

From the Hornet's Nest ...

Safe Arrivals Program

Please call or email the school at

519-759-4570 or

s-gwo@granderie.ca if your child is going to be away or late.

We have an answering machine for you to leave messages outside of regular school hours. It saves us so much worry if you call us.

Thank you very much!

MEET THE TEACHER

Our annual Meet the Teacher will be Tuesday, Sept. 20th between 5 & 6:30 pm. Watch for more information coming home in agendas!

School Council

Our first school council meeting will be 5:30 pm on Tuesday, October 4th in the Enrichment Room, just off the parking lot. All parents welcome!

September 2016

Welcome Families!

As we embark on another school year, it is time to reflect on what goals we have and where we want to be by the end of the school year and beyond!

A reminder to access information on our Face Book page as well as through Twitter @CentennialGw. And you can add events and activities, ideas and exciting school moments at #CGW_GEDSB ... we look forward to our digital footprint continuing to expand positively again this school year!

We have a number of upgrades to this year to our school – the gym has been painted, we've removed the carpet from the stage, and we have OUR NEW SCHOOL SIGN! Thank you to everyone who has contributed ideas and fundraising support to support our endeavor to purchase a school sign!

We continue to travel the path of a school striving for GOLD as an eco-school. This past year we achieved SILVER status! Please remember to send lunches and snacks in reusable containers. Also, a plastic water bottle with a lid with your child's first and last name clearly printed on it is encouraged. Thank you for helping us GO GREEN!

Here at CGW we believe that students reach for the stars and strive to be their best when others support them in their endeavors by participating in the school where they attend. There are many ways to support the school – not always during the school day. If you would like to find out more about how you can participate as part of your child's school, please contact us at p-gwo@granderie.ca and we'll connect you with a way to participate! Please remember that all volunteers must have a valid police check, including vulnerable sector check. You can obtain a letter from the school office to request a police check at the police station.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions, concerns, comments, ideas, etc. We can be contacted at 519-759-4570 or at p-gwo@granderie.ca – we encourage your communication!



Fragrance Free Zone

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE STAFF AND STUDENTS WHO ARE SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE USE OF SCENTS. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM WEARING STRONGLY SCENTED DEODORANTS, HAIR PRODUCTS, ETC. AND PLEASE, NO PERFUMES OR COLOGNES. THANK YOU.



CENTENNIAL-GRAND WOODLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL



HARASSMENT

The Grand Erie District School Board has a zero tolerance policy toward all forms of harassment. The Board is committed to providing a working and learning environment that is free of harassment, which supports productivity and the personal goals of dignity and self-esteem of every individual. The Board expects all students, staff and visitors to behave in a respectful, courteous and appropriate manner at all times. The Board will respond to all forms of unacceptable behaviour in a manner consistent with the Board Policy, Procedure on Harassment. To view the policy, please visit the Board's website at <http://granderie.ca> and select the drop-down menu titled Board.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Meet the Teacher Night will be held on **Tuesday, October 3rd** from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Please enter the school through the front door and have your children direct you to their classrooms, teachers will be available in their teaching areas to meet you, and your children will be able to show you what they are working on.



COMMUNICATION

The monthly school newsletter will be sent home with your youngest child at the end of the month and will also be on our school website. It contains important information for you about the events and routines at CGW. Please look for this newsletter every month. Teachers will also send home monthly newsletters. We also use the agendas to share upcoming events, etc., with you. Finally, you can find information on our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cgwps) page at or on the website at <http://www.granderie.ca/schools/centennialgrand>

STAFF DIRECTORY

S. Clark – Kindergarten	M. Goold – principal
E. Jones – DECE (kindergarten)	B. Jones – secretary
B. Johnston – 1/2	J. Dalby – secretary
K. Turnbull/C. Keller – 2/3	K. Robb – Learning Resource
B. Decker – 4	L. Dunham – Library/Prep
T. Hanratty – 5/6	L. Leskien – Library/Prep
J. Gordon – 5/6	N. Naisbitt – French
P. Hunter – 7	A. DiFelice – EA
J. Malig – 7/8	L. Fennel – EA
D. Stenton – special education	R. Potts – EA
M. Soden – special education	S. Elliott – EA
J. Reeder – special education	D. Wilson – EA
A. Walker – special education	D. Legere – EA
S.D'Alessandro – special education	A. Procter – EA
Miranda McKnight – School Health Nurse	K. VanBradt – Custodian

