

March 2016



Hodge Huskies

## Agnes G. Hodge School News

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[www.granderie.ca/agneshodge/home](http://www.granderie.ca/agneshodge/home)



### Principal's / Vice-Principal's Message:

March Break is fast approaching. The dates for March Break are from March 14th to 18th. We also have a short week upon return as Good Friday is on the 25th and Easter Monday is on the 28th.

### Winter Carnival

We are having a 'winter' carnival on Thursday, March 3rd from 11:25 till 12:15. In the morning we will have a pancake breakfast made by volunteers. The carnival will have 6 different games and 1 station in the gym to look at winter art and to drink hot chocolate.

Don't forget to check our website for announcements and upcoming events. All newsletters will be available on the site and we have recently added a Twitter page so you can learn about what's going on here at Hodge!

<http://www.granderie.ca/agneshodge/>

### Spring Cleaning Early?

Not sure what to do with the excess from your closets? A.G. Hodge has the answer.

The **Clothes Closet** and **Clothesline** are in need of your gently used clothing, footwear, linens, bedding, toys etc.

Thank you for your continued support.



Agnes G. Hodge is located in ZONE 4.

In the event of bus delays, cancellations or school closures:

visit: [www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca)

Visit: GEDSB website

Listen to CKPC 1380 radio after 6:30 a.m.

# Achievement

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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Children Do Well in School  
Try a New Idea Every Day!

1. Challenge your child to start a neighborhood newsletter.
2. Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading one of his books aloud. Have your child make up his own rhymes.
3. Have your child watch for changes in plant and animal life in your neighborhood. Keep notes in a journal.
4. Talk with your child about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequence.
5. Try a new kind of transportation with your child, such as a bus, subway or train.
6. Go to a nearby park or running trail. Have family members run like the March wind!
7. Have a family dinner tonight by candlelight.
8. Make a costume box for your child. Fill it with hats, shoes and a variety of old clothes.
9. Ask your child, "What are you thinking right now?"
10. Help your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor.

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**Congratulation to the Grade 2 and MH classes for learning to sing in Chinese for our Chinese New Year dragon dance. They designed and created a dragon train singing and dancing down the hall.**

**Congratulation Grade 5 classes for being picked to sing and play at Sanderson Centre for Education Week. Look for more news to come soon.**

# Environment

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## Leader of the Pack:

This month's character education trait is **Sportsmanship**. We look forward to being introduced to and learning more about **Sportsmanship** from Ms. McComb's, Mrs. Miedema's, and Ms. Francis' classes. The Leader of the Pack Assembly where we will celebrate those students who have demonstrated '**Trustworthiness**' will be held on **March 4th at 9:10 am**. All parents are welcome!

Sportsmanship is:

- fair play and respect for opponents
- polite behavior by someone who is competing in a sport or other competition
- respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in winning or losing

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## **A Note From Your School's Public Health Nurse...**

### **Breakfast at home is as Easy as 1-2-3**

Breakfast at home can be as easy as 1-2-3! Let your family create tasty combos that include fruit or vegetables. Try one of these guaranteed-to-please ideas!

- Breakfast burritos with scrambled eggs with chopped vegetables
- English muffin pizza with tomato sauce, green pepper and low-fat mozzarella cheese
- Cereal (mix your favourites), sliced banana and milk
- Yogurt with granola and dried or fresh fruit
- Grilled ham and cheese sandwiches with vegetable juice
- Whole wheat pancakes with sliced peaches and vanilla yogurt
- Vegetable soup made with milk and whole grain crackers
- It doesn't have to be 'breakfast' food –try leftovers from the night before paired with a glass of milk or 100% fruit juice

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## **Free Microsoft Software for all Families**

Students now all have access to the same Office 365 tools that staff members can use. Students access Office 365 from – <http://login.microsoftonline.com>.



Student email addresses are "username"@granderie.ca where "username" is the student's GEDSB computer login. The password is the same as the student's GEDSB computer login password.

All students now have access to FIVE FREE licenses of Microsoft Office 2013 through their Grand Erie Office 365 account. Once students login, they will be asked if they would like to download free Microsoft licenses. If you have any questions or problems, contact Mr. McGaghran for help on installing it.

# Engagement

Thank you to all families for your support with the Little Caesar's year end trip fundraising. Orders will be delivered to the school Friday, March 31 and ready for pick up between 3:30 and 5pm.

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Primary percussion club, ukulele choir and beginner wind ensemble will begin in March. A friendly reminder to parents to discuss with their child the commitment required to play in a music ensemble.

Pakesso is making a return visit to support Grade 6 students with their electroacoustic music composition using a brand new recording program.

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Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys Basketball team on their great performance in our tournament that took place on Monday, February 22nd. The boys played well and demonstrated sportsmanship throughout the day. They won two out of three games. The boys will next take on the teachers to see who comes out on top! Thanks to Mrs. Crane for all of her efforts in coaching the team!

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Basketball Team for their great performance in the tournament that took place at Ryerson Heights. They won two games but came up against a tough Ryerson team. Great job ladies. Special thanks to Mrs. Miedema for all of her efforts in coaching the team!

## Junior Basketball

Mrs. McGrath took the boys and girls junior Basketball team to Ryerson Heights for their tournament on Thursday, February 25th. The team represented Hodge well and will continue their tournament on Monday, February 29th. Thanks Mrs. McGrath for all of your efforts!

### Dates to Remember:

March 1	Childhood Arthritis Month
March 2	Pizza Lunch School Council Orientation Night
March 3	Grade 8 Grad Pictures Winter Carnival
March 4	Leader of the Pack
March 7	Crossfit in the gym
March 8	Maha Shivratri International Women's Day
March 9	Pita Pit Lunch
March 14 – March 18	March Break
March 21	Crossfit in the gym
March 20	Equinox
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Naw -Ruz
March 23	Pita Pit Lunch
March 25	Good Friday
March 28	Easter Monday
March 31	Zumbathon Little Caesar's Fundraiser Delivered