

HAGERSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | September 2022 EDITION

From the Principal's Desk

We are excited to be together again! Welcome new and returning Hornets!

As our school community continues to grow, we thank you for your support and patience and welcome all of our new families.

Our staff will be focussing on building relationships with their new students and creating a positive learning environment where all learners feel cared for, respected and enjoy a strong sense of belonging.

Throughout the year please check your emails for updates from the school, the Board and our teaching staff.

Unfortunately, at the time of this newsletter I am currently on medical leave. We would like to welcome Mrs. Ricker as our covering principal. She has many years of experience and I know you will appreciate her as much as we do.

Shannon Love

Principal
Hagersville Elementary School

Entry Procedures

Starting at 8:30 when students arrive at school they will proceed directly into the building and to their classroom. Please do not drop students off prior to this time as there is no supervision on the yard.

Students will not be waiting outside for the bell to ring before entering the building. When the bell rings to begin the school day they will be in their classrooms ready to learn.

Grades One to Four (Kostecki)	Enter through primary doors
Grades Five (St. Onge) to Eight	Enter through intermediate doors
Kindergarten students	Enter through kinder doors

Daily Schedule

8:30	Soft Entry
8:45	Opening Announcements
8:45	Instructional Time
10:25	Recess/Nutrition Break
11:05	Instructional Time
1:05	Recess/Nutrition Break
1:45	Instructional Time
3:05	Dismissal

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Parents please remember that the front of the school is our bus route so unfortunately you are not able to drive in or park there during arrival and dismissal times.

Kindergarten parents will do a hand off with our teaching staff. All other grades please drop your student at the appropriate gate and they can proceed directly into the school as outlined in our soft-entry plan above.

If your child is late for school, please come to the front door and use the buzzer and our office team will help you take care of the rest.

Welcoming New Staff

Please join me in welcoming some of our new staff members:

Kindergarten – Ms. Mehlenbacher
Grade Six/Seven – Mr. Telfer
Grade Seven – Ms. Sibbick
LRT/Prep – Ms. Stevenson
Prep – Ms. Walker
EA – Ms. Pryer
EA – Ms. Bomberry



Grand Erie's Multi-Year Strategic Plan

A BOLD NEW VISION FOR GRAND ERIE ■ OUR MULTI-YEAR PLAN FOR 2021-2026



Priority #1: Learning

We build a culture of learning to nurture curiosity and opportunity for each learner.

Priority #2: Well-Being

We build a culture of well-being to support the cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs of each learner.

Priority #3: Belonging

We build a culture of belonging to support an equitable, inclusive and responsive environment for each learner.



Parent Volunteers

We are happy to welcome parent volunteers to help student experiences run smoothly and adhere to supervision guidelines. As such, we would like to encourage any parents who may be interested in partaking in these excursions to get a required Vulnerable Sector Police Check. **We have attached the necessary forms below.**

Note: To drive other students, drivers must have \$2 million liability and complete the Volunteer Driver forms.

Student Information Forms

Coming home in early September are some important documents that we need completed and sent back with your child as soon as possible.

You will be receiving:

- Student information sheet
- Student insurance paperwork
- Computer and Technology Form

Within that package will be your school calendar for the year.

Meet the Teacher Night

Save the Date: Wednesday September 28th
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm...Stay tuned for more details!

Paid Lunch/Recess Supervisor

We have openings for paid lunch/recess supervisor positions that are flexible and a great way to connect with your school and have a part-time income.

Please email Mrs. Love for more information if you are interested: shannon.love@granderie.ca

Parent Council (SCAC)

The School Council Advisory Committee would love to invite you to join us for our first meeting of the school year... stay tuned for dates.

We will be setting intentions for the year, discussing fundraisers, learning about how our school has grown and changed over the summer and setting the dates for the remainder of the school council meetings.

If you are interested and able we would love for you to join us; we have lots of ways for you to get involved and support our school community. Looking forward to connecting with you,
Joana Dixon, Chair

Self-Regulation

As a school and school community we continue to utilize and expand our knowledge of Dr. Stuart Shanker's model of self-regulation.

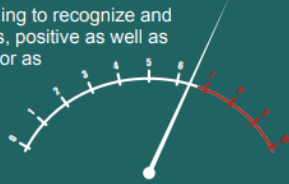
What is Self-Regulation?

