



September 2018

Grandview Grizzlies

Grandview Public School News

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Principal's Message:

Welcome back for the 2018-2019 school year! We, the staff of Grandview Public School, are excited to embark upon a new school year. We hope everyone had the opportunity this summer to create memories and to prepare themselves for a school year filled with fun and learning!

We look forward to working together with our Grandview families, students, staff, and community partners to provide a successful and rewarding year through a variety of academic, social, and extra-curricular experiences.

We will keep you informed of what's happening at our school through monthly newsletters and our school website. <http://www.granderie.ca/schools/grandview> There you will find links to school news and transportation. We also have a Twitter feed on our website if you would like to see some of the activities at the school.

My name is David McGaghan. I have worked for the Grand Erie District School Board for over 20 years. My name is a bit difficult to say, so I have been known as Mr. M. my entire career. As an administrator, I was a V.P. at Agnes Hodge in Brantford and the principal at J.L. Mitchener School. I look forward to meeting both the students and community this year.

ATTENDANCE ROUTINES

Student Attendance is checked twice daily. Unless you, as the parent/guardian, have contacted the school to explain that your child will be late or absent, the school office is required by Board Policy to verify all absentees. For your convenience, an answering machine is attached to the school's incoming phone line and messages can be left during the evening and night time hours to inform the school if your child will be absent. Please state your child's name and the teacher's name of his/her class when leaving your message.

Sign in and Sign Out

The Board of Education requires that all students who arrive at school late or leave the school early must sign in and out at the office. Parents who pick up their children during the school day for appointments must sign their child out of the school. Parent volunteers, co-op student, maintenance workers and Board personnel are required to sign in and out. A Log Sheet is located in the office.

Bus Cancellation/School Closure

In the event of bus delays, cancellations or school closures:
Visit the GEDSB website: <http://www.granderie.ca> or
<http://www.stsbhn.ca/>

Grandview School is located in ZONE 4.

Our 2018-2019 Staff

Kindergarten - Michelle Maloney (LTO for Ms. Kneale)	E.C.E. – Val Tansley
Grade 1 – Brandi Bean (LTO for Ms. Coulter)	French – Cheri Chettle
Grade 2/3 – Sarah Elliott	PREP – Karen England/Katy Smith
Grade 3/4 – Lisa Marshall	L.R.T. – Suanne Decroos/Katy Smith
Grade 4/5 – Carrie Deruytter	E.A. – Nicole Hanchiruk
Grade 5/6 – Doug Murray	E.A. – Mary Anne Gratton
Grade 7/8 – Renee Smith-Douglas	E.A. – Mark Jarrett
Grade 7/8 – Sean Bradford	E.A. – Kathy Bromhall
Grade 7/8 – Cory Eisenbach	E.A. – Tracy Boyes
ASD classroom – Ashley Howes	E.A. – Dana Drury
Secretary – Jo Ann Doris	
Custodians – Barb Haig & Lorraine Giles	
Principal – David McGaghran	

A Few Important Notes

Upcoming Dates

September 14	PA Day
September 20	Meet The Teacher
September 25	School council Meeting
October 2	PA Day
October 3	Immunization Grade 7 & 8
October 8	No School/Thanksgiving Holiday
November 15	Parent Teacher Interview (Night)
November 16	PA Day

School Grounds

To avoid congestions at the front of the school and in the front entrance children enter and leave the school grounds on the kindergarten pen side of the school. In the morning students are asked to proceed to the back of the school and not congregate at the front. Parents are asked to please not go on the backyards. Parents are asked to please check in at the office when you drop your child off, arrive to pick up your child for an appointment or have something to drop off for them. **Please do not park in the bus zone.** We all want a safe secure environment for our children. Also, smoking on school property is not permitted, we would ask parents who smoke to please refrain from smoking near school grounds for the benefit of the children. Although we appreciate pets, please be sensitive to those who are “pet sensitive” and do not bring your pet on the school grounds. We ask that children do not arrive before 8:55 unless they are arriving for staff organized extra-curriculars.



Cell phones

We understand the importance of cell phones in this day and age. However, there is a time and place for their use at school. Cell phones are not to be out on the school grounds or used in the school unless it is a designated time by a

teacher. If you need to contact your child during the day, please contact the school office. Your support in this manner would be greatly appreciated. This includes texting as it disrupts the learning of the class.

Head Checks

One of the unfortunate realities of school is the possibility of head lice. As a result of this we do periodic head checks. We are looking for volunteers to do these occasional head checks. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the school. As always, volunteers will need a police check completed. If you are looking for more information about head lice and board policy please go to:

<http://www.granderie.ca/Board/Bylaws%2c%20Policies%20and%20Procedures/Documents/SO101%20Pediculosis%20%28Head%20Lice%29.pdf>

Volunteers

At Grandview we love to have parent volunteers, whether it is assisting a class on a trip, being involved in a reading program, or part of our parent council. Please contact your child's teacher to see how you can be part of our child's education at the school. Please note that we must have a current Police Check on file and all volunteers must complete [Accessibility Training](#). This Accessibility Training can be found on the board website Sign up now and we will pay for your police check.

School Council News

School Council Nominations due to principal by 3:25 PM on Sept. 18, 2018. Elections will be on Sept. 25, 6:00 pm, in the library.

The School Council is the voice of the parents to the school administration. We act in an advisory capacity to the principal and school administration as we all work towards improving the quality of the school experience for our children. Throughout the year School Council ran the hot lunch program and other fundraising activities. Meetings are usually held the second Thursday of every month at the school at 6pm. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. On September 25th, we will be holding our nominations and election of the Council and we invite any interested parents to join us. This is open to all parents of students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Nomination forms can be found on the school website and in the office.

Agendas

Primary and Junior students are expected to use an agenda. The cost of the agenda is \$5.00. Agendas are a great way for students to remain organized and on task. Please send the money in with your child or buy it through School Cash Online.

School Cash Online



Please remember to sign up for School Cash Online. www.schoolcashonline.com. Please see the attached flyer for more information. We would love to become a cash free school.

Nutrition Breaks

All students stay for the first nutrition break 11:05-11:45. For second nutrition break – 1:25-2:05 students are able to leave the school property – with signed permission only. Look for the Lunch Permission form to sign and return. As

student safety is number one priority, your child(ren) will not be allowed to leave without permission. If your child(ren) stay for lunch regularly and are to leave on occasion you must send a note stating, they have your permission to leave.



NO NUTS PLEASE

Peanuts and all other nut products will cause life-threatening allergic reactions in several children in our school. For this reason, we ask that you NOT send nut products (including peanut substitutes) of any kind to the school. Parents are asked to read product labels carefully. Please reinforce with your child(ren) the importance of not sharing or trading their food at school.

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 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 for information or visit 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 is being sent home at the beginning of the school year for parent/guardian review and signature.

Harassment Statement

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://www.granderie.ca> and select the drop down menu titled Board.