



# NORTH WARD SCHOOL

Success for Every Student

107 Silver Street, Paris, ON N3L 1V2 519-442-2311

SEPTEMBER 2018 ISSUE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 19-21 Book Fair
- Sept. 20 Meet the Teacher  
5:00-6:30 pm
- Sept. 28 Superstar Assembly—  
9:00 am  
Terry Fox Run from  
2:00-3:00 pm
- Oct. 2 P.D. Day
- Oct. 8 Thanksgiving



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

The 2018-19 school year has started very smoothly here at North Ward. The teachers have reviewed school /class routines and rules and all students have settled into their new classes.

We welcome to the North Ward staff this year: Mrs. Clark, Vice Principal; Mr. Sinke, gr 6/7 and Mr. Sheldrick, LTO gr. 7 until Christmas.

Our school focus will again be on teaching fundamentals in math. This will be the topic of discussion during our Professional Development Days throughout the school year.

North Ward is very lucky to have so many dedicated teachers that commit to, not only their classrooms, but to provide many extra-curricular activities as well. If at any time you have concerns about your child, please contact your child's teacher for further information.

Ms. C. Shaheen, Principal

## SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

8:25-8:45 AM	Yard duty begins
<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>School Starts</b>
10:45-11:25 AM	Nutrition Break
1:05-1:45 AM	Nutrition Break
3:05 PM	School Ends

Please Note: Being at school on time is an important part of routine for students.

A reminder that **school starts promptly at 8:45 am.**

## MEET-THE-TEACHER NIGHT

We look forward to seeing our parents at our the Meet-The-Teacher Night scheduled on Thursday, September 20 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.



## SCHOOL PARKING REMINDERS

We have limited space available for parking here at North Ward. Please remember there is a second parking lot down the street, alternatively street parking is also available. This will allow you to walk your child(ren) onto school property safely.

## WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS

As part of our **Green School** initiatives please note we have two water bottle filling stations at our school. Thank you for helping our environment.

## STRONG START READING PROGRAMS - VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you are interested in volunteering for Strong Start please email Mrs. Clark at [shantel.1.clark@granderie.ca](mailto:shantel.1.clark@granderie.ca). Program goals include: assisting young children in learning some initial reading skills, building community by encouraging those who live and work in the community to be involved in supporting its children and to provide a meaningful volunteer opportunity. Training is provided.

## SIGNING IN AND OUT

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

## ATTENDANCE ROUTINES

Student Attendance is checked 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 to call to clarify this. 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 to inform the school if your child will be absent. Please tell us your child's name, teacher AND a reason for the absence.

## HARASSMENT POLICY

Please be advised of the Board Policy regarding 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://www.granderie.ca>.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

We watch the weather very closely here at North Ward School! If there is extreme weather, we make the decision to keep students indoors. This decision also includes in the morning before school starts. If the bell rings early please know that we have supervision in place for students, and you're kindly asked to drop your child(ren) off outside for them to be supervised by staff indoors.

We also believe in the importance of fresh air and exercise, students need to come dressed and prepared for all sorts of weather conditions, please ensure hats, gloves, mittens, boots, and extra socks are packed as the weather begins to get cool. Thank-you!

## STUDENTS WITH HEALTH RISKS & NO NUTS POLICY

We are updating our files on students who, due to allergies, asthma or other conditions face significant health risks while at school. A number of students have precautions or require medications to be accessible for possible treatment and the school needs to be aware of their location and prescriptions. The Grand Erie District School Board requires that the appropriate medical forms be completed and kept on file at the school. Copies of these forms can be obtained at the office. Please be aware that school staff are not permitted to dispense medication to any child unless the appropriate forms are completed.

**WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL** Peanuts and all other nuts and nut products will cause life-threatening allergic reactions in some children in our school. For this reason, we ask that you please not send nut products 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. The families of children with these allergies along with everyone at North Ward School thank you for your support throughout the school year.

## PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE—September 2018

### Welcome Back North Ward Parents! Our first fundraiser is coming soon!

We are so excited to offer a Healthy Fundraiser that can be educational, exciting and profitable.

The students will be selling Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables to our school community which will also be supporting our local economy and Ontario farmers. It is a win-win!

40% of all sales from Fresh From the Farm will go directly to the school. Our goal is to sell 200 of each Bundle, that's \$2400 profit! **Details to follow!**

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

If you are interested in helping with our hot lunch program we are looking for needed volunteers! Please email us at:

[nwps.parentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:nwps.parentcouncil@gmail.com)

With adequate volunteers we will begin our hot lunch program in October.

## Grand Erie District School Board: Focus on Equity in 2018-19

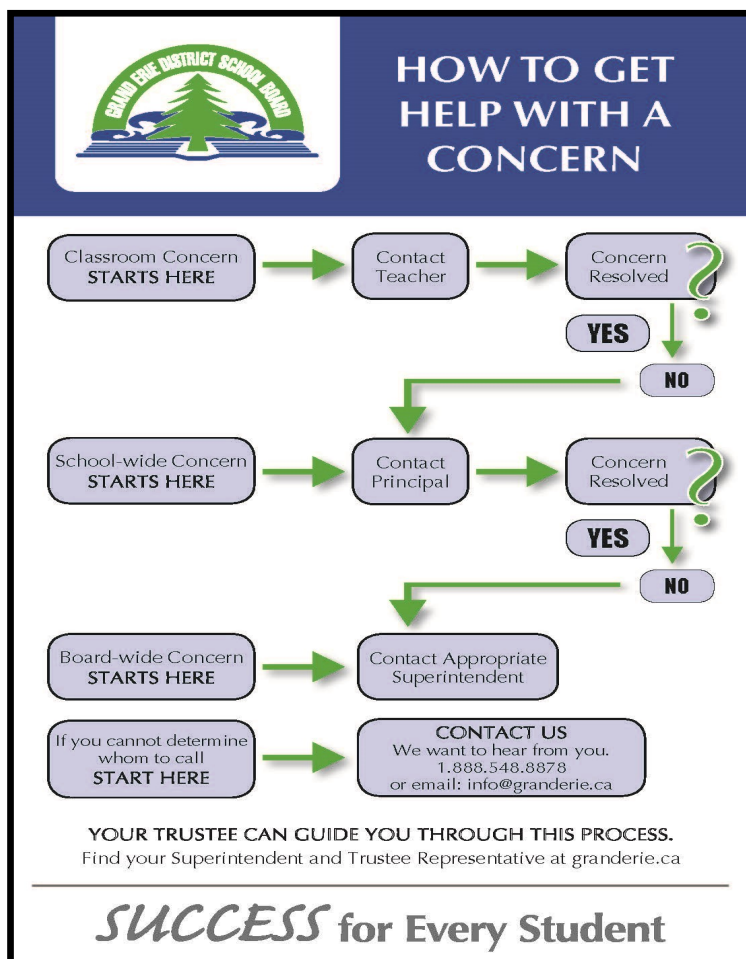
In 2016, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work that the school board is doing. At the centre of this Multi-Year Plan is *Success for Every Student*. Grand Erie will achieve *Success for Every Student* through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The six indicators that support Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan are: Achievement, Well-Being, Equity, Environment, Technology and Community.

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>



**DOGS!** We thank you for keeping all dogs off the yard at all times.

--- cut here ----- cut here ----- cut here ----- cut here-----

In order to support our **Green School Initiative**, we would prefer to send all newsletters via email. The following form is **ONLY** for those who have requested a paper copy of our school newsletter.

## NORTH WARD SCHOOL PAPER COPY NEWSLETTER REQUEST

Yes, I would like to receive a monthly school newsletter as a paper copy.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Classroom Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_