



Banbury Heights School

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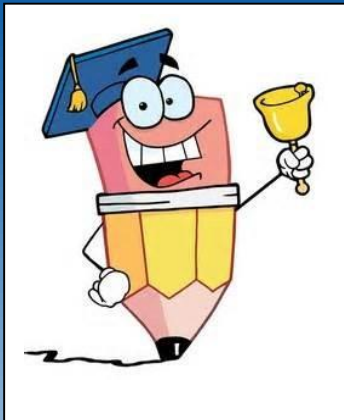
Pete Ashe

Vice-Principal

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Office Secretaries

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BELL TIMES

8:45 am: Entry Bell

10:45am – 11:25am:
First Nutrition Break

1:25pm – 2:05pm:
Second Nutrition Break

3:05pm: Dismissal

Well it's hard to believe, but we have officially said goodbye to the summer and have dived right into the new school year. Welcome back to our returning students and a special welcome to our new students. We are very pleased to have you join our "Braveheart" community and look forward to the exciting year ahead!

For the many of you, the school procedures and expectations are "old hat" but for our new families, please read through the first several pages of your child's school agenda as many of your possible questions have been addressed there. Our newsletters and all things Banbury can be found by reaching our school website at: www.granderie.ca/schools/banbury

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Meet the Teacher Night will be held on **Wednesday, September 12** from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Between 5:30 and 6:15 pm, your child will have the opportunity to become your personal tour guide as you are invited to drop into your child's class and meet the teacher. Additionally, we will be arranging for some food trucks to be at the school so that you are able to purchase dinner and mingle with teachers and friends after classroom visits are completed at 6:15.

The purpose of this night is to allow parents and guardians to meet their son/daughter's teachers, find out some information about the curriculum being taught (as well as classroom expectations), and find out ways in which you can support your son/daughter's learning at home. **(Please note, that Meet the Teacher Night is not structured to provide an opportunity for one-on-one discussions with teachers.)** Should you require a one-on-one appointment with your child's teacher, you are welcome to make those arrangements accordingly with your child's teacher.

Also, we would like to welcome *Mrs. Maria Medieros* who will be teaching Grade 2/3 and *Miss Breanne Hughes* who will be teaching Grade 3/4. We would also like to welcome *Mrs. Jen Wilson* who will be covering prep and Grade 4 French. Welcome to the Braveheart Family!

Being Late *IS* a big deal...



As a school, we set targets to achieve in terms of improving attendance. Frequent lates have a very negative impact on student learning. Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late:

5 minute late (arriving after the bell) means getting into class 5 minutes later than friends and means 3 days of learning lost each year.

Being 15 minutes late means losing two weeks learning per year.

As you can see, lost learning time quickly adds up and impacts on children's academic progress, sense of responsibility, as well as friendships and relationships with others in the school. Please help your child by encouraging he or she is prepared to leave home on time and arrive at school between 8:25 and 8:40am.



In the event of any emergency at the school which requires us to contact parents, it is essential that we have home, cell and work numbers and the name and telephone number of an emergency contact who is readily available and willing to care for your child in the event you are not available. Please make sure the school Emergency Information Form for each of your children is up to date.

IF THE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION SHOULD CHANGE DURING THE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS

Please note that any student requiring medication at school **MUST** have the appropriate paperwork completed and signed by their physician annually. It is important that this paperwork is ready to go for the beginning of the school year. The school is unable to store or administer any medication (e.g. Tylenol, allergy medicine, puffers, and prescription medicine) without the proper paperwork on file. Please contact the school if you have any questions, if there is a change in your child's medication or, to receive the appropriate forms.

TERRY FOX RUN

On Thursday September 27th Grade 4 – 8 will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Run. Grades 4 to 8 will once again be going to Kiwanis Field for the event, hosted by Pauline Johnson School. Buses will leave the school at 11:45 am and return by the end of the school day. Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase.

On Friday September 28, In the afternoon, Banbury will host the Halyk /Fox run. In memory of our friend and teacher Mrs. Dimitra Halyk as well as to celebrate the loves of all those who have been affected by this terrible disease. Weather permitting, ALL Students will line up outside in their lines following afternoon recess break and complete laps until the end of the school day. In case of inclement weather, laps will be walked in the school. Please look for more information to come in the weeks ahead.

Visitor ID tags:



Parents and guests must always sign in and get a visitor's pass if they are entering the school any further than the front foyer. If you are coming to collect your child, please inform the office upon your arrival and the secretary will intercom him or her to meet you at the office. We thank you for your cooperation.



Please note that all food purchases and field trips will be payable using School-Cash-Online.

This program is quick, easy and safe and will eliminate the need for students to carry cash to school for such purchases.

