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Bonjour Dufferin Families;

It is hard to believe that the last month of school is upon us. We thank all of our students and their families for another successful year, despite the many challenges that were presented.

June will be another busy month for us at school as we continue to wrap up the year with events like Kindergarten Orientation, Track and Field, DPC Year End Fun Fair, and Grade 8 Graduation. We remind students to check the lost and found bin located just inside the library. Any items that remain at the end of the year will be donated to charity.

Our next PD day will be on June 6, and our final day of school with students will be on June 29. As we work towards our planning for next year, families will be able to check the parent portal in late August to view class placements for September 2022.

Our main office will be closed for the summer from Friday, July 1 until Friday, August 26 (re-opening Monday August 29th). We wish all of our students and their families a restful and rejuvenating summer!

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith

Principal

dates to Remember

June 1-June 3: Gr. 6 EQAO

June 2: New to Kindergarten Orientation (4-5pm)

June 3: Intermediate Chess Tournament, Lacrosse workshop (Gr. 4, 5, 6)

June 5: Brantford Classic Run

June 6: PD day for assessment and reporting-no school for students

June 7:some Primary/Jr classes to play at BCI

June 8: Pizza Day, Jr. chess tournament, DPC 6:30 pm

June 10: Gr. 7 trip to Glenhyrst, DPC year end family event (4-7pm)

June 14-16: Gr. 8 trip to Olympia

June 15: Pita Pit Day, Tinker Truck Workshops

June 17: Track and Field

June 21: Intermediate Drama presentation (afternoon and evening)

June 22: Pizza Day

June 23: Gr. 8 Grad at BCI, 6:30 p.m.

June 24: Term 2 Reports go home

June 29: Last Day of School for Students

June 30: PD Day

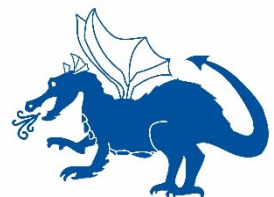
COVID-19 Daily Screening

Families are reminded that all Grand Erie students are required to conduct daily COVID-19 self assessments before arriving at school. You can access the online screening tool here:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

After completing the screening, follow the instructions on the screen. If the message says send your child to school, please do so. If the screening says do not go to school, you will need to keep your children home and follow the instructions on the screen. Thanks for your continued support in keeping our school environment safe and healthy as we continue to navigate the pandemic.

Rapid test kits are available from the school upon request.



Transportation

Changing addresses over the Summer? Let Transportation Know!



If you are planning on moving over the summer, please communicate directly with the transportation department to update them on your change in address. Their staff are working in the office in July and August and available to process your change requests over the summer to ensure that your new address is in their system and ready to receive services for the first day of school. Completed transportation requests forms can be sent to transportation@stsbhn.ca. Any questions can also be sent to transportation@stsbhn.ca or by calling 519-751-7532.

Volunteers

We thank all volunteers who helped us out in so many ways this year: from the snack program,



Strong Start, pizza days to classroom activities, we appreciate your support! If you were a volunteer at our school this year, your child will be bringing home a gift from us to you. A small token of our appreciation for all you do.

Visitors

All visitors to the school are required to check in at the main office and sign in. If you are coming to the school to drop something off or deliver an urgent message to your child, please do this through the main office. Caregivers should not be meeting students at the fence during outdoor times. We appreciate your cooperation!



Safe Arrivals Program

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school every day. To improve our safe arrival process, we have added a new system that makes it easier for you to report – and respond to – school absences of your student.

The new student absence reporting system lets you use a mobile app, a web site, or an interactive toll-free phone line to report an



absence in advance. As a result, it takes the school less time to verify student attendance, and less time to begin to notify parents and guardians of absences that were unexpected or unplanned.

This time savings makes it faster and more efficient to account for all students and their safety.

If your student is marked absent and the absence hasn't been explained in advance, our new SafeArrival system is able to rapidly contact you by automated phone call, text message, email, or mobile app push notification to get a reason for the absence. Calls and contacts will continue until you choose an option to explain the absence.

This new, automated SafeArrival process is part of our SchoolMessenger notification system from West, and our new SchoolMessenger mobile app for iOS and Android devices. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to make it convenient for you to report absences.

Thanks to all who have already used this process. We encourage all families to adopt this new method of absence reporting.



2022 YEAR END FUN FAIR!

FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH

4-7PM *At Ecole Dufferin!*

FOOD TRUCK!

ICE CREAM TRUCK!

CARNIVAL GAMES!

PHOTO STATION!

AND MORE!



Ticks: What you need to know

Lyme Disease is an infection resulting from a bite by an infected blacklegged (deer) tick. It is also possible to become infected with other diseases from American dog ticks.



Prevent Ticks



Cover feet, arms and legs with closed-toe shoes, and light-coloured long-sleeved shirts and pants.



Tuck pant legs into socks.



Apply bug spray with DEET or Icaridin on skin and clothing (put on bug spray after applying sunscreen).



After you get home from the outdoors, check yourself, family members, and pets for ticks right away.



Have a shower or bath within two hours of being outdoors.

