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September 6, 2016

Dear Teeterville Families,

I am so very excited for this new school year! Our environment is polished; we have new sinks and countertops in the student bathrooms; all doors have been painted and teachers have classrooms looking fresh and ready to engage students in their learning! We have many projects underway to make Teeterville School a place where all students can learn, grow and be successful in their own right!

Please plan on joining us on Wednesday, September 14th from 5:30—7:00, for our annual 'Meet the Teacher/Open House'. More information will be forthcoming.

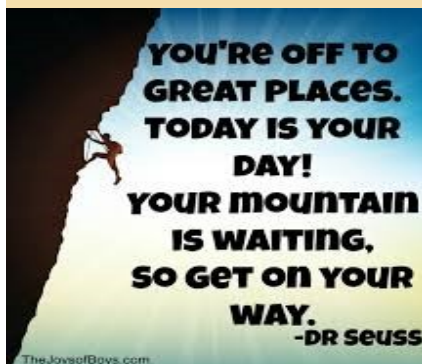
We will be trying to be even more successful in communicating with you this school year! Please fill in the information below to help us expedite this process! We here at Teeterville are ready to make this the best school year to date for your children. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me @ 519 443 8447. I look forward to chatting with you further at the Open House!

Your Partner in Education,

Mrs. J. Lumax

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 6 - Return to School
- Sept. 13 - School Council Meeting 6:00 (including Elections), Home & School Meeting 7:00
- Sept. 14 - Open House / Meet the Teacher 5:30—7:00
- Sept. 16 - PA Day
- Sept. 19 - Little Caesar's Fundraiser starts
- Sept. 28 - Photo Day
- Sept. 29 - Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 30 - Little Caesars orders due (online) (Paper Orders due Oct. 3)
- Oct. 4 - Norfolk County Fair Day
- Oct. 7 - PA Day



Growing Excellence... Inspiring Success

Electronic Newsletters

Our future newsletters will be available on our website (www.granderie.ca/teeterville). If you do not wish to receive a paper copy of future newsletters, and prefer to receive a reminder slip only that the newsletter has been posted, please return this portion of the page to the school.

Student Name and Homeroom

Teacher Name

Teeterville School Staff - 2016-2017

Kindergarten A	Mrs. K. Thompson and Ms. K. Lynch (E.C.E.)
Kindergarten B	Mrs. A. Panschow
Grade 1/2	Ms. J. Savage
Grade 2	Mrs. A. Tully
Grade 3/4	Mrs. S. Sym
Grade 4/5	Mr. T. Wright
Grade 5/6	Ms. N. Przednowek
Grade 7	Ms. S. Shaw
Grade 8	Mr. B. Buchwald
French, Prep.	Mr. J. Bento
LRT, Prep.	Mrs. L. Chanyi-Baruth
Library/Prep.	Mr. C. Taylor
Educational Assistants	Mrs. R. Durrant, Mrs. Zeldon
Custodian	Mrs. L. Trembley
Secretary	Mrs. K. Csoff
Principal	Mrs. J. Lumax

Access to the School Building

All doors to the school will continue to be locked during the day. There is a buzzer system on the front door that is connected to a camera for visitor entry during the day. Following recess, students will line up at the assigned door (side door or front door) to enter the school.

Parents are asked to report to the office during the day if they need to pick up their child so that he/she can be called down to the office.

Parents that are going beyond the office to stay at the school (e.g. to volunteer in a classroom, attend an assembly) must sign in and out the office.

Thank you for your co-operation in our efforts to keep Teeterville P.S. a safe school.

Meet the Teacher Night

Our Meet the Teacher Night will take place on September 14th from 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Parents are reminded that students dropped off in the morning are expected to be at school by the time the 8:50 bell rings, but no earlier than 8:30 when yard supervision begins. Students who are not prepared for class at this time are considered late and must be signed in at the office to obtain an admit slip. Similarly, students who leave at some point during the day will be required to “sign out” at the office. An accurate sign-in/out log is a Ministry of Education requirement for attendance purposes as well as a safety precaution.