The term self-regulation has come to be used in many different ways. When Dr. Stuart Shanker and TMC refer to "self-regulation," they are talking about the term's original neurophysiological meaning, which is about brain-body responses to stress, including energy expenditure, recovery, and restoration.

Effective self-regulation requires learning to recognize and respond to stress in all its many facets, positive as well as negative, hidden as well as overt, minor as well as traumatic or toxic.

The question is **how**.

That's where Self-Reg comes in.



SELF-REG is a powerful method, developed by Dr. Stuart Shanker, for understanding our stress and managing energy flow to promote self-regulation.

The next question is:

"What exactly are the stresses that children and youth — and we ourselves — must contend with today?"

The Domains of Self-Reg

Self-Reg looks at the stresses that arise in 5 core domains of experience:



Each of these domains has its own unique stressors, but they are all interlocked in such a way that stress in any one domain can exacerbate stress-reactivity in another.

When one is caught in a **stress-cycle**, stressors have a **multiplying effect** on each other. This can lead to problems in behaviour, mood, attention, and health.

The Steps

There are 5 steps in The Shanker Method™ of Self-Reg:

- Reframe the behaviour → Recognize the stressors
- Reduce the stress → Reflect: Enhance stress awareness → Restore energy

Cell Phones

Please do NOT send cell phones to school with your students.

If cell phones are a necessity for home use and brought to school, they must be away at all times and are NOT to be used between the hours of 8:30 and 3:05 (or 3:15 if you are a bussed student).

If you or your child need to connect please just let our staff know and we will arrange that communication.

Complete communication regarding technology use will be sent home this month.

School Cash Online

To ensure accountability and proper tracking we do not accept cash at school. Please ensure you sign up for SchoolCash Online in order to make purchases for your students throughout the year (i.e. field trips, lunch days).

Please see the instruction below to get started. If you have any issues please reach out to the main office for help.

Parent Concerns

If you have a concern and you are not sure who to talk to, please use the Board *Parent Concern Chart*, found below, to determine your next best step.

Or you can use the following link to guide you through a Parent Concern Guided Walk Through: <https://granderie.ca/board/familysupports/parent-concern/starthere>

Parent Concerns

Do you have a concern? Take our Parent Concern Guided Walkthrough by clicking the button below:

[Click Here to Take the Parent Concern Guided Walkthrough](#)

...or follow our illustrated flowchart:

**Parent/Caregiver/
Community Member
Concern Chart**



We're Here to Help

Absences - Safe Arrival

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-833-557-9420** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicater** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.



Our Welcome Team

Our Welcome Team is here to assist our new students and their families with registration procedures and connect them with academic and community supports.

Who Do We Help?

- Students new to Canada and would like to attend a Grand Erie School for the first and/or are transferring from another Canadian school board (including Ontario)
- International fee-paying VISA students
- International Exchange students
- School-aged children of a parent who is in Canada on a study permit
- School-aged children of a parent who has a Temporary Resident Permit, Cleric Permit, Ministry's Permit or Diplomatic Status (added)
- Student (ONLY 18 and above) accompanying a parent who is on a Work Permit (added)
- Refugee claimant who does NOT have the Refugee Protection claimant document
- Student who has applied for Permanent Residence status and is awaiting approval
- Foreign student whose parent is married to a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Student who has NO STATUS in Canada
- Student with NO DOCUMENTATION

What Can You Do Next?

- Make an appointment with our Welcome Team by calling: 1-888-548-8878, ext. 281031 or email welcome@granderie.ca
- Bring with you any immigration and prior schooling documents you have for your children to the appointment.



School Cash Online Payment Program



The Easy and safe way to pay for school items

- It's Quick, Easy and Safe
- Manage Payments for Each Child in One Program
- Your Banking and Personal Information is Protected

For safety and efficiency reasons, Grand Erie District School Board is reducing the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying online!

It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Follow these step-by-step instructions to begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the **SUPPORT** option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is SchoolCash Online?
SchoolCash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
[Learn more](#)



Register

Sign In

Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page granderie.schoolcashionline.com and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board name.
- Enter the school name.
- Enter your child's first name, last name and birth date.
- Select **Continue**.
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**.
- Your child has now been added to your account.