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Each school must have a School Council made up of parents and staff members. This is mandated by the Ministry. The purpose of the School Council is “to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.” The council must be composed of parent members, one teacher, one other school employee and the principal. A community representative is appointed by the other members of the council. The council meets at least four times a year and all meetings of the School Council are open to the public. Meetings are held at the school. Meeting dates are always advertised in the school newsletter. The role of the council is to make recommendations to the principal of the school or to the board. Topics such as fundraising activities, use of agendas, EQAO plan, school plans, and policies are covered. The board also seeks input on policies, etc. If you would like to be a parent member on the CGW School Council, please attend the first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, at 5:30 p.m.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:45 a.m. – Supervision starts on the yards. *Students cannot be on the school yard before 8:45 a.m.	
9:00 a.m. – Bell rings and Instructional Time starts	9:00 - 11:00 a.m. – First Instructional Block
11:00 - 11:40 a.m. – First Nutrition/Activity Break	11:40 a.m. - 1:20 p.m. – Second Instructional Block
1:20 - 2:00 p.m. – Second Nutrition/Activity Break **Students can go home for “lunch” at this time.	
2:00 - 3:20 p.m. Third Instructional Block	3:20 p.m. – Dismissal for all students

SAFETY CONCERNS

NUT ALLERGIES

We have some students who have nut allergies and could suffer an anaphylactic reaction to a food that contains nuts or nut products. **Please do not send nuts or foods containing nuts with your child .**

You will have to check foods such as granola bars carefully. If your child does bring a food that contains nuts we will ask him/her to take it back home. There is always the danger of the nuts getting on a child’s hands and being transferred to a water fountain, door handle, or computer keyboard.

We appreciate your support in this very critical measure we need to take to keep all of our students safe and healthy.

PLAYGROUND EXPECTATIONS

Students are encouraged to have fun outside, but there is to be no tackling and/or rough play. **No body contact is the rule!** Look out for others when running or throwing. **Bullying is out!** There is no place at our school for put-downs, teasing, threats, etc.

Stay safe! Once students arrive at school, they are not to leave the school property. Students are to remain behind the yellow line at the rear of the building.

The wooded area, the low area behind the houses and the fence which borders the playground are **out of bounds** to students. **The community playground at the rear of the field is out of bounds.**

Remember to use safe equipment! Tennis balls, sponge balls, basketballs and footballs are **IN**. Skateboards, golf balls, lacrosse-type balls, hard balls and roller blades and scooters are **OUT**.

SAFE SCHOOLS POLICY

A reminder that all parents and visitors must enter our school by the front door and report to the main office. This is part of our “Safe Schools” policy to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Parents and visitors who go past the office for any reason need to **sign our visitors’ book and wear a visitor’s tag** that will be issued at the office.

Please do not enter the school at other doors or encourage students to open other doors for you. We appreciate your support with this important routine.

PARKING

Please pick up or drop off students on Ellenson St. or at Evelyln St. or Allenson St. off the park. The parking lot is intended for staff. Student safety becomes an issue when cars are entering and exiting the parking lot during arrival and dismissal times. Students are asked to use the sidewalks on their way to and from school, rather than walking across the parking lot, to ensure their safe arrival and departure.

In addition, walking through the parking lot with your children is not safe. Please use the sidewalks to enter/exit the property for the safety of everyone.



LUNCH EXPECTATIONS

ALL students are expected to remain in their seats during eating time. They are to wait until the end of eating time to dispose of garbage, use compost bins, put away belongings, etc. If a student needs to use the washroom/get a drink, they are to ask the permission of the staff member on duty prior to leaving the room.



STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parents are asked, if feasible, to please send their children to school with a pair of clean, dry runners to wear during gym for safety. If this is not possible, every effort will be made here at the school to ensure students are prepared for physical activity in a safe manner.

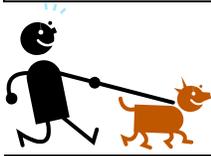
Agendas will be provided to most of the students – some classes have opted for communication books instead of school-issued agendas. Please encourage your child(ren) to share these with you on a regular basis.