Parents are asked to drop off and pick up their child at the office. Please do not escort your child to/from his/her classroom, in order to minimize disruption to the classes.

Parents are asked to contact the school daily when their child is absent. Parents that do not contact the school (via a phone call or note the previous day) will be contacted by the school. The school phone number is 519-443-8447 and voicemail is available if the call is made after hours.

Parents removing their child from school for an extended period of time (e.g. vacation) are required to contact the office prior to the leave.

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.



Balanced Day

Supervision of the yard begins at 8:20 a.m. when students are dismissed from the busses. Parents who drop off their children are responsible for their supervision prior to this time. The daily schedule will be as follows:

8:30 - 8:50 - arrival and recess

8:50 - 10:30 - students enter school from yard and class begins, 1st Learning Block

10:30 - 10:50 - students outside for recess

10:50 - 11:10 - 1st nutrition break

11:10 - 12:50 - class, 2nd Learning Block

12:50 - 1:10 - students outside for recess

1:10 - 1:30 - 2nd nutrition break

1:30 - 3:10 - class, 3rd Learning Block

3:10 - 3:30 – Recess

3:30 -supervised bus loading and departure

Field Trips, Health Cards and Walking Permission Forms

A walking permission form will be sent home soon by your child's teacher. This form gives your child's teacher permission to take your child off the school property on walking tours within the Teeterville village (e.g. fire hall). Please sign and return this form as soon as possible. Should your child go on an extended field trip, a separate permission form will be sent home.

Treats from Home

We are happy to accept snacks and treats for special occasions (birthdays, Valentine's Day, etc.) at school. However, the Ontario Public Health Association no longer supports home-baked or prepared food for students; therefore, again this year, food sent to school must be purchased from a recognized facility that has been given approval by public health inspectors. This means we can no longer have cupcakes, cookies, etc. that have been prepared in private kitchens (i.e., at home) but can accept prepackaged treats (grocery store) for special days.



Student Information Update

A student information update form will be sent home soon for each student registered at Teeterville PS. Please update the information on this form, sign and return to the school as soon as possible. Please read through the information carefully and be sure to complete all areas required.

Administration of Medication

It is the policy of the Grand Erie District School Board that students bringing non-prescription medication to school are responsible to care for it. School staff are not permitted to dispense non-prescription medication at any time or to hold the non-prescription medication. Students requiring assistance with non-prescription medication need a parent or guardian to come to the school at the appropriate time to administer this medication.

In the case of prescribed medication, a "Request for School Assistance in Health Care" form must be completed and forwarded to the principal. The "Physician's Statement for Health Care Assistance During School Hours" section of this form must be completed by your doctor. Prescribed medication needs to be clearly labelled and must clearly indicate dosage. Safety for our students is our top priority.



Lost and Found



Every year, sweaters, jackets, shoes, hats, etc. are misplaced and our lost and found box becomes full. If students could write their names on the inside of jackets, lunch bags, etc., it would help greatly in returning these items to their rightful owners. Thanks!

Parking on School Property

Parents are reminded that there is no parking on the paved semi-circle at the front of the school to allow our 7 buses the room they need. We are required by the Transportation Department to keep this area obstacle-free and **must be clear**

between 8:15 - 8:30 a.m. and 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. If you are picking up or dropping off your child at that time, you will need to park along the fence by the road, completely away from the busing area. If you ask a friend or relative to pick up your child, please let him/her know about these parking restrictions.



NO PARKING



Busing

Schools are not permitted to issue bus permission slips to allow students to go to a different drop off spot in the afternoon than their regularly scheduled drop off point. Our transportation department policy states that “transportation cannot be provided for custom services such as different addresses on different days, or short term changes” (for example, birthday parties or sleepovers.) To assist families that require before or after school care, transportation may be arranged providing these arrangements are on a consistent, weekly basis.



Head Lice

Parents are asked to check their child’s head regularly in order to keep head lice under control. We have some volunteer parents, who are trained by the Health Unit and who come in to the school to help with head checks, as needed.

