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Dear Confédération Families;

We will be bringing some fun and cheer to December in anticipation of the holidays. See details below for our theme days. This will include a school-wide art project to create cards to share with some local long term care facilities.

December brings us to the end of another year. On behalf of the staff at École Confédération, we would like to wish all of our families a safe and restful holiday season. We hope the break provides you with the opportunity to relax, recharge, and spend some quality time together.

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith
Principal

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Vice-Principal



Dates to Remember:

Dec. 1-Last day to order LaBottega hot lunch
Dec. 10-Curbside pick up for Purdy's fundraiser from 4-7pm
Dec. 13-Candy Cane Day (wear red and white)
Dec. 14-Hot lunch delivery, Crazy Accessories day
Dec. 15-Ugly Sweater Day
Dec. 16-Flannel Day
Dec. 17-Fun Sock Friday, last day of school before the holidays
Januaey 3, 2022-return to school

Bus Stop Courtesy

We kindly ask that caregivers refrain from smoking or vaping at student bus stops. We appreciate your cooperation to protect the health and well being of our students and their families.

Parking Reminders

Just a reminder when parking on the streets around the school, it is important to be respectful of our school neighbours and to follow the parking rules:



-parking and stopping are allowed on only one side of the street (the side with the sidewalk). Signs are posted indicating this;

-parking is not allowed in front of a fire hydrant;

-please do not use our neighbor's driveways unless you have permission from the homeowner;

-parking is not permitted in the space between the corner of an intersection and the posted no parking sign.

-parking is not permitted in the lots for the townhomes next to the school as this is private property

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 drop off on site between 8:45 and 9:15 daily, and no pick up on site between 3:15 and 3:45. 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. This pass must be visible in your windshield so that our parking monitors are aware.

Student Injury and Illness

Students should not be contacting parents directly themselves on their personal devices/phones. All communication with parents in regards to student illness or injury that occurs during the school day must be done through an adult at the school. This might be a teacher, DECE, or the office staff. This is so that we can make sure that our attendance is accurate and that we know where all of our students are at all times. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Holiday Festivities at École Confédération

In terms of classroom celebrations, we will be following the same process that was used for Hallowe'en: All activities will be in the classroom only, within the designated co-hort, and at the teacher's discretion. Students will be able to bring in items for distribution to the class, so long as they are individually packaged. Any items for sharing must be nut free. Further direction will come from your child's teacher as participation is at the teacher's discretion, depending on what activities they have planned. Class will not be allowed to intermix for this.



Peanut/Nut Aware School

This is a peanut/nut aware school. Please do not send peanut based products, peanuts, or any nut products that may contain any of these items to the school. The safety of other children depends on this.

- Peanut butter substitutes are not allowed in elementary schools in GEDSB.
- Food is not permitted on the school playground at recess and at lunch. Students are permitted the opportunity to eat their snacks and lunches prior to going outside or immediately following the morning and afternoon recess periods.



Boomerang Lunches

GEDSB schools have been encouraged to implement a Boomerang Lunch Program, as we have here at Confédération. A Boomerang Lunch Program is where students are asked to bring all garbage and recycling from their lunches home with them, This includes all packaging and food waster. This program helps to reduce the amount of waste at schools.



Boomerang lunches are a way for us to continue to model and teach students about environmental stewardship. Here are some tips:

-If you choose to send disposable containers such as yogurt, apple sauce, and juice boxes, consider sending a resealable bag. Your child will be encouraged to place the empty containers in the re-sealable bag to be returned home. Many students who bring both items in resealable containers and disposable ones will pack the disposable waste in the resealable container to transport it home. This helps to prevent messy lunch bags.

In addition to the COVID-19 concerns with recycling food containers at school, the purpose of the boomerang program is to promote the use of reusable containers, thus reducing the amount of lunch waste being produced by our school. The collection, transportation, and processing of garbage as well as recyclable materials requires a significant amount of energy, putting strain on our environment. We are currently continuing with our paper recycling program, which is run by student volunteers in the school.

Boomerang Lunch Tips

Bulk up! Choose to buy food that is not over-packaged by buying items in bulk rather than single use containers and placing them daily in re-sealable containers. Example – buy the large yogurt containers and put it into a re-sealable container.

Let nature wrap your food for you! Oranges, bananas, apples and hard-boiled eggs all come with their own handy packaging.

