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Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 12 – SAC Meeting 6pm

Sept. 14 – Meet the Teacher
5:30-7:00pm

Sept. 15 – PD Day/No School

Sept. 26 – Photo Day

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to the new families that are joining us at Seneca this year. I hope you have all had a wonderful break! We also welcome Miss. Robb who will be joining us as Learning Resource Teacher from September to December and Mrs. Ross who will be in the role starting in January.

Our school schedule will be staying the same as last year to accommodate **three 100-minute learning blocks**.

8:30-8:40	Entry and morning snack
8:40-10:20	Learning Block #1
10:20-10:40	Nutrition Break
10:40-11:00	Recess
11:00-12:40	Learning Block #2
12:40-1:00	Nutrition Break
1:00-1:30	Recess
1:30-3:10	Learning Block #3
3:10-3:30	End of day recess; buses

There is a lot of information that will be coming home in the first week of school. I encourage you to read all of the information and return forms in a timely fashion. To help you sort through everything, you should have the following:

1. Contact Information Sheet
2. Student Accident Insurance brochure, letter and form
3. Use of Computer Agreement and Personal Electronic Use Contract (double sided; please sign both where applicable)
4. School-Year Calendar

CASHLESS BANKING AND LUNCH ORDERS: New this year, we will only be offering pizza and pita orders through schoolcashionline.com. As an incentive for signing up for our cashless system, **the first 2 classes to reach 100% sign up will receive a pizza party**. There is a direct link on our school website for easy sign up.

SCHOOL AGENDAS: Your child will have come home with a school agenda. We use this as a way of communicating between home and school. The ***School Advisory Council pays the majority of the cost of these agendas but we still ask parents for a \$3 donation to cover the rest of the cost.*** Thank you!

STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Seneca Central has a detailed policy on student use of personal electronic devices such as cell phones, iPods, tablets etc. Please read the attached letter and form for further information and sign both sides and return the form if you wish your child to participate.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: School photos will be taken on **Tuesday, September 26th** and retakes will happen on Wednesday, October 25th.

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PARENT GROUP/SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our school relies heavily on the goodwill of our parent volunteers. Without an active and involved group of parents, we would not have the school trips, recess activity bins, electronic equipment and playground equipment which we are so fortunate to have.

Volunteering for the School Advisory Council (which now includes the Parent Group) does not need to be an enormous time commitment. The more people we have to help out, the less there is to do! ***Please...support our parent volunteer groups.*** In doing so, you provide additional resources and experiences for your child along with the rest of our students! All previous volunteers, as well as any new faces, would be most welcome!!

Please contact the school if you are interested.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We will continue the breakfast program from last year. We will provide breakfast snacks 5 days a week, beginning by the end of the month at the latest.

Again – ***we need parent volunteers to help us provide this program. Without these volunteers, the program will not run.*** We need volunteers to do food shopping and to prepare food.

If you can spare a few moments each month to help us provide this very valuable program, please notify us at the office.

Thank you!

WEBSITE Grand Erie is in the process of launching new Board and School websites and we ask for your patience as we populate our site and develop teacher pages. For now, teacher newsletters will be going home as a paper copy, but after this month, the School Newsletter will be replaced by information posted to our school site. The address is still the same at www.granderie.ca/schools/seneca

If you do not have access to a computer, and wish to receive paper copies, please let the office and your child's teacher know.

TWITTER

Follow us on Twitter @SenecaCentral.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Please be advised that all schools in the Grand Erie District School Board are 'Nut Aware'. This means that we have a 'no nut' policy and endeavor to ensure no products containing any type of nut are on the school premises. This is because of the high number of students who have severe/life threatening allergies to nuts. **We kindly ask that you support this policy and not send to school any products which may contain nuts.**

Peanut-Free "Peanut Butter"

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/guardians and staff refrain from bringing this product into our peanut-free schools.

For more information on the Board's response to Anaphylaxis (allergic reactions), please visit www.granderie.ca Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The weather continues to be very warm so this is a good time to remind students and parents of the school dress code (which can also be found in the agenda).

- Clothing with inappropriate messages and/or pictures is not acceptable (vulgar or offensive expressions; racist, sexist, homophobic references; promotion of drugs, alcohol and/or cigarettes).
- Suitable footwear is required at all times, including indoor shoes with no black soles (not flip flops). Running shoes are required for gym
- No hats are permitted to be worn inside the school.
- No short skirts or short shorts. Skirts and shorts should be an appropriate length: with arms at sides, the shorts or the skirt should not be shorter than where the fingertips end.
- No spaghetti strap tank tops or halter tops (straps should be at least 3 fingers in width).
- Undergarments (bras, underwear) must be covered at all times.

Thank you for your support.

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