If a student is found to have live lice, parents will be contacted and asked to pick up the child immediately. Parents of students with nits only will be contacted and asked to pick up the child if possible. Before a child can be readmitted to school, it will be necessary for the lice to be treated and the nits completely removed, followed by a head check to be made by school staff. **Additional information is provided in the student handbook located in the front of your child’s agenda.**

Picture Day

All students should have their pictures taken regardless of their intention to purchase a package. These pictures are used for student records, birthday cards, etc. Edge Imaging will be here on the following dates to take student photos:



Regular Photo Day - Wednesday, September 28th
Retakes - Tuesday, November 8th
Gr. 8 and Kindergarten Grad. Photos - Monday, February 27th

Again this year, photo proofs will be sent home to parents prior to ordering and paying for photos.

Register for our Online Payment System

Teeterville Public School’s online payment system allows you to pay for some of your child(ren)’s day-to-day school expenses .

This system continues to be available.

When this method of payment is an option, information will be included in the payment details for your purchase. Follow these easy steps:

Step 1: Go to the website www.schoolcashonline.com

Step 2: Register by selecting the “Get Started Today” tab and following the steps

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the “click here” option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.



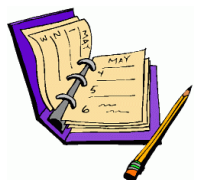
Recycling Program

We continue to offer recycling of used batteries at this time. Send your donations in to the school. Not only can we send these items in for recycling, it’s easy fundraising for our school. Don’t forget to help our environment by trying to pack a litterless lunch! We will continue to recycle plastic bottles, cans, drink boxes, milk cartons, yogurt/fruit containers, and paper. Let’s be kind to our Earth every day!



Planners

Each student in Grades 1 - 8 will be given a Student Planner, which was purchased by the school. The planners include a weekly calendar with spaces for students to record their homework and other daily reminders for themselves and their parents. Please be sure to take a few moments to read your child's planner each evening and respond as you feel necessary. Parents are also encouraged to write notes to their child's teacher, as needed.



Completing the planner will become a part of each child's daily routine. The planner will assist with teaching your son or daughter important study habits, organizational skills and time management skills, as well as with

maintaining regular communication between school and home.

In the front section of the planner you will find the Student and Parent Handbook. Parents are asked to read through the Handbook and sign the front page.

All students in Gr. 1 - 8 will receive a student planner. The cost of each planner is \$5.00. We would greatly appreciate your help with off-setting this expense. If you choose to help with this cost, please send \$5.00 to your child's teacher in a sealed envelope marked "Planner" and labeled with your child's name. If writing a cheque, please make the cheque payable to "Teeterville Public School." Thank you!

Harassment Statement : A message from the GEDSB

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 www.gedsb.ca and select the drop down menu titled Board.

Nut Free School

Please remember that Teeterville Public School is a nut-free school. No peanut or nut products will be allowed for snacks or lunches.



Please note...

There's a peanut-free soy nut butter product on the market that says it's a peanut butter substitute and safe for schools. Grand Erie District School Board requests that parents and staff refrain from bringing this product into our peanut-free schools.

If it's peanut-free then what's the big deal? This product looks, smells, and tastes like peanut butter. The concern is that some children may think it is okay to bring peanut butter sandwiches in their lunches when they see their classmates eating the soy product. We simply cannot run the risk of any student or staff member being exposed to peanuts as this may cause an allergic reaction. The safety and health of our students and staff must come first.

For more information on the Board's Anaphylaxis (allergic reactions) Procedure SO115, please visit www.granderie.ca. Thank you for your co-operation.

Student Accident Insurance

Your child is bringing home a letter entitled, ***Students and Accidents***, along with the accompanying insurance pamphlet. There is also a form entitled, "Annual Declaration of Student Accident Insurance" that has been issued by our Grand Erie School Board. It provides information about the insurance plan that families can purchase at a low cost. Parents need to know that the school Board does not insure students for losses resulting from accidents. However, each year, the Board does review a LOW-COST policy to offer parents, that provides good value for the money. Your son/daughter has been given the form for purchasing this insurance, if you choose to take advantage of this low cost. There are more forms available at the school if you need one. Please complete the Declaration Form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Safe Arrival and Safe Departure Routines

The start of a new school year is a good time to review our Safe Arrival and Safe Departure routines. Safety is our main concern. We ask that all parents/guardians cooperate with our safety routines and Safe Schools policies. Please reinforce these details at home with your children. Also, please explain these routines to any person(s) who you may have asked to pick up your child.