Symptoms of Tick-Borne Illnesses

If you feel sick or notice any of the following symptoms after being bitten by a tick, see your doctor and tell them you were bitten.

- Circular red rash around the bite
- Fever
- Chills
- Swollen glands
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Weakness
- Dry cough
- Joint pain
- Muscle aches
- Stiff neck

Tick Removal

If you find a tick on yourself or a family member, follow these steps:

1. Remove the attached tick with tweezers (grab the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull straight out).
2. Wash your hands and apply antiseptic ointment to the bite area.
3. Write down the date and place where tick was most likely picked up and where on your body it bit you.
4. Take a picture of the tick and submit it to etick.ca for identification by an expert. For more information and how to submit, visit www.etick.ca.
5. If you think you have been infected by a tick, please see a doctor.

For more information, visit www.bchu.org

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Show Your Spirit!

Home Decorating Contest

Brantford residents are invited to show their Canadian spirit by decorating the exterior of their homes in red and white for the chance to win prizes!

Grand prize:

\$1,000 + a \$500 donation to the registered charity of your choice

5-runner up prizes:

\$200 each

Register to enter by Wednesday, June 8, 2022 and decorate the exterior of your home by June 22, 2022.

[Brantford.ca/ShowYourSpirit](https://brantford.ca/ShowYourSpirit)

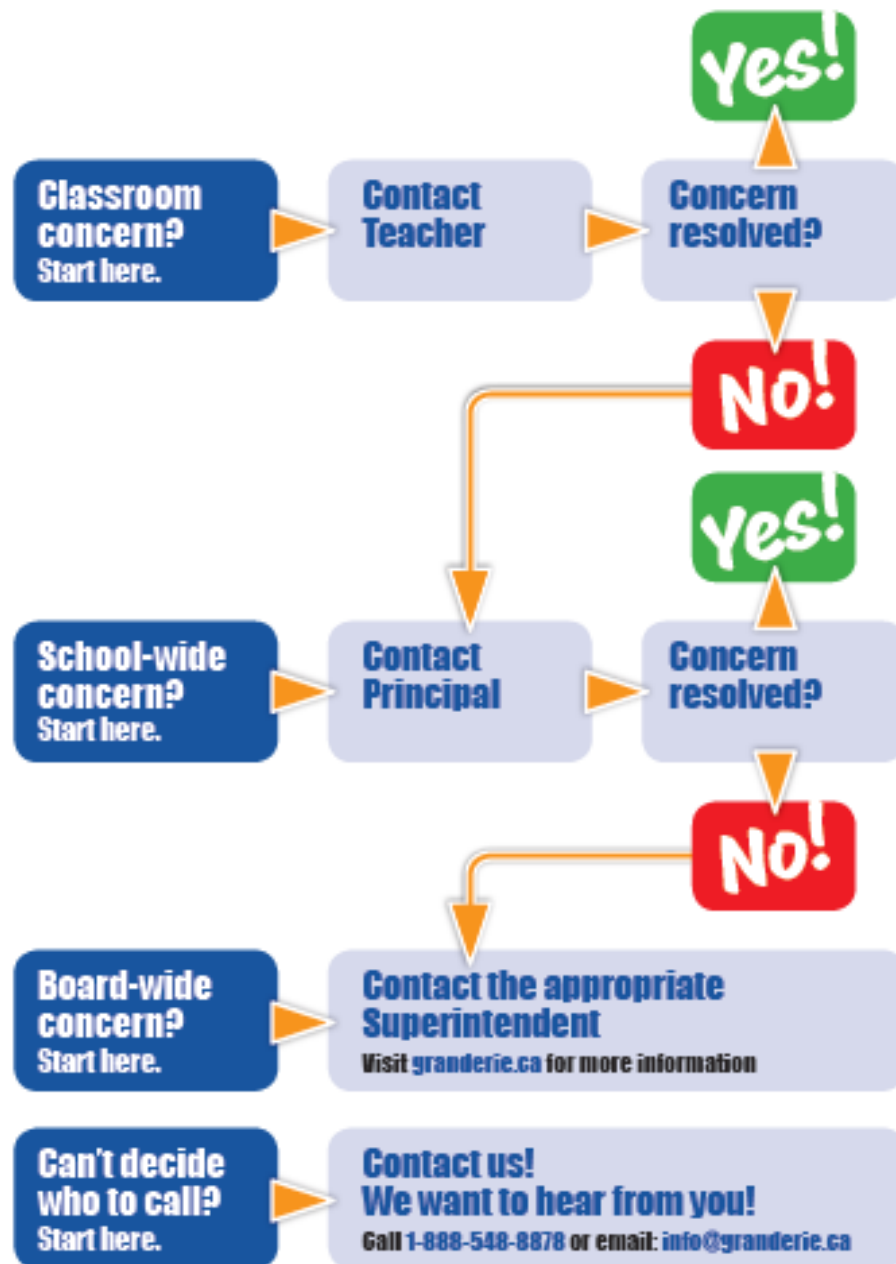


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How to Get Help with a Concern



Your trustee can guide you through this process