

ELGIN IN THE NEWS



Character Trait

The character trait for March will be **RESPECT**. According to the youth-serving website, Youth.gov, respect between two persons means that “each person values who the other is and understands the other person’s boundaries.” In this case, respect is not earned. True respect asks us all to take each person as they are. It also means that we are to recognize each person’s right to their personal space, beliefs, opinions, etc. You may not agree with their opinions, but you should understand their right to express those opinions, and that you also enjoy the right to disagree.



100's Day Fun



News from Students' Council



March 8 – Spirit Day – wear Elgin colours, blue & white

March 22 – Spirit Day – Pattern day – wear stripes, polka dots, & plaid

March 29 – Spirit Day – Retro day – wear something from the 70's or 80's

From the Elgin Sports Board

Basketball is just finishing up at Elgin. Both the intermediate girl's teams and the junior team have had their tournaments. The teams had exciting games and cheered on their fellow players. The boy's team will travel to S.C.S. on March 1 for their tournament – Good Luck Boys! Congratulations to all team members for their commitment and school spirit. A big shout-out to Mrs. Phibbs, Mrs. Lane, and Mr. Mike for coaching the teams and helping players develop their skills.



Up Next: Badminton

IS IT BULLYING?

NOT NICE

When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they only do it **once...**

That is **Not Nice**

MEAN

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they do it **once...**

That is **Mean**

BULLYING

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they **keep doing it, over a period of time, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset...**

That is **Bullying**



Pink Shirt Day

Elgin students wore pink shirts on February 27 to help promote kindness and inclusion. The student's council provided pink lemonade to all those participating.



The goal of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan is *Success for Every Student*. In order to achieve this, the Board must understand the needs of its students and their families. To assist the Board with this work, all students in Grades 4-12 will take part in Count Us In!, Grand Erie's first-ever student census from March 18-29.

This initiative is being led by Grand Erie's Safe and Inclusive Schools Team and has the support of the Board of Trustees, Senior Management and a host of community groups and organizations. It is also part of a larger initiative by the Ministry of Education and Ontario's Education Equity Action Plan.

The census findings will help Grand Erie better understand student populations and school communities; identify and eliminate barriers to student success, inclusion and well-being; and establish effective programs to increase student services. For more information, visit: granderie.ca.

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser



The Parent council is running a chocolate bar fundraiser to support end-of-the-year class trips. A letter outlining the fundraiser will be sent home before March break. The fundraiser will run from March 18 to April 5.

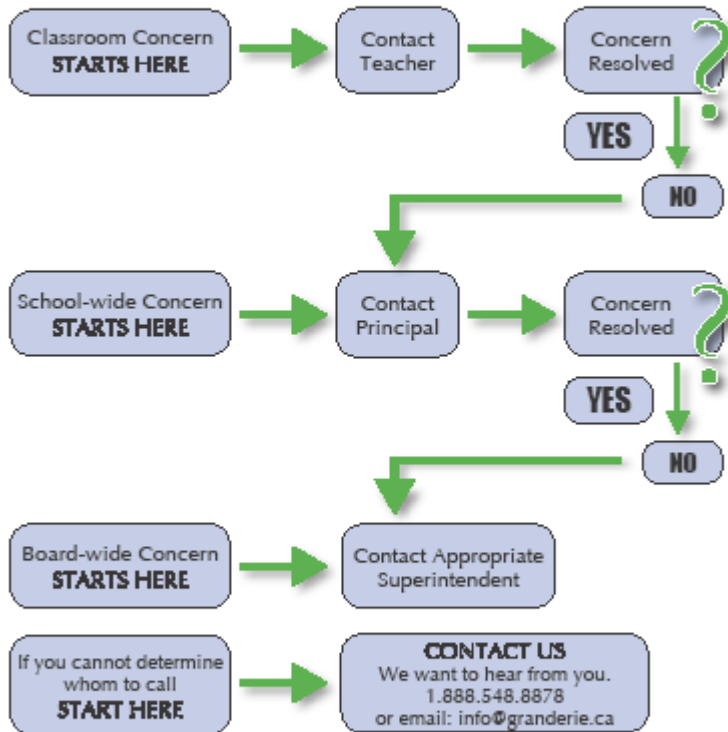
MILK BAG COLLECTION

The Grade 4/5's are collecting milk bags as a part of their commitment to making a positive impact in their community. From now until the end of the school year they will be visiting classes to collect milk bags. The milk bags are woven together to form mattresses for homeless in the Brant, Haldimand, and Norfolk area. It takes 200 milk bags to make one mattress. The students have set the goal of making 2 mattresses this year, so they are looking to collect 400 milk bags.





HOW TO GET HELP WITH A CONCERN



YOUR TRUSTEE CAN GUIDE YOU THROUGH THIS PROCESS.
Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at granderie.ca

SUCCESS for Every Student



Me to We Club

Me to We Wants You to Meet Anybody!

In keeping with our February character trait of 'inclusiveness', and our March character trait of 'respect', Anybody will be joining our school. Anybody has no race, gender, age, or name so it's up to the Eagles to make Anybody a part of our school. Anybody will spend days with our classes, and our staff, who will give Anybody a small reminder of their time together. Look out for our next newsletter to see how everybody helped make Elgin a great place for AnyBody.

Dates to Remember

- March **1** – Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament @ SCS
- March **5** – Pizza
- March **7** – Chicken
- March **8** – Spirit Day Elgin colours
- March **19** – Pizza
- March **21** – Chicken
- March **22** – Spirit Day Patterns
- March **26** – Pizza
- March **27** – Unlearn workshops for gr. 4/5 – gr. 8
- March **28** – Chicken
- March **29** – Spirit Day Retro



March Break

Monday March 11, 2019 – Friday March 15, 2019

School Newsletter Content

New Ontario Law Makes All Grand Erie Schools Smoke-Free



Last fall, the Provincial Government passed the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which prohibits smoking tobacco or cannabis as well as vaping in public areas, such as schools.

The new Ontario law prohibits smoking or vaping within 20 metres of a school's property line. For reference, 20 metres is the approximate length of 1.5 school buses.

In addition to covering all indoor areas at a school, the new law applies to outdoor spaces such as playgrounds or sports fields. Anyone caught smoking or vaping in a prohibited area could face a minimum fine of \$305.

As a result of this new Ontario law, all Grand Erie schools and Board facility sites are now smoke-free.

The local Health Units are supporting Grand Erie with this change, providing new signage (see above), education and awareness information and materials as well as next steps for students and staff looking to quit smoking or vaping.

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

Jump Rope for Heart

Congratulations to Elgin students for raising \$1467.00 this year for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Jump Rope for Heart encourages kids to be active and help others by raising funds for life-saving heart and stroke research. Winners of the on-line contest included; Nicole Jackson, Lydia Land, Oliver & Addie Crouch, and Lily Dickson.

