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**This is the one and  
only paper copy of  
our newsletter this  
year. All others will  
be electronic. Yay!!**

## Message from the Principal

Fall 2018

Hello awesome Port Rowan families!

I hope this message finds you healthy and happy! After a beautifully, warm summer on our fantastic Lake Erie, my wish is that we are rested and rejuvenated in order to build another fabulous school year together.



I am really looking forward to working with parents and guardians throughout the year. I encourage all of our families to become as actively involved with school as possible. Your support is welcome and needed to promote your child's learning and school experiences, and to help us provide a wide range of experiences for our students.

New to our school, we extend a warm welcome to Ms. Keast who will be teaching Grade 4 this year. Ms. Keast is local to our Port Rowan community and looks forward to creating many great community partnerships. Mrs. Christopher will be teaching Grade 7 this year. She has taught in our school in the past and looks forward to reuniting with many of our kiddos. Mrs. Neal is looking forward to being our new Learning Resource Teacher extraordinaire. This position will continue to be half-time and Mrs. Neal will be here full days every other day. And last, but certainly not least, Mrs. Fitch will be joining us full-time now and will be teaching grade 5 this year. We all know how fortunate these kiddos will be! This bunch, together with the rest of our awesome staff, are sure to make this school year one of the best!

I know that we are going to have an excellent year at Port Rowan Public School in 2018-19. We will continue to provide an outstanding education for your children and also lots of opportunities to grow socially and emotionally. I look forward to working with you to make your child's school experience the very best that it can be!

Sincerely,  
Lynda Kilpatrick

Visit our school website <http://www.granderie.ca/schools/portrowan> to keep up to date with news, events and dates; we post school newsletters on the website.

Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/PortRowanPS> (@PortRowanPS)

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# OUR STAFF

**KinderA** – Mrs. K. Johnson and Mrs. S. Ecker

**KinderB** – Mrs. E. DeSerranno

**Gr. 1** – Mrs. L. DeCloet

**Gr. 2** – Ms. T. Graham

**Gr. 2/3** – Mrs. E. Johrendt

**Gr. 3** – Miss S. Moulton

**Gr. 4** – Ms. C. Keast

**Gr. 5** – Mrs. S. Fitch

**Gr. 5/6** – Mrs. C. Gubesch

**Gr. 7** – Mrs. J. Christopher

**Gr. 7/8** – Miss T. Hutchinson

**French** – Mme. C. Macsai

**Learning Resource** – Mrs. J. Neal

**Primary Prep** – Mrs. A. Long

**Music** – Mrs. H. Chwastiak

**Educational Assistants** - Mrs. M. Baese and

Mrs. K. Kingsley

**Custodian** – Mr. D. Sinden and Mr. W. Courtney

**Caretaker** – Mr. J. Van Hooren

**Secretary** – Mrs. D. Havens

**Principal** – Ms. L. Kilpatrick

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sept. 14** PD Day  
**Sept. 19** Meet the Teacher  
**Sept. 23** Donnybrook Fair – Tug of War  
**Sept. 27** School Photos  
**Sept. 28** Terry Fox Run

### *Electronic Communication – The Way of the Future!*

*We will be using electronic communication as much as possible to send you updates, newsletters (from now on), calendars and important messages throughout the school year. Not only is it environmentally friendly, but you will be able to receive it immediately on your phone or other devices and not worry about it being lost forever at the bottom of a backpack. (Lol!)*

*Look for tweets, Facebook posts and emails sent through School Messenger.*

*Please update the office with your most current email, or let the office know that you would prefer a paper copy of these items.*



## bell schedule

<b>8:30-8:45</b>	Supervision on Yard
<b>8:50</b>	Classes Begin
<b>10:30-11:10</b>	Nutrition Break #1
<b>1:10-1:50</b>	Nutrition Break #2
<b>3:10</b>	Dismissal



**"A Gentle Reminder"**

### Student Information Forms

Student Information Sheets have already been sent home. It is very important that we receive these back at the school with any correction to the information, as soon as possible so our files can be updated. This is especially important in an emergency situation, if we need to contact parents/guardians.

### Attendance is so important for your children's success at school and we love to have them here!

The Ontario Education Act requires students to attend school regularly and arrive on time (the entry bell rings at 8:45am). **Please call the school before 9:00am if your child will be absent or late.** This is so helpful to us as we make sure all your children are safe and sound and where they should be within that first hour of the school day. Please phone 586-3541 each day of your child's absence. Messages may be left on the school answering machine between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 a.m.