- You can manage payments for each child in one program
- Your banking and personal information is protected

Register by following the easy steps below: Visit www.schoolcashionline.com

Select "Get Started Now" and follow the steps to register

- After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.
- School staff showcase items for purchase in a School Cash Catalog and post it to the Parent Site. From there, parents receive email notification, check the Parent Site and click through to pay. Funds are moved electronically from the parent's bank account to the school's bank account.
- A short video tutorial is available at the following link:
<http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>

Should you have any difficulty in using or accessing the School Cash Online system, please follow these steps: Navigate to your browser settings by going to the gear icon typically in the top right area of your web browser. Proceed to Advanced Settings. There, you need to check off TLS 1.1 and TLS 1.2, and hit the apply button to accept the changes.

For more information and support contact the Parent Help Desk at:

1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com

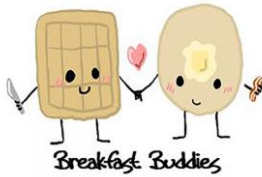
For any other questions, please feel free to contact the school at 519 751-0142.



Orange Shirt Day is an event that started in 2013. It was designed to educate people and promote awareness about the Indian residential school system and the impact this system had on Indigenous communities for more than a century in Canada. It is held annually on September 30 in Canadian communities with students and staff being encouraged to wear an orange shirt to school on Friday, September 28



The Arnold Anderson Sport Fund is a local charity organization that serves financially disadvantaged families in Brantford and Brant-County. We assist parents and caregivers who may have limited financial freedom to provide opportunities for their children to experience an active lifestyle in an organized sport. We believe that participating in sport has many recorded and documented values for children and youth but also to families and to the community. Eligible County of Brant families can apply once a year to receive financial sports grants of up to \$350 (per child) to use toward registration fees for the sport of their choice. **Application forms can be downloaded from our school website.**



Breakfast Buddies: Once again, New City Church will be providing breakfast for Banbury students. We expect this to begin on Monday, September 24 and will run every Monday and Friday mornings before school until the third week of June provided that school is open. Information and a permission form will be sent home with your child. When you receive the form, please be sure to fill it out and return before September 24 in order to give consent for your child to attend throughout the year. **They cannot participate without it. No exceptions!** Once they have had breakfast they will proceed outside at 8:35. All Banbury students are welcome and the permission form provides consent for the entire school year!

Entry Times: For students who do not go to Breakfast Buddies, we start supervising the playground at **8:35 am**. Please do not send children to school before this time. If there is inclement weather and a student happens to be here early, the doors may be opened, but not before 8:30 am. Unless a student is participating in Breakfast Buddies and has signed consent to do so, please don't arrive too early.

Life Threatening Allergies



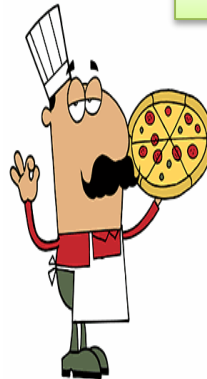
While many children have allergies, some children have life-threatening food allergies. We understand that many parents are becoming increasingly concerned about foods that can cause severe, adverse, allergic reactions and rely on your support to ensure the safety of all students. Please help us to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all students, by not sending any snacks or lunches that contain nuts of any kind.

HEALTHY SNACKS AND SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS

Brant Food for Thought will once again be providing students with Healthy snacks twice a week (Tuesday's and Thursday's) during first nutrition break. As always, the snacks adhere to allergy and nut free standards, and for students with specific allergies (i.e. gluten, dairy) we will also accommodate for these special considerations. We need your help! If you are willing to volunteer some of your time in preparing these snacks for classroom delivery, please give us a call. Our School Council needs you!

Calling all parents, grandparents, neighbours too.... Do you like helping kids out and have fun doing it? Well then, this is for you.... Come join your Banbury Snack Squad. We prepare fresh fruit, veggies, and other healthy food items twice a week. Have an hour? No problem! The squad operates Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:45 a.m. until finished prepping. But if you need to go, we won't stop you!

PIZZA DAYS/PITA WRAP DAYS



Pizza Days for students who wish to participate will be every Friday at second nutrition break. All orders are to be made using School Cash-Online.

PITA WEDNESDAYS



Banbury will be offering pitas from Pita Pit every other Wednesday beginning Wednesday September 26. (Second nutrition break). All orders are to be made using School Cash-Online

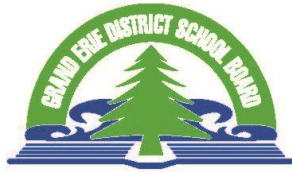


Kernels popcorn will be available for purchase during nutrition break starting September 11. We are offering 4 delicious flavours that comply with the Healthy Schools incentive. New this year, Kernels Popcorn is donating 10% of their profits from their butter salt flavour to Autism Speaks Canada. Thank you for your ongoing support of the intermediate students at Banbury.

