



CCPS Cougar News Bulletin

March 12, 2021



Dear CCPS Families,

It has been almost a month since my arrival at CCPS and I am happy to say that it has been a very welcoming school community. It is difficult to discern students' identities given that everyone is wearing a mask, but this will not be permanent as the circumstances of the pandemic improve over time, and I will surely learn more names each day.

Connections with our families are important to me, and I am making a concerted effort to find ways in which to interact with students and their families as opportunities present themselves. At this time visitor access to our building is limited and closely monitored with the majority of meetings occurring outside, or through Teams meetings. If you need to deliver items or drop off/pick up your children throughout the day, our administrative assistants will happily assist you at the front door. I look forward to a time when we can open our doors more fully and interact as a community in a free and traditional manner.

Ms. Kelly, CCPS Principal

Kindergarten Registration!

Kindergarten registrations for September 2021 have begun, and Grand Erie District School Board is preparing to welcome new classes of young learners. Parents of children who will be four years old by the end of 2021 will want to take note of deadlines and required documents to ensure a seamless start to their child's schooling this coming September. Grand Erie District School Board's Kindergarten classrooms are inclusive, fun environments, committed to setting children up for success.



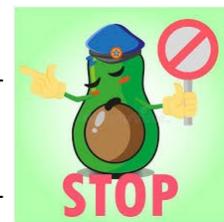
Parents of soon-to-be Kindergarten students can visit Grand Erie's website (granderie.ca) and click on the Kindergarten Registration banner for more information about the process. This includes finding their child's home school, which documents are required for registration, information about transportation, community resources, and before-and-after-school programs.

Kindergarten begins this fall for students aged four or five years old by December 31, 2021.

Kindergarten registrations can be done online. Those who cannot complete the online registration need to complete a fillable form provided by the school office. If parents require this form they need to call the school at 905.765.4860.

Food and Scent Allergy Awareness

We have students at Caledonia Centennial Public School with serious /life-threatening allergies and we need to keep everyone safe. We are PEANUT & TREE NUT AWARE, and no substitutes are permitted. In addition to allergies to nuts we have a student with an anaphylactic allergy to avocados. This allergic reaction is triggered by exposure to avocados and products containing avocados (including skin care products). Exposure for this student includes inhaling molecules of and/or touching or ingesting avocado.



We ask you to keep this in mind when preparing food for your daughter/son to take to school and to monitor what they are packing if preparing their own lunches. We also ask that you check the ingredients list on skin care products that your child(ren) may be using.

March Break Madness!



Starting Monday, March 15th, 2020, Caledonia Centennial P.S. will be participating in a “**March Madness**” week of celebrations! This is a fun-filled time of March Break themed activities to celebrate the usual week.

Date	Schedule of Event
<p>Monday, Mar 15</p> 	<p>Gardening Day– Student’s Council will provide each class with seeds and cups to begin growing flowers indoors, to hopefully move outside in a couple of weeks!</p>
<p>Tuesday, Mar 16</p>	<p>Sports Day – Each class picks their favourite sport to play!</p>
<p>Wednesday, Mar 17</p> 	<p>Leprechaun Day – Wear GREEN to celebrate this Irish holiday!</p>
<p>Thursday, Mar 18</p> 	<p>Beach Day – Dress Up in your favourite summer clothes! (But please bring appropriate clothing for recess time)</p>
<p>Friday, Mar 19</p> 	<p>Movie Day – Since theatres haven’t open yet, watch your favourite movie with your class!</p>

School Picture Day

Edge Imaging Photographers will be at the school on Tuesday, April 6. They will be taking the photos for all classes and this will include the Grade 8 Graduate photos. Additionally, students from the VLA will be permitted to have their photo taken from 8:00-8:30 p.m. or 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Parents who have children in the VLA have been instructed to call the school for the picture date. If by chance you have a neighbour or friend with a child in the VLE, we ask that you share this information with them.



Masks

Our staff and students have been diligent in wearing their masks according to the protocols set out by our local health unit and board directives. Students and staff wear these masks both in class and at recess when the whole school is out. When teachers take their classes out during instructional time closer supervision is possible and students are allowed to have a mask break as long as they are at least 6 feet apart.

When social distancing is not possible we ask parents to set an example for our student body, by wearing their masks while on board property. This is especially important at pick up and drop off times when larger groups of parents may be congregating while waiting for their children.

We appreciate everyone supporting the health protocols by sending their children with masks. Please consider sending your child with more than one mask in case they are soiled or become too moist throughout the day.



Reminder: On March 14th we need to move our clocks ahead an hour!

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E is for... Emotional Well-Being

Everything from a student's immune system to their grades can be affected by their feelings and moods. Studies have shown that students who take care of their emotional health experience better overall health, wellbeing, and academic performance.



Parents can support their children's emotional well-being by asking about their day at school, asking how they are feeling, and role modelling and teaching positive coping strategies before their kids actually need them.

Experiences with stress, sadness or low self-esteem are a part of growing up. However, when it begins to interfere with school, family or everyday living, it is time to ask for help.