**Healthy Snack Program** will begin September 18th, courtesy of many kind donations! Thank you so much to Mrs. Michelle Brazeau, Mrs. Jackie Casier and that entire hive of amazing snack builders that I see in our staff room weekly busily putting together bins of yummy



**See attached flyer for easy online purchasing of any of these items.**

**Agendas are available for primary, junior and intermediate students to purchase for \$5.00**



**Hot Lunch** program will be offered again this year. Forms will go home in the next couple of weeks



**Milk Program** will be ordered monthly this year. Thanks to Mrs. Gubesch and her grade 5/6 students for running this program like a well-oiled machine!





**Your child's safety is so very important to us!** All elementary schools in Grand Erie District School Board are locked for their security. We'd love to see you, so please buzz the office to gain entry. Once in the school please go directly to the office so we can help you with your needs. We will make sure your child gets safely to and from their classrooms without meeting someone who may be a stranger to them along the way. Our staff members wear badges at all times and volunteers are given badges at the office so your kiddos will always know when someone is okay to be in their learning space.

### Fire Drills and Safety Drills

Fire Drills will be practised 3 times in the Fall and 3 times in the Spring. Students will also practise safety drills which are used to prepare them in an emergency situation. A variety of reasons may necessitate having the students stay in the classroom or the immediate evacuation of the school at any time.



### We are a "Nut Aware School"

We appreciate the cooperation of all families to keep nut products out of the school. We have a number of students who have mild to severe allergies to peanuts, peanut products and tree nuts. We are committed to doing our best to ensure the safety of all of our children. For this reason, we ask that you do not send any peanuts, peanut products or nuts to school in your child's lunch. **Please be sure that your child does not bring nuts or nut products to school.** *E.g. nuts in any form, peanut butter, peanut oil, baked items containing nut products, foods cooked in peanut oils such as home style potato chips.* On behalf of our students and their families, we thank you for your cooperation with, and consideration of, this request.

Visit the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit website, for some ideas for peanut / nut free lunches and snacks: <https://hnhu.org/health-topic/peanutnut-safe-lunches/>

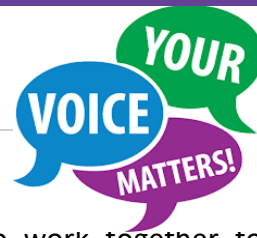
### Volunteers

We so appreciate all of our volunteers, who help and support in so many ways at Port Rowan Public School!

The Grand Erie District School policy dictates, in order to ensure the safety of all our students, that volunteers require a **police check** before they may work with students in any capacity. This includes classroom assistance, volunteer driving, assisting with school trips and school organizations such as the Port Rowan Parent Group & School Council. **Please know that volunteers cannot work with students in any capacity without providing a current (within 6 months) police check which includes a vulnerable sector search.** So make sure you visit the office early in the year to receive a letter from Port Rowan School requesting a police check to avoid that disappointment when that awesome school trip comes up that you'd love to attend! You are required to present this letter to the police department. Police checks are valid for 3 years.



# Other Important Stuff



## Port Rowan Parent Council

Our Parent Council is an advisory body of elected volunteers who work together to maintain good communication among the school, parents and community. The PRPC works hard to organize a variety of special events, fundraising, and programs throughout the year, which meet the needs and interests of the families in our school community.

Any parents, guardians or grandparents are more than welcome to participate in the PRPC. By sharing ideas and information, we strive to provide the best possible learning environment for all our students. All interested parents are welcome to attend any or all PRPC Meetings. You do not need to be a member of the PRPC to attend. Meetings usually occur once a month, on a Tuesday night, starting at 6:30 pm.

**The first meeting for the Port Rowan Parent Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The agenda includes elections for Chair or Co-Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer. We will also be forming subcommittees for fundraising, grant applications and events that evening.**

All parents are welcome to attend. It's going to be a great year for Parent Council!

## Accident Insurance Requirements for Students

Student accident coverage is recommended and voluntary for parents to consider for their child. It is important for parents to understand that the Board does not provide insurance for students against any accidental death, disability, dismemberment or medical expenses that might occur as a result of an accident during school activities, including sporting events and field trips. "Insure My Kids" protection plan is made available to parents, at low cost, to provide benefits for dental injuries and other accidents which may occur through participating in high-risk activities. In fact, there are options in the package for coverage outside of school hours including holidays and weekends. Please see the brochure sent home for information or visit [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com). Many parents may have accidental coverage as part of their employers benefit plan. It's important for parents to review their plans to make sure they have the necessary coverage for high-risk activities. Parents may want to consider purchasing additional personal coverage to reduce the anxiety associated from an injury to their child.

