walkways that are cleared of snow and well-salted.
- Wear proper footwear that has a good tread but also a softer tread for added grip.
- Walk like a penguin with your arms out and with shorter steps to maintain better balance.



School Council

Hi Cobblestone Families

Mark your calendars for **Dec 14th!** The Cobblestone School Council is hosting a **Family Holiday Celebration Dance from 6-8 in the evening.** Dress up in your favourite holiday/festive attire or even some comfy pjs!

Your family will groove, mingle, and light up the dance floor with vibrant glow sticks and other fun glow items! **Admission is \$2 per person with snacks and glow items available for an extra cost - please make your purchase through School cash online to ensure we have enough goodies available.** Alternatively, fun glow items will be available for purchase at the dance at a higher price - please bring cash.

We welcome you and your family to a festive way to wrap up the school year before the winter break and create lasting memories together!

**Each admission ticket also includes a glow stick!

*** **Payments can be made through cash online until December 4 at 5 pm,** but after that will have to be made in cash at the door if capacity allows***

NOTE: This is a family event, so all students must be accompanied by an adult chaperone/parent/family member.

Sincerely,

School Council, Social/Fundraiser Committee

Morning Reminders

As we enter the month of December, we expect that most students are developing the skills necessary to follow morning routines. A friendly reminder from staff that for parents who wish to accompany their child at drop off should help facilitate independence by locating their child's line and allowing them to practice the routines while you kindly watch from the grass. The influx of caregivers in our line ups result is lack of visual supervision and safety, especially of our youngest learners as they try to navigate their way through crowds into the building. Please ensure that pets keep their paws off the pavement! This will become especially important during our winter months when the pavement becomes even more confined due to snow removal.

We have been working to enforce a couple of other rules on the morning playground that we'd love your support with. Students arriving on bikes and scooters must dismount as they arrive on school property. Additionally, cell phones must be put away once a student arrives on school property as they cannot be adequately supervised by their teachers during this time. Students will continue to be reminded and may face consequences should they choose to follow direction from staff.

Lastly, a friendly reminder that the warning bell sounds at 8:43am and the final bell is at 8:45am. Arriving on time and entering with the class supports the established routines. Being repeatedly late is disruptive and disrespectful to the structures that educators have worked to put in place. Please practice time management and ensure you're ready by being present at the bell.

Parking Lot Safety

Please make use of available sidewalks and avoid shortcuts through the parking lot when walking onto school property. We have large buses and several taxis coming and going, all presenting safety hazards inside the parking lot at arrival and dismissal.

Student Drop Off and Pick-Up

Thank you to everyone for their continued cooperation in keeping our students safe during drop off and pick up. If you are sending a family member who is not familiar with our routines, please remind them that there is no car drop off on site between 8:15 and 9:00 daily, and no car pick up on site between 2:45 and 3:30. The only exception to this is for those with an accessible parking pass or with a special parking pass that has been issued by the school. Please try to stay back from the pavement area and keep walking routes clear. If you have a dog with you, please be respectful of all who may not be comfortable by staying back on the grass and away from the crowd.

Cobblestone Cares

This year, Cobblestone's leadership team is taking on the holiday Fill-A-Bus Food Drive supporting the Paris Christmas Hampers. We will run a weeklong holiday blitz starting December 11th and ask families to support as they are able by donating the following items on each day:

Monday – Cereal

Tuesday - Soup

Wednesday - Pasta or Sauce

Thursday - Baby Food

Friday - Canned Meat or Vegetables

Thanks for your support in showing Paris that Cobblestone cares! More information to come via school messenger in the month of December.

Inclement weather and bus and school impacts

As temperatures dip, Grand Erie is reminding families about school and bus cancellation processes for hazardous winter weather.

What you need to know:

- The decision to cancel school or student transportation services for the day is made by **6:30 a.m.**
- There are two cancellation possibilities:
 - Closure of **all Grand Erie schools**
 - Closure **by zone**. If the cancellation is for a specific zone, the notifications will identify which zone(s).
- If there is a cancellation, it will be posted on the **board's website**, and **X** (Twitter) account (@GEDSB). Grand Erie will also share the information with local media.
- Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk will communicate closures on its **X** (Twitter) account (@STSBHN) and share information via its phone line (**519-751-7532**).

What zone am I in?

For transportation purposes, Grand Erie is organized into four zones: Norfolk County (Zone 1), Haldimand County (Zone 2), Brant County (Zone 3) and City of Brantford (Zone 4). Grand Erie students from Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation are included in Zone 2.

Each student should be coming home from school with a postcard that identifies the zone their school is in. You can also see a [chart on our website](#).

Grand Erie's [Inclement Weather Procedure](#) also allows for the option to cancel transportation services when there is extreme cold weather. In this case, student transportation services would be cancelled, but all Grand Erie schools would remain open to students and staff. Extreme cold weather is defined as -30 degrees Celsius (without wind-chill) at 5 a.m. or a high risk of frostbite (10 minutes or less) as of 5:45 a.m.

If schools are closed on inclement weather days, students will have the option of accessing asynchronous learning activities online through Brightspace, posted by their teacher.

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

