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Dear Confédération Families;

As we move into March, we look forward to the first day of Spring and feel the hope of more moderate temperatures outside.

February proved to be a very busy month for us. We recognized Black History Month with a school-wide assembly, daily announcements, in-school displays of student work and individual classroom activities. Mme Guillmette's class also organized some carnival activities that aligned with our safety protocols. We thank them for all of their work on this.

A reminder to families that our spirit wear online store is available until March 18. Merchandise will be delivered directly to your home.

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith
Principal

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Vice-Principal

Important Dates:

March 3-Gr. 8 grad photos
March 14-18-Spring Break
March 18-Spirit Wear Orders Due
March 30-School Council virtual meeting



GEPIC Speaker Series: Internet Safety for Children and Teens – Paul Davis:

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Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee

GEPIC Invites Grand Erie Parents to Learn More About Internet Safety for Children and Teens

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Paul Davis is a renowned specialist in cyber safety and screen time habits with three decades' experience in technology and cyber security. He's presented to police forces and crime prevention groups, as well as the education sector, and is a regular contributor on radio and television news. The virtual event was planned by GEPIC, which works to bring quality programming on timely topics to empower Grand Erie parents.

Event Date: Thursday, March 3, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m.



Click this button to view the presentation on Microsoft Teams

School Council

Our spirit wear online store is open until March 18. All items will be delivered directly to your home. Details can be found here:

<https://www.schoolwear.ca/ECE/>



Our next meeting will be held virtually on March 30 from 6-7:30pm. All are welcome. Email the principal or vice principal for the link to the Teams meeting.

Rapid Antigen Tests

If you have used the 2 rapid antigen tests that were provided to your family and require additional kits, send a note to school with your child and we can send some home.





IMPORTANT INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

MY SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN ZONE:



What happens if there is inclement weather in Grand Erie (e.g., snow, ice, freezing rain, etc.)?

- * A decision on whether schools will be closed for the day will be made by 6:30 a.m.
- * If schools are closed, the decision will be posted on the Board's website www.granderie.ca and Twitter account (@GEDSB). It will also be shared with local media.
- * Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk will also communicate the decision to riders, post on Twitter (@STSBHN) and share on their phone line: **519-751-7532, ext. 7.**
- * There are two options for school closures: All Schools **OR** Schools by Zone:
 - * Grand Erie has four zones: **Zone 1** – Norfolk County; **Zone 2** – Haldimand County; **Zone 3** – Brant County; **Zone 4** – City of Brantford
 - * Grand Erie Students from Six Nations of the Grand River or Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation are located in **Zone 2** – Haldimand

Chipmunk App-Bus Tracker

STSBHN, the transportation department which provides bus services to the three school boards of our district, is currently piloting a new bus tracking application which allows parents to track their child(ren)'s school bus. We have been working with the app for a number of months now and are looking to expand its use to a few school communities across our district. If the expanded pilot is successful, we will rollout the application to an even greater number of schools.

The app is entirely free and is available on systems which run in iOS and Android platforms. The app is simply called Chipmunk (and is under the travel category).

To access the app, simply select the school board that your children attend and then log in with the same account that you use to access your child(ren)'s bus details from the transportation portal. Detailed information on how to access, login and use the app are available by visiting the Frequently Asked Questions page STSBHN's website (<http://www.stsbhn.ca/faqs>).



Labels for the stuff kids lose!



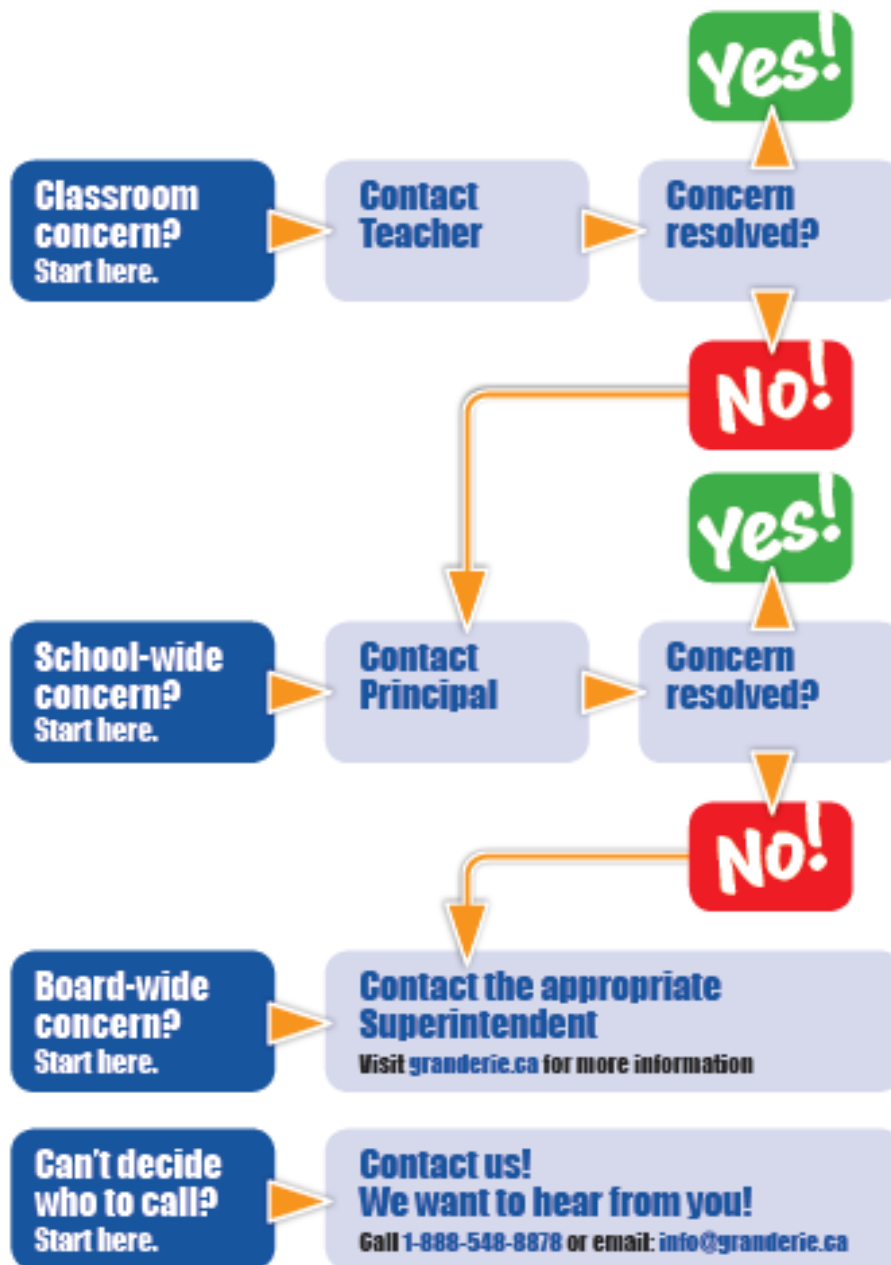
Be sure to label all your gear and supplies to help keep them out of the Lost & Found. Shop for durable, personalized labels and support our fundraiser!

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How to Get Help with a Concern



Your trustee can guide you through this process