**Grand Erie District School Board requires that all parents declare whether or not they have accident insurance. A declaration form was sent home at the beginning of the school year for parent/guardian review and signature.**

## Exciting Happenings in our Grand Erie District School Board: Focus on Equity

This year, to demonstrate the embodiment of the Multi-Year Plan, Grand Erie has created a video series focusing on Equity, one of the six indicators. Equity is a part of everything Grand Erie does, from the supports provided to students and staff, to the events and activities the board honours and celebrates. Equity is a guiding force. These videos tell just four of the many stories of students and staff embracing Equity. This first video highlights Matt Peaire, a Simcoe Composite School student who came out as transgender in Grade 11, and found support in his Guidance Teacher Jason Dale. Watch Matt's Story here

<https://bit.ly/2C1RZa5>





For more info on the Multi-Year Plan visit <https://bit.ly/2or827z>





# SEPTEMBER

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Labour Day Holiday	4 Day 1  Welcome Back	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4  Assembly to start the day!	8
9	10 Day 5	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 P.A. Day No School	15
16	17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 1  <b>MEET THE TEACHER</b>  5:30-7:00	20 Day 2	21 Day 3	22
23  Tug of War	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 1	27 Day 2   Photo Day	28 Day 3  	29
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# School Cash Online Payment Program

## The *easy, and safe* way to pay for school items

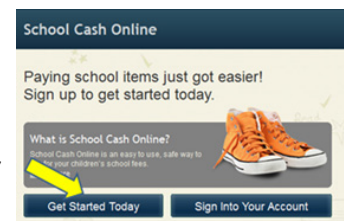
- It's Quick, and Convenient
- Manage Payments for Each Child in One Program
- Banking and Personal Information Protected

For safety and efficiency reasons, Grand Erie District School Board is reducing the amount of cash & cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Follow these step-by-step instructions to begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

**NOTE: If you require assistance, select the SUPPORT option in the top right hand corner of the screen.**

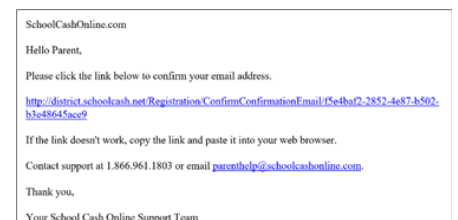
### Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page [schoolcashionline.com](http://schoolcashionline.com) and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps \*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.



### Step 2: Confirmation Email

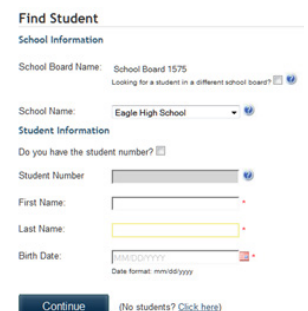
A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



### Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name.
- Enter the School Name.
- Enter Your Child's First Name, Last Name and Birth Date.
- Select **Continue**.
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**.
- Your child has been added to your account.



### Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the steps above. 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.



School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk  
1-866-961-1803  
[parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com)





# School Cash Online Payment Program

## myWallet

myWallet is a convenient, safe and reloadable online wallet that can be used to store funds and pay for your child's items on School Cash Online.

### Step 1: Load Funds to your myWallet

- Sign into [district.schoolcashionline.com](http://district.schoolcashionline.com), click on myWallet.
- Click "Add Funds to myWallet" and use your preferred method of payment to load funds.
- Check your email for a receipt that says: "myWallet Add Funds" and the corresponding amount. Note: an item has NOT been purchased in this step.

### Step 2: Purchase an Item

- Once funds have been loaded to your myWallet, click on "Items". Select the item you would like to purchase.
- Click "Add to Cart". If you have more items to purchase, click "Select More Items". Select "Checkout" at the top right corner when done shopping.
- Choose myWallet as the method of payment. Note: your available myWallet balance is displayed, ensure there are enough available funds to cover the price of the item. If not, repeat Step 1 and return to complete the checkout process.
- Check your email for a receipt that lists the item that was purchased.

## Trouble Shooting Rejected Payments

- The payment is flagged as Rejected\*\*
- The parent and school are notified by email
- A banner appears when the parent logs in to the school cash online account

One of your recent payments has been Rejected. Click [here](#) to pay for the item(s) again.

- The parent must click on the word "here" on the banner to re-pay for the rejected item(s).
- New items that have been posted, will not appear on the list until the rejected item(s) have been repaid
- Once the rejected item has been paid, the new items will be available for the parent to purchase

\*\* Rejected payments may occur due to incorrect banking information or non-sufficient funds



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