Safe Arrival

- Parents, when you bring your child to school during the first recess (8:30-8:50), we ask that you escort your child to the entrance of the playground (yellow line by the Peace Garden). If the fire gate is closed, please do not open it. Have your child enter the front door of the school and then proceed through the hallways to exit onto the playground through the Kindergarten doors.
- If you need to discuss something with a staff member, please go into the office and Mrs. Csoff will assist you. Keep in mind that the staff outside are on duty, supervising the children.
- When bringing your children to school after 8:50 (school start), parents need to accompany their children into the building and sign them in. Students walk to their classrooms on their own. Parents are not to escort them to their classrooms.
- All guests, including parents, are to sign in at the office when they come to school, e.g., to participate in an event, or to volunteer.
- If your child is going to be late or absent for any reason, please call the school to let us know.



Safe Departure

Please note a change to the afternoon “routine” must be written in the planner or a call made to the school. For example, if a student regularly takes the bus home but on a particular night is being picked up by a grandparent, this change must be communicated to the school. **If no communication is made and we are unable to contact the parent to confirm the pickup, the regular routine will be followed.**

- Students will be called down to the office if parents are picking up their children early throughout the day, or at the end of the day. Parents need to wait in the office area in the front hall.

- If someone other than the parent or guardian will be picking up your child, the parent must make the school aware of this change in advance.

- During the last recess of the day students do not use the front doors, unless they are escorted by a teacher or parent. The front paved area becomes very busy with vehicles and buses at that time of day. Students must use the Kindergarten or Primary doors to go out for recess and to re-enter the building.

- Parents, who are picking up their children, must report to the office and Mrs. Csoff will page them. The students have been instructed to meet their parents at the office after they have been called in from the yard. Please do NOT take your child from the yard. Upon meeting your child at the office, please let Mrs. Csoff know you have your child and are leaving.

These practices have been established over time as part of our safe departure procedure. If leaving your vehicle to come in to the school poses a problem, another option is to wait until the buses have left at 3:30 and pull up to the front of the school. Your child would be required to notify the office before leaving with you.

Norfolk County Fair



Students and staff will once again enjoy a Community Participation Day on Young Canada Day at the Norfolk County Fair in Simcoe on Tuesday, October 4th. There will not be classes at the school that day, and busing to the fair is not provided. More information will follow toward the end of September.

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers who are able to donate some time to help in our school. Volunteering can be done throughout the year or for a specific event. For example: classroom help, field trips, driving to sporting events, library, School Council or Home and School. Volunteering that involves direct contact with students requires a police check to be done. **Police checks are now valid for TWO calendar years.** Checks are available at no cost if a letter from the school is presented with the request. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact the school and the necessary information form and police check request letter will be sent home for you. Please note, the police check needs to be completed by the OPP, and a check performed by "True Check" is not sufficient.



Tuck Shop

Again this year we will be selling "**Tuck Shop Cards.**"

Tuck Shop Cards can be purchased to buy nutritious snacks during our Nutrition Breaks. These cards are available for purchase each day during the 2nd Nutrition Break. The cost of the cards is \$7.50 or \$15.00.



Cards can be purchased with cash or with a cheque, payable to "Teeterville Public School." The Tuck Shop cards eliminate the daily handling of money where the food is being handled, and are more convenient for everyone involved. Although we prefer the use of our card system, cash will be accepted as well, but to keep the process running as smoothly as possible, the purchaser must have the correct change. There is no expiration date on the card, and it need not be used every day. Unfinished cards that were purchased last year are good to use this fall.

The student helpers use a paper punch to indicate payment on the cards. All items currently available are 1 punch, or 75 cents, and these items include: white and chocolate milk, frozen yogurt tubes and cheese strings.