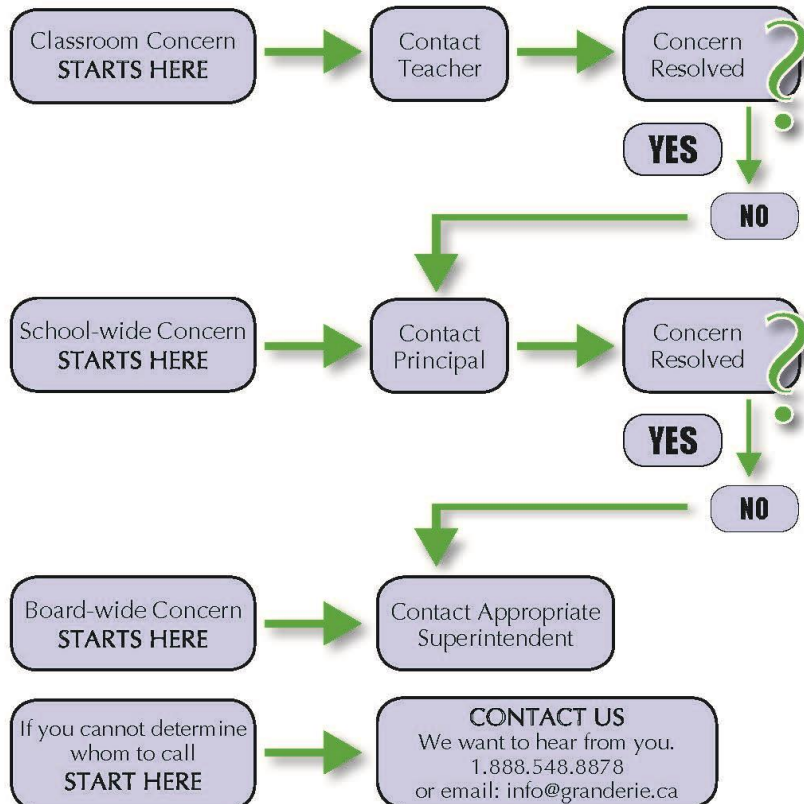


The Milk Program will be up and running again in October. Milk is provided every Tuesday and Thursday at a cost of \$1.50 per 250 ml carton of milk. Milk is paid for on a month to month basis. Please check School Cash Online for details.

September is going to be HOT! HOT! HOT! Jumbo Freezies will be sold last break beginning the week of September 10th and continue until they are sold out. \$1 for a whole or \$0.50 for a half!



HOW TO GET HELP WITH A CONCERN



YOUR TRUSTEE CAN GUIDE YOU THROUGH THIS PROCESS.
Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at granderie.ca


SUCCESS for Every Student

Lock Down and Fire Drills


It is likely that one of each will be performed before Thanksgiving while the weather is nice. Teachers will prepare the students before any drill so that the kids know what to do and that the lockdown drills are just practices.



The School web-site is up and running at (www.granderie.ca/schools/banbury). We will be trying to keep the web-site up-to-date. Please feel free to check the web-page for information such as inclement weather closures, special events, etc. Otherwise, if you have questions, feel free to give the school a call at (519)751-0142, or search for our Banbury page on Facebook.



Banbury School Council is **always** excited to welcome any new members at **any time!** We are small but mighty! With you, we can make an even bigger difference for our kids. However big or small, your contribution matters! Our first meeting of the year will be on **Tuesday, September 18 at 6:00pm** in the school library.



Agendas are being provided to each students. They cost \$5 each. If you have not already done so, please purchase one for your student (Grade 1 to 8 only) on School Cash-Online.

The Grand Erie Harassment Statement:

As school begins each year, we are asked to remind people of the following:

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

September Important Dates:

Sept 12 – Meet the Teacher's Night (5:30-7:30)
Sept 13 – Pizza Lunches begin
Sept 14 – P.A. Day (No school for students)
Sept. 18 – School Council (6:00pm @ Banbury)
Sept. 21 & 28 – Pizza Days
Sept 24 – Breakfast Buddies begins
Sept 27 – Terry Fox Run (Jr/Int- Kiwanis Field – pm)
Sept 28 – Fox/Halyk Run (at Banbury)

Other Important Dates:

Sept 3 – Labour Day (obviously...)
Sept 8 – International Literacy Day
Sept 9 – Grandparent's Day
Sept 10 – Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)
Sept 11 – Muharram (Islam)
Sept 19 – Yom Kippur (Judaism)
Sept 21 – International Day of Peace
Sept 22 – Autumn Equinox
Sept 24 – Sukkot Begins (Judaism)