



ELGIN AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL



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WELCOME BACK!

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I know this is going to be an exciting year for your child(ren).



Join us on Sept. 13th from 5-6pm for our "Meet the Teacher" event.



Peanuts/Nuts

Please **do not** send peanut or nut products to school due to life-threatening allergies. This includes nut-butter substitutes such as Wow butter and Pea-butter.



Nutrition Breaks

Break #1 is 10:20-11:00 AM

Break #2 is 12:40- 1:20 PM

Students go outside first then come in to eat.

SIGN IN

- ❖ **ALL** visitors AND parents **MUST** report to the office immediately upon entering the school
- ❖ For the safety of all our students, parents are not allowed to go directly to classrooms.
- ❖ Yard Supervision starts at 8:30am. Students should not arrive to school prior to this time. Parents are required leave the playground at 8:30am.



Picture Day

Photo day is October 17th. More information will come out later.



BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM

We are very excited to be continuing to implement a school-wide bullying-prevention program called WITS. The WITS Program brings together schools, families, and communities to help elementary school children deal with bullying and peer victimization. The program includes 2 components:

The WITS Primary Program for students in kindergarten to grade 3 and the WITS LEADS Program for older students. Both use a literature-based curriculum to bring the WITS message into schools and involve families and community leaders to create responsive communities for the prevention of peer victimization.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Parents who are interested in becoming members of our parent council will need to complete a self-nomination form. These forms are available in the school office and must be returned to the office by **September 17th**. (Elections will take place on Sept 21th, if required). Our first School Council meeting is on **September 25th** at 6pm. We know how busy parents are which is why we are going to strive to ensure that our meetings last no longer than 1 hour. We will be meeting 4 times this year.

The dates have tentatively been scheduled for: September 25, November 6, February 19, and May 21 all from 6-7pm.

The focus of our School Council is the implementation of the Board's multi-year plan – "Success for Every Student"

HARASSMENT POLICY STATEMENT

The Grand Erie District School 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 not tolerate any forms of harassment. The Board will respond to all forms of unacceptable behaviour in a manner consistent with the Board policy and Procedure on Harassment and the response will be appropriate to the harassment incident. To view this policy/procedure, please visit the Board's website at www.granderie.ca, select the drop-down menu titled 'Board', the 'Bylaws, Policies and Procedures', then 'Policies' and finally 'HR5'.

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.

ELECTRONIC MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

All monthly school newsletters (October – June) will only be available electronically (Twitter). Let your child's teacher know if you require a paper copy. Paper copies are also available at the office.

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.

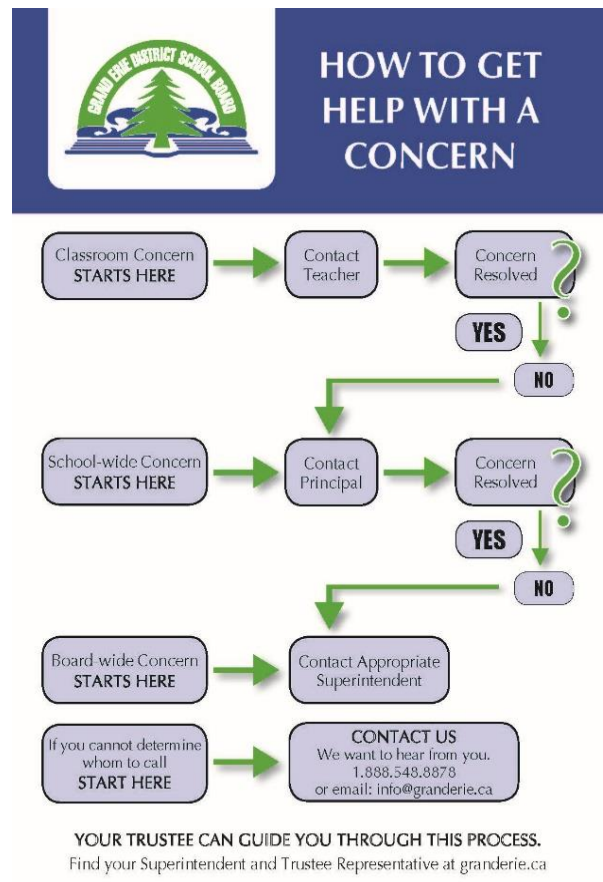
This first video highlights Matt Peaire, a Simcoe Composite School student who came out as transgender in Grade 11, and found support in his Guidance Teacher Jason Dale.

Watch Matt's Story here <https://bit.ly/2C1RZa5>
For more info on the Multi-Year Plan visit <https://bit.ly/2or827z>

Elgin Staff for 2018-19

Kindergarten Staff – Mrs. Stirling, Mrs. Harris, Ms. Bainbridge, Ms. Crockett
Primary Teachers – Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Sendrowski, Mrs. Phibbs,
Junior Teachers - Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Abram, Mrs. Hickey
Intermediate Teachers - Mrs. Brunton, Mrs. Sullivan
Learning Resource Teacher – Mrs. Auld
French – Ms. Truman
Music/Phys. Ed./ Dance etc. – Mrs. Chwastiak; Ms. Gates
EAs – Ms. Hirtzel, Mrs. Gibbons, Mr. Backus

Secretaries - Mrs. Hoskin, Mrs. Scott
Vice-Principal – Mrs. Payne
Principal – Mrs. Nicholson



SUCCESS for Every Student

Growing Excellence... Inspiring Success