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the steps above. 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk
1-866-961-1803
parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com

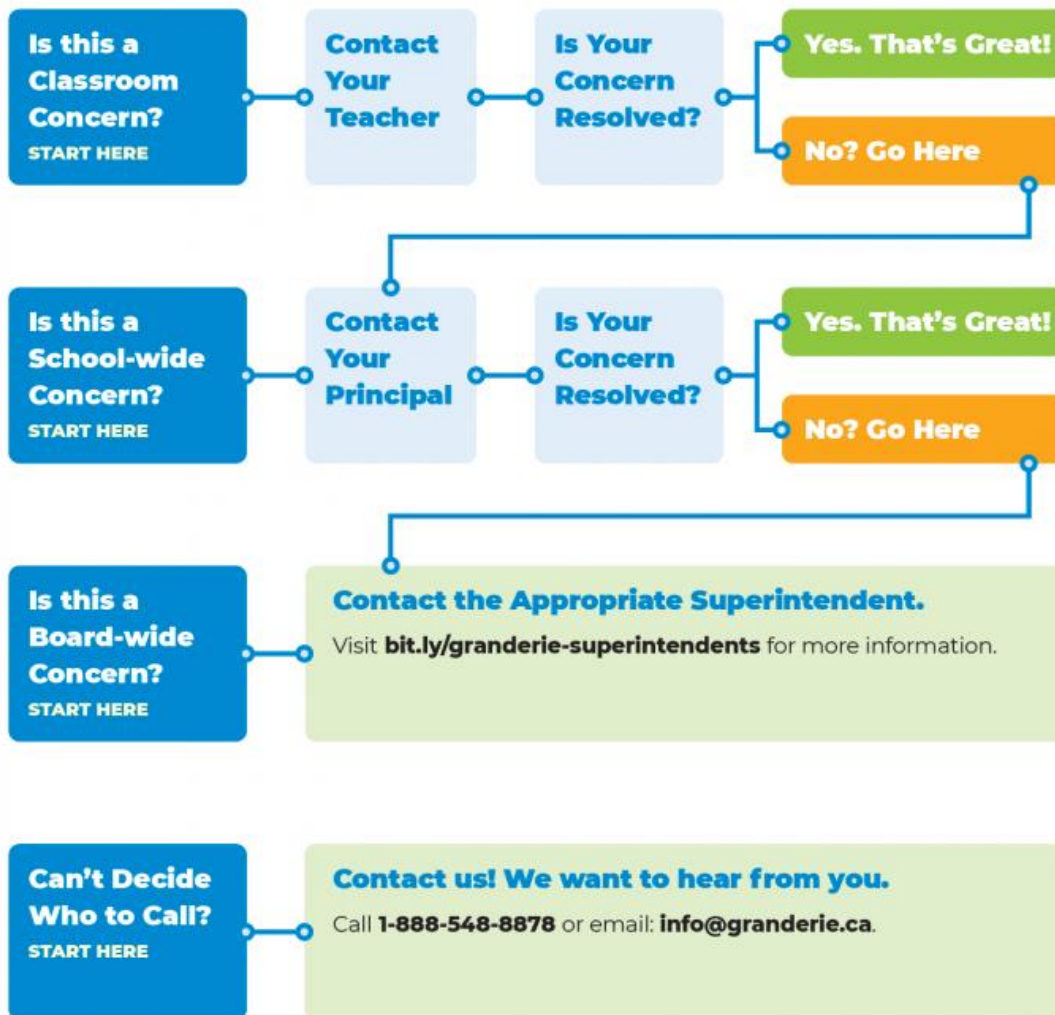


Parent/Caregiver/ Community Member Concern Chart



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



Grand Erie District School Board

Education Centre: 349 Erie Avenue, Brantford, Ontario N3T 5V3
519-756-6301 | www.granderie.ca | info@granderie.ca

Vulnerable Sector Police Check

Date:

TO: Cayuga OPP

RE: **Vulnerable Sector Police Check Request for Volunteer**

As the authorized representative of an organization that is responsible for the well-being of children and vulnerable persons, as defined in *Section 6.3(1)* of the *Criminal Records Act*, I hereby request that the police service identified above conduct a search pursuant to the *Act* with respect to the following person who will be volunteering at:

Name of Grand Erie Site or School: Hagersville Elementary School

In the city of: Hagersville, Ontario

Volunteer:

Name of Volunteer (Please print):

Signature: Date:

Signing Authority (Principal):

Name (Please Print): Shannon Love

Signature:  Date: 05/19/22

Please provide your police record name check results to the school principal in a sealed envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL: VOLUNTEER RECORD NAME CHECK RESULTS"