Tuck shop items will be for sale starting the second week of school.

Information Technology

The "Student Acceptable Use of Computers and the Internet" agreement form has been sent home with each student. Please review the form with your child, sign and return the form to school as soon as possible.



Every user of Information

Technology resources at the Grand Erie District School Board has a responsibility to follow this procedure and take all reasonable measures and to ensure the safe, secure, ethical and appropriate use of Information Technology resources, as outlined in the procedure, at all times. In addition, students specifically, are expected to understand that use of GEDSB Information Technology resources and services is a privilege. They are required to use these resources and services solely for educational purposes and comply with the directives outlined.

Code of Digital Citizenship

Included with the Student Acceptable Use of Computers and the Internet agreement mentioned above, the Grand Erie Program Department has developed the Code of Digital Conduct for all students to abide by. It outlines rules of online etiquette and safety that go along with learning in our digital world of social media, texting and online research. As educators and parents we want to ensure that students make appropriate choices in activities online so that they know how to best protect themselves against harm. The students will be learning more about this code at school.

Safe Schools

We will practice our lockdown procedure this fall and again in the spring. In addition, schools must hold three fire drills in the Fall and three in the Spring.

Character Attributes

Each month, we will hi-light one of the Character Attributes from the GEDSB's mutli-year plan. Students who have demonstrated excellence in the designated character trait will receive a certificate at our awards assembly at the end of each month.

The Character Attribute for September and October will be **"Goal Setting"** - *an fitting attribute as we begin a new school year!*

Breakfast Program

Program Commencement Date & Permission Forms

The Breakfast Program Committee is happy to announce that the program for this term will commence on **Monday, September 12, 2016**. Please complete and submit the permission form for your child(ren) to participate as soon as possible as it will help the Committee identify any food allergens and/or sensitivities your child(ren) has.

Volunteers

A warm and friendly welcome to our new volunteers for this term – **Millie Balint, Willie Patullo** and **Hannah Winter** as well as grateful return of our alumni members – **Kathy Addison, Nicole Addison, Betty Day, Kim Kuzniar, Melanie Lambert** and **Kathy Ross**. Additional volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Your time and input into the program is valuable to ensure that the program is sustainable at Teeterville Public School.

Donations

As in prior years, donations of fresh fruit, healthy cereal, nut-free granola bars, crackers, milk, juice boxes, yogurt and cheese are always welcomed! Coupon clipping for these items is another great way that you can assist the Committee stretch the grocery budget now that we serve breakfast five mornings a week.

Should you have any questions relating to volunteer opportunities, donations or the program in general, please contact **Melanie Lambert @ (519) 443-5953** or **mmlambert@outlook.com**.

We look forward to another successful Breakfast Program this term for Teeterville Public School Students!

The Breakfast Program Committee – 2016/2017

Home and School Association

Welcome back! On behalf of the Home & School Committee, we hope that you and yours had a safe and happy summer!

Executive Committee

Elections for 2016/2017 Executive Committee took place on June 6, 2016. The following were the elected members:

President – Melanie Lambert -

mmlambert@outlook.com

Vice President – Janis Turvey -

jturvey03@gmail.com

Treasurer – Heather deBoer -

hdeboer48@yahoo.com

Secretary – Betty Anne Day -

daysbusybee@hotmail.com

Volunteers Needed

As volunteer members, the Committee brings together ideas, skills and knowledge to carryout educational enhancement goals and initiatives through fundraising and sponsorship that benefit the children individually and Teeterville Public School as a whole.

New and alumni volunteers are always welcome! Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Executive Committee Team or join us during a meeting!

First Committee Meeting

The first meeting for the 2016/2017 school term will be on **Tuesday September 13, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.**

We believe that everyone has an individual talent and great ideas to share – pass them on and be part of a rewarding team! It's a great way to meet other parents, help make positive changes and have fun by enjoying yourself while doing something good!

Everyone is invited to attend and share their ideas and expertise - we look forward to seeing you there!

**The Home & School Association
2016-2017 Committee**