Choose a permanent packaging solution Pack a waste-free lunch using items such as: - reusable lunch bag or box (look for a hard-plastic interior, as it can easily be wiped clean) - thermoses - reusable water bottles - reusable plastic containers - cloth napkins - reusable utensils

Avoid disposable, single use materials such as:

1. plastic: sandwich bags, plastic wrap, utensils
2. yogurt, pudding, apple sauce cups
3. drink boxes, drink pouches, pop cans



9 WAYS TO GREET FROM 6 FEET

1. A classic smile or wave

2. Take a bow or curtsy

3. Give the peace sign

4. Learn sign language for hello

5. Do an air high five

6. Throw your thumbs up

7. Place your hands over your heart

8. Have a distanced dance off

9. Give an air hug



School Council

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Purdy's Fundraiser. This campaign was a huge success with (sales, profit). All monies received will support enhancements to our library (furniture and technology) as well as purchasing items that benefit our whole school. Our Fundscript and Mabel's Labels campaigns continue. See flyers at the end of this newsletter.

In January, we will be launching a spirit wear campaign. Look for details in the new year. Our next virtual meeting will be on January 19th.

Email p-ces@granderie.ca if you would like the link to join the meeting.



WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW IF SOMEONE AT SCHOOL TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19



Not all students are at-risk if there is a positive case at school.



Public Health will follow up with close contacts, likely including the class cohort.



Close contacts will receive direction from the Health Unit regarding next steps.



We remind everyone to always monitor their health and stay home when ill.



Public Health will continue to monitor and notify parents/staff of risk as needed.

BRANT COUNTY HEALTH UNIT



Who is a close contact at school?

CLOSE CONTACT

You were within a 6 feet, or 2 metres distance for 15 minutes or more throughout the day.



Someone in your class, on your school bus or in your after school cohort.

You had close physical contact with the person, such as a hug.

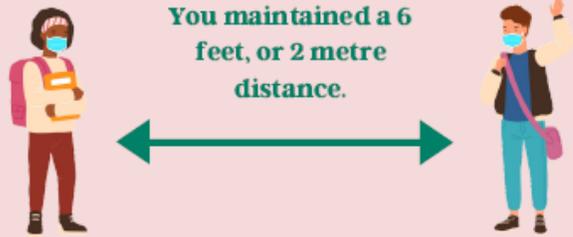


A person who accidentally sneezed, or coughed on you while talking in close proximity.



NOT A CLOSE CONTACT

You maintained a 6 feet, or 2 metre distance.



Goes to the same school, but is not in your cohort.



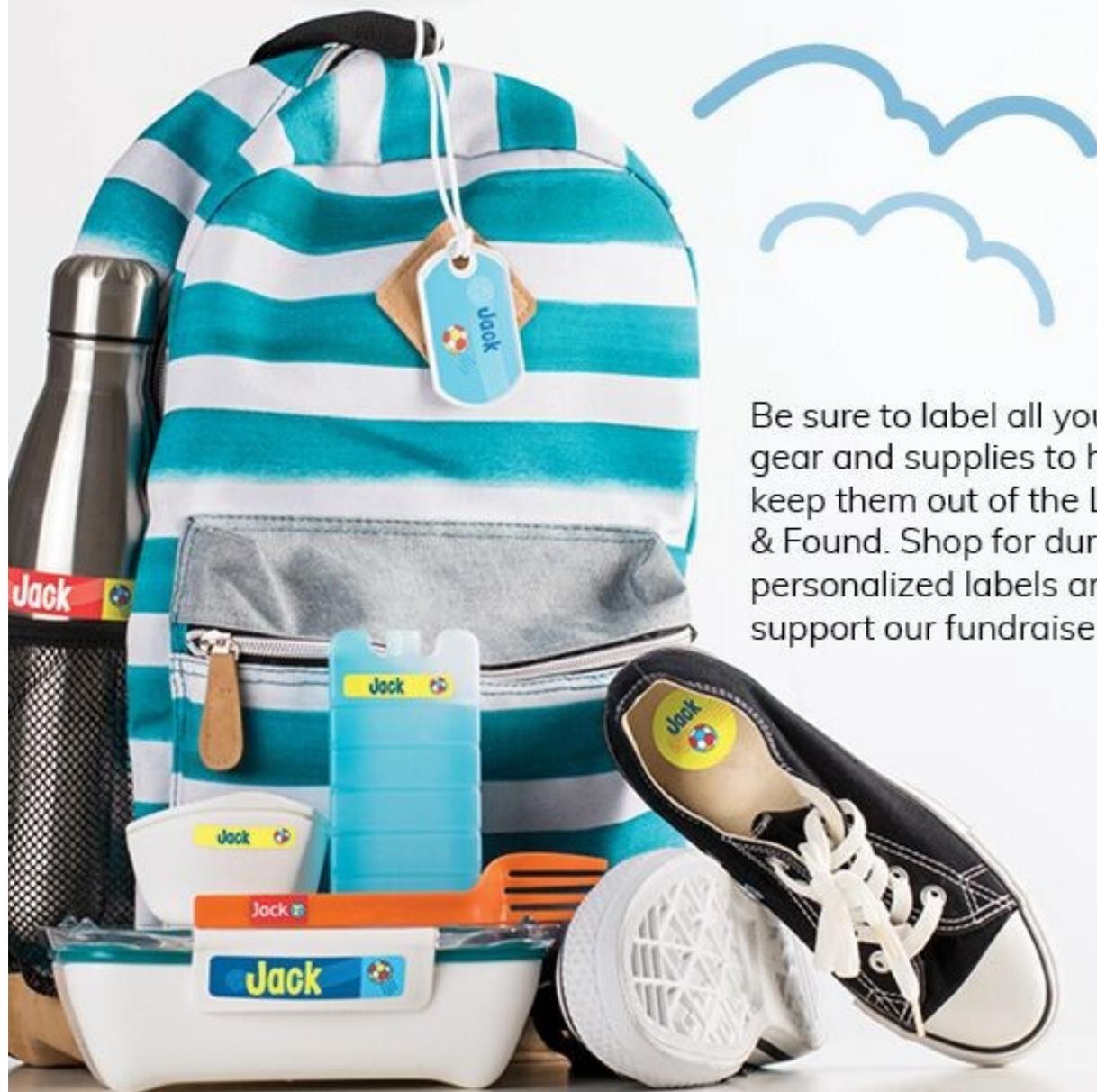
You were briefly in the same room together but kept your distance.



