

September 2017



Hodge Huskies

# Agnes G. Hodge School News

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[www.granderie.ca/agneshodge/home](http://www.granderie.ca/agneshodge/home)



## Principal's / Vice-Principal's Message:

Welcome back for the 2016-2017 school year! We, the staff of Agnes G. Hodge Public School, are excited to embark upon a new school year. We hope everyone had the opportunity this summer to create memories and to prepare themselves for a school year filled with fun and learning!

We look forward to working together with you; our Agnes. G. Hodge families, students, staff, and community partners to provide a successful and rewarding year through a variety of academic, social, and extra-curricular experiences.

We will keep you informed of what's happening at our school through monthly newsletters and our school website. We also have a Twitter feed on our website if you would like to see some of the activities at the school. In addition, please consult the introductory pages of your child's agenda, (grades 1 —8) for general school information.

★ **THERE WILL BE P.A. DAY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER THE 16<sup>TH</sup>.**

### ATTENDANCE ROUTINES

Student Attendance is checked twice daily. Unless you, as the parent/guardian, have contacted the school to explain that your child will be late or absent, the school office is required by Board Policy to verify all absentees. For your convenience, an answering machine is attached to the school's incoming phone line and messages can be left during the evening and night time hours to inform the school if your child will be absent. Please state your child's name and the teacher's name of his/her class when leaving your message.

### Sign in and Sign Out

The Board of Education requires that all students who arrive at school late or leave the school early must sign in and out at the office. Parents who pick up their children during the school day for appointments must sign their child out of the school. Parent volunteers, co-op student, maintenance workers and Board personnel are required to sign in and out. A Log Sheet is located in the office.

### 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.**



### NO NUTS PLEASE

Peanuts and all other nut products will cause life-threatening allergic reactions in several children in our school. For this reason, we ask that you NOT send nut products of any kind to the school. Parents are asked to read product labels carefully. Please reinforce with your child(ren) the importance of not sharing or trading their food at school. The families of children with these allergies along with everyone at Hodge thank you for your support throughout the school year.

## 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.



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## 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](http://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. Grand Erie District School Board requires that all parents declare whether or not they have accident insurance. A declaration form is being sent home at the beginning of the school year for parent/guardian review and signature.

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## Meet the Teacher



Meet the Teacher night will be on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 until 7:00. There will be a BBQ and parents are invited to meet their children's teacher and participate in a fun math game in class for students and families to work on together in the classroom.



On behalf of the Home and School Association we would like to welcome back all the Hodge families, and a special welcome to all the new families joining us this year. We are excited to announce pizza days will be starting back up later this month, keep an eye out for order forms mid September. Later this month we will also be kick starting our first fundraiser along with our membership drive. We are always in need of volunteers to help ensure we are able to offer the students opportunities like pizza days, in order to volunteer we do require a police check. Please contact the office for more information on how to become a volunteer. A great way to keep in touch with all the exciting this Home and School is up to this year join us on our Facebook page Agnes G Hodge Home and School Association.

## Announcements

Intramural flag football will be starting in September and running as long as the weather allows.

Cross country starts next week. Grade 4-8. Runs until after Thanksgiving weekend.



Agnes Hodge needs strong start volunteers! Do you have an hour a week to spare for 10 weeks? If so, Strong Start needs you! Strong start is an intensive one on one literacy program for grade 1 students. Please contact Ms. Hendel for more information.

## MORNING SNACK PROGRAM

We are so pleased to let you know that as of **September 19th**, 2016 the Morning Snack program will begin.

In order to volunteer, a Police Check including Vulnerable Sector Screening is a requirement of the Grand Erie School Board and can be done through the Brantford Police Department. A police check form can be picked up at the school office.

The program costs us approximately **\$400.00-\$500.00 a week** so donations of *grocery gift cards, boxes of cereal (Cheerios, Raison Bran, Shreddies), napkins, paper cups* are always welcome.



We are also collecting Canadian Tire Money as well as Campbell Soup labels to help with purchasing supplies.

If you can help in any of these ways to help give.

## Special Welcome to our New Staff at Agnes G. Hodge!

Custodial Staff: G. Clingersmith and D. Morris  
Kindergarten: Y. Leegstra, S. Bell, and E. Rooney  
Grade 1: K. Watts  
Grade 1-2: L. Nicholas  
French: A. Creek  
E.A.'s: R. Arkema, A. McCann, J. Rusnak

