

**Principal’s / Vice-Principal’s Message:**

**Thank-you to all of our students, staff, and families for an excellent start to the year. We are already back into the swing of things and have started softball, cross country, and many music groups for all students at the school.**

**We have added a new class here at Hodge. We had very high numbers in our junior and intermediate classrooms and the board provided us with an additional classroom teacher. Thank you to all families for your patience and understanding during this move.**

**Cash On-line**

**If you are new to the Agnes G. Hodge community, or have not signed-up for the on-line cash system, more information can be found at** [**www.granderie.ca/parents/schoolcashonline**](http://www.granderie.ca/parents/schoolcashonline)**. You are encouraged to sign-up as all trips and food days (pizza and pita days) are being done on-line. If this is not possible, please contact the school office and a paper order will be sent home. This needs to be then brought to the office so the order can be submitted. In order to help our Hodge families with this process, we will be offering some help on using cash on-line. Our Librarian, Mrs. Hendel, will provide help with signing up and navigating the program. Please see the bottom of the newsletter to see when/if you would be interested in attending.**

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**THERE WILL BE P.A. DAY ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd . **

**Bus Cancellation/School Closure**

In the event of bus delays, cancellations or school closures:

Visit the GEDSB website: http://www.granderie.ca

Listen to CKPC 1380 Radio after 6:30 a.m.

**Agnes Hodge School is located in ZONE 4**.

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Please return this in your son’s /daughter’s agenda.



I would be interested in learning more about the cash on-line system,

\_\_\_\_ After School \_\_\_\_\_ Before School \_\_\_\_\_ Watching a video posted to the Agnes Hodge Facebook page

**October 2017**



**Agnes G. Hodge School News**

The Home and School Association is still looking for a parent volunteer to fill the role of Secretary, if you are able to help out with some typing and can attend a small number of meetings over the course of the school year, please contact the Home and School Association at [agneshodgehomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:agneshodgehomeandschool@gmail.com).



Student Drop-Off Zone

Parents are asked to drop their children off in the designated drop-off zone located behind the school. This is the area in front of the bus inlet on Delamere St. towards the bend leading to Brooklyn Ave. The area is marked with black poles topped with red reflective tape. To ensure student safety, students are not to be dropped off in the staff parking lot. Signage is now posted and pylons will be placed across the entrance to the parking lot at 8:30 a.m & 2:45 p.m. We appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring student safety by using the drop-off zone.



Music Room News

The Hodge School Band has begun rehearsals on Day 1 at first nutrition break along with the Bucket drumming crew on Day 3 at first nutrition break. Parents of students who have signed up for extra music clubs can look for the Remind App code. This way families can help our young musicians remember when they have practice with Mrs. Muir.  We will continue to welcome new members until after Thanksgiving Day.  We look forward to an exciting year making music. Thanks to fundraising efforts last year with the Little Strings Orchestra, we are able to purchase two major beginner band scores.

Ukulele choir will begin for grade 3 -8 in October.

Families are encouraged to discuss with their children the importance of attending practices and patience. Learning an  instrument takes time, effort, commitment and repetition.

Intermediate Baseball Team News

Agnes Hodge finished 1st in our conference going 3-0 with great team play. We lost a hard fought semi-final game against Onondaga-Brant. The student-athletes displayed awesome sportsmanship, and played hard in each and every game. Thank you to all the players

Cross Country

Cross Country is well underway, however, the heat did slow us down a bit.  Our meet is on Oct. 11th at W. Ross MacDonald School with Oct. 12th as our rain date.  We will be in need of volunteer drivers for the day.  More information to follow with Cross Country runners.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Oct. 1 - Oct. 31

Mental Illness Awareness Week Oct. 1 – Oct. 7

PA Day Oct. 3, 2017

Walk to School Day Oct. 4

World Teachers’ Day Oct. 5

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8 – Oct. 14

Thanksgiving Day Oct. 9

World Mental Health Day Oct. 10

Pumpkinfest Waterford Oct. 13 – Oct. 15

Waste Reduction Week Oct. 16 – Oct. 22

National School Safety Week Oct. 17 –Oct 23

Global Dignity Day Oct. 18

Dress Purple Day Oct. 24

Halloween Oct. 13