You passed a person quickly in the hall, or at recess.



Labels for the stuff kids lose!



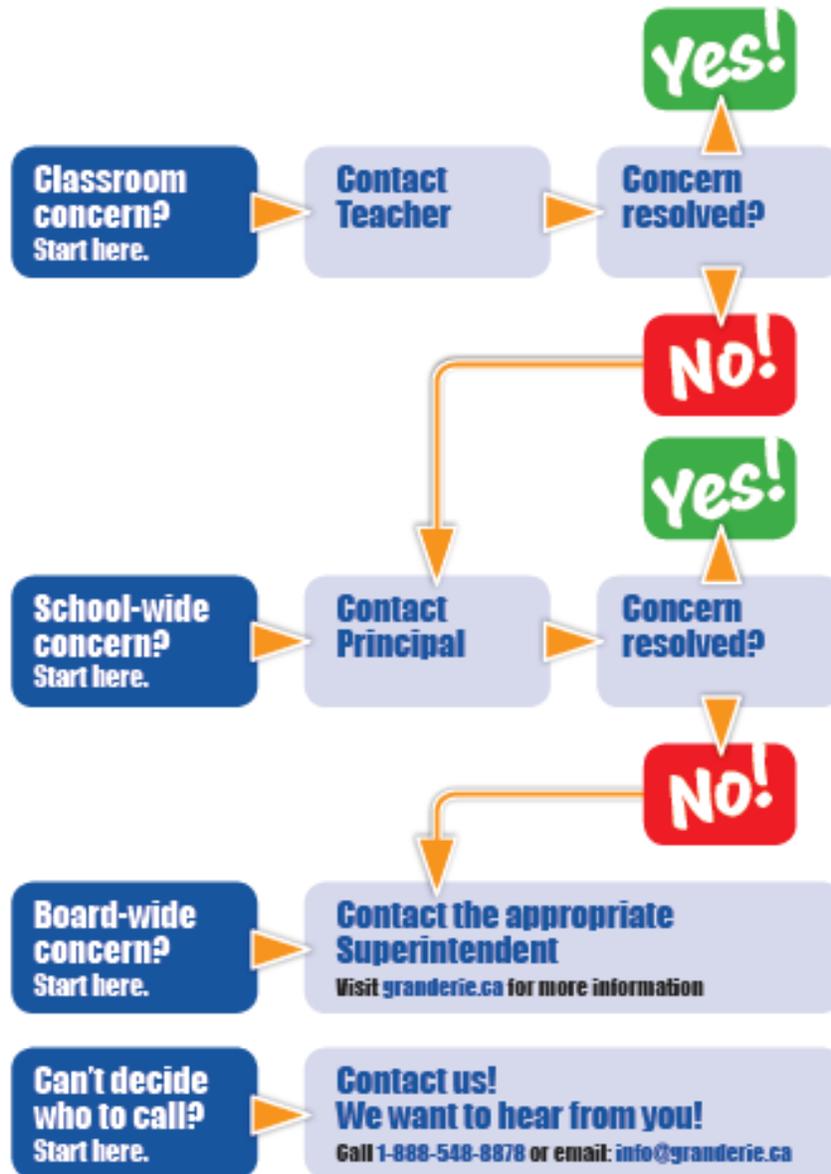
Be sure to label all your gear and supplies to help keep them out of the Lost & Found. Shop for durable, personalized labels and support our fundraiser!

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How to Get Help with a Concern



Your trustee can guide you through this process