Although students are not asked to bring any specific school supplies, if you as a parent choose to provide them with their own personal supplies such as rulers, pencils, erasers, calculators, etc., please be sure to clearly label ALL of their items with their first and last name.

ATTACHED INFORMATION/FORMS

It is imperative that these forms be completed and returned to the school NO LATER than Friday, September 11th.

- SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR
- STUDENT GUIDE TO ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET: Please discuss with your child, complete both student and parental acceptance sections, and return to your child's teacher.
- NUTRITIONAL BREAK/ACTIVITY PERIOD FORM: Please complete and return to your child's teacher.
- STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE APPLICATION AND INFORMATION SHEET
- FUNDRAISING INFORMATION & PERMISSION



For the safety and comfort of all our staff, students, families and visitors, please DO NOT bring your pets on the school yard to pick up or drop off your children. This would be the same when you are coming to a school event that may be outside. Thank you!

Peanut-Free "Peanut Butter"

There's a peanut-free soy nut butter product on the market that says it's a peanut butter substitute and safe for schools. Grand Erie District School Board requests that parents and staff refrain from bringing this product into our nut-aware schools.

If the product is peanut-free, then what's the big deal? This product looks, smells, and tastes like peanut butter. The concern is that some children might mistakenly think it is okay to bring peanut butter sandwiches in their lunches when they see their classmates eating the soy product. We simply cannot run the risk of any student or staff member being exposed to peanuts, as this may cause an allergic reaction. The safety and health of our students and staff must come first.

For more information on the Board's Anaphylaxis (allergic reactions) Procedure SO115, please visit www.granderie.ca. Thank you for your cooperation.

We presently have students in our school who have anaphylactic reactions to peanut butter and other nuts. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.



CGW Milk Program!

Many families have been taking advantage of the milk program at Centennial-Grand Woodlands School. It is a convenient way of providing cold, nutritious milk to your child(ren) for lunch!

If you are interested in a milk program one lunch per day each day of the week, please indicate this by completing the information below. If we have a reasonable number of participants, we will start the milk program.



Student Name(s) and Grade(s):

Sending Money \$\$\$ to School!

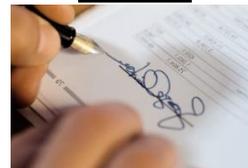
Please note that a significant amount of money and number of forms come to the school each day. In order to track all of the information and money, it is imperative that you follow the system we have put in place to ensure there are very few errors...



ALL money must be in a sealed envelope or baggy with your child's first and last name, classroom teacher, amount of money and purpose of payment clearly marked on the outside.

ALL permission forms and notices must be DATED, SIGNED, and indicate your child's first and last name.

CURRENT INFORMATION SHEETS



As mentioned previously, we need to update our current information for our new data base. Please fill in as much information as you can. If the information is wrong, please put a line through it and print the correct information above or below it or in the same box if there is room. Please return these forms along with the accident insurance forms and the trip forms as soon as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

It is imperative that this information be accurate in our database. Please return this form to the school IMMEDIATELY. Thank you!!!

If we do not have your email address and you wish to receive notifications such as newsletters, forms, etc. from the school via email, please ensure we have your email by filling it in on the current information that came home with the newsletter. Thanks!



Sign up for important updates from Ms. Goold.

Get information for CGW right on your phone—not on handouts.

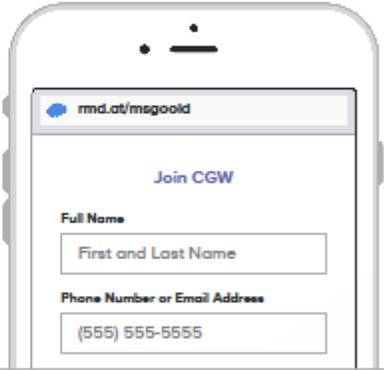
Pick a way to receive messages for CGW:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

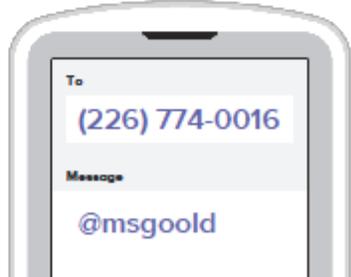
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Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @msgoold to the number (226) 774-0016.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/msgoold on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.