

Ecole Dufferin

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back !!! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and I wish you and your family a **Happy New Year**.

THANKS

The Ecole Dufferin community has once again been very caring and compassionate to the food bank. We collected a large amount of non-perishable items which filled a bus with food donations. **Thank you** for the generous donations to Change for Children. A great big **thank you** to the volunteers who assisted with the Cinnabon fundraiser. We raised over \$3000 !!!

Just a reminder to parents that many of our classes have a license for **RAZ-KIDS**, a website that allows students from kindergarten to grade six access to books online at every level, from home. We are also using **prodigymath.com** and **Mathies.ca** as a Math resource online. Teachers have sent information about this in their newsletters and every student has a log in and password to access the site. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.



THANK YOU !!

Dates To Remember:

- January 9th Back to school
- January 10th Pizza Day
School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- January 17th Pita Pit
Gr. 3 Swim to Survive
- January 22nd **P.D. Day - No School**
- January 25th **Child/Parent Yoga Night 6:30**
- January 26th Assembly - Responsibility 2:00
Subway Day (Friday)
- January 31st Pita Day
- February 15th **Report cards go home**



Clarification on Board Weather Notifications

As we approach the snowstorm season, we want to make sure parents are aware of the Board's cancellation policy and weather zones.



The Board bases its decision on whether or not to run school buses on how safe the routes are that our school buses travel. In consultation with our bus operators and transportation staff, we decide as early as possible, and no later than 6:30 a.m., if buses will run. If buses are not running in a zone, then schools in that zone are closed. The board notifies all local media outlets and posts a message on our transportation website (<http://www.cooperativetransportation.ca>). Please be aware that our school is in **Zone 4**. If buses are cancelled in our zone, then the **schools in our zone are closed**. Please make sure to listen to the radio stations (FM92.1 Brantford, FM98.9 Simcoe, AM1380 Brantford) before sending your children to school.

Nut Allergy Alert !!!

Some students have **severe allergies** to nut products that could cause death.

We continue to encourage parents not to pack Nut Products in their children's lunches.

The families of those students with these allergies have asked that you please closely read labels !!!



Please Keep Us Posted !!!

If your family has moved over the holidays or information has changed with regards to phone numbers or emergency contacts, please let us know.



Keeping Warm and Dry

With winter weather, we also have many students who will get wet outside.

We ask that parents pack an extra set of clothes in a bag for students to have at school. We want to make sure the students are comfortable at school.

Thank you for your assistance as we try to keep your children dry and warm during the cold season.



Lice Check !!

Please be aware that the school will once again complete a lice check this month. Lice checks are part of the school's routines after each long holiday.

Please remember that the board policy requires students to be **nit-free** before being re-admitted to school.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration Begins January 8, 2018

Grand Erie schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. Here, they learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends. Grand Erie's Kindergarten programs help students get off to the best possible start. Children are challenged and encouraged to do their very best and build relationships with caring teachers who are with them every step of the way.

Families new to Grand Erie's French Immersion program and those who currently have a child in the program must register by no later than February 9, 2018 at 4 p.m.

Overview of the French Immersion Registration Process

- A cap for Junior and Senior Kindergarten as well as Grade 1 is in effect for French Immersion at all sites
- There are limited spaces available for students entering the program
- Students who currently have siblings in the program are guaranteed a spot. Registration, however, is still required
- No out-of-area requests will be permitted
- A randomized selection process will be used for new families to grant access into Grand Erie's French Immersion program

Please bring the following items with you to register your child:

- ♦ **Birth Certificate/Baptismal Certificate (Mandatory).** Birth certificates can be ordered online with a fast turn around time.
- ♦ **Proof of current address (utility bill, Canada Post mail), telephone numbers (cell, work, emergency contacts).**
- ♦ **If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2018, he or she is eligible to register for school for September 2018.**

We will be having an orientation visit for all new JK/SK students in the spring. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Wallace at 519-752-8232.

Families will receive confirmation of placement in the French Immersion program or information on the wait list process no later than February 26, 2018.

For more information, please speak with me or visit www.granderie.ca.

Math at Home: Myths & Facts

Myth: Math belongs in the classroom. I can't help my child learn math at home.

Fact: Teachers and parents play different roles in helping children learn math. Both roles are equally important. Your child's teacher is trained to teach all aspects of the math curriculum. Your role is to support your child in learning math, and to encourage his/her curiosity and interest about math. A key way you can do this is through everyday activities that involve math.

Use this quick guide to create everyday number problems for your child at an appropriate level.

The skills shown in this chart are ones your child should know by the end of each grade.

Grade	Managing Money	Adding and subtracting	Multiplying and dividing
1	Up to 10¢	to 20 using concrete materials	Introduced to the idea of skip counting (e.g., 5, 10, 15, 20) as a building block for multiplication
2	Up to 100¢	to 18 (e.g., $6 + 8$)	Introduced to repeated addition (e.g., 3 fives is the same as $5+5+5$ or 3×5) as a step in learning to multiply
3	Up to \$10	2-digit whole numbers (e.g., $37 + 26$)	to 7×7 and $49 \div 7$
4	Up to \$100	4-digit whole numbers (e.g., $4217 + 1914$)	to 9×9 and $81 \div 9$
5	Up to \$1000	any whole numbers, decimals to hundredths	multiply 2-digit whole numbers (e.g., 24×31); divide 3-digit by 1-digit whole numbers (e.g., $346 \div 7$)
6		any whole numbers, decimals to thousandths	any whole numbers, decimals to tenths by 1-digit whole numbers (e.g., 1.4×4 and $5.6 \div 4$)
7		fractions, decimals, and integers	decimals to thousandths by 1-digit whole numbers
8		fractions, decimals, percentages, and integers	fractions, integers, decimals by powers of 10