



JAMES HILLIER PUBLIC SCHOOL



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**BELL
TIMES**

Morning bell: 9:00 AM

Please note that staff supervision begins at 8:50 AM. Students should not be arriving early on the yard in the morning.

1st Nutritional Break: 10:40 – 11:20 AM

2nd Nutritional Break: 1:00 – 1:40 PM

Dismissal: 3:20 PM

January News

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a wonderful and restful Christmas Break. January arrived with more snow and freezing temperatures, and students excited to be outside in the yard enjoying the snow. For our younger students, please send them with an extra pair of socks or pants, as sometimes the yard is very wet due to snow, ice, and melting conditions.

Pizza Days and the Hot Lunch Program is possible at our school thanks to School Council and our outstanding parent volunteers. There are many families and students in our school that benefit from the opportunity to enjoy this program every Tuesday and Friday. The money that is raised through this program funds field trips, presentations, workshops for students, and other initiatives that benefit all our students in their learning.

As this program relies completely on the time and commitment of our volunteers, it becomes challenging for Council to run it without enough help. We are urgently in need of more parent volunteers to assist with Pizza Days and the Hot Lunch Program. If you have even an hour to spare weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly, please contact Mrs. Dalby or I at the school, as soon as possible. Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated!

DATES TO REMEMBER

P.A. Day – January 22, 2018 – No school for students

Family Skate Night – January 26, 2018 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Volunteers Needed: School Council still needs some helping hands for our hot lunch days (Tuesdays and Fridays). Please call the school office if you have an hour to spare (12:30 - 1:30 PM)



Reminders and Information...

Due date for
certificates...

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS:

NEW this year, all volunteers must complete the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Declaration (A.O.D.A), mandatory training available at this link and go to “view the accessibility videos here” tab:

<http://www.granderie.ca/board/elementary/parent-portal/volunteers>

When you complete the training, please print out the certificate, and **send a copy to the school office**. If you volunteer at the school in any capacity, and would like to continue to do so, please have this completed no later than **Thursday, March 29, 2018**.

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open:

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.

Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten must be four (4) years old by December 31, 2018 in order to register.

Contact James Hillier at (519) 752-2296 to arrange a visit or to learn more about what’s needed to register.

To receive a copy of Grand Erie’s *Welcome to Kindergarten Guide*, please contact Jeannette Marry at the school number.

Message from the Principal

Our work in classrooms this year, has been to continue supporting students to develop resiliency, perseverance and a growth mindset. Building positive relationships is a foundation for well-being. Parents play a very important role in helping their children develop healthy relationships, and in becoming more resilient.

The excerpt below is taken from the “Parent Tool kit on Healthy Relationships from the Council of Directors of Education”

“Resilience is the ability to “bounce back” after disappointments. It is about learning what went wrong, gaining strength from setbacks, and trying again. Children can learn to become more resilient through their experiences. We cheer them on when we teach them that failures are simply part of the learning and growing process. The more supportive relationships your children have, the more resilient they can become in stressful situations. Resilient children not only make their own world better, but they can also help others.

Parents can play a key role in helping their children become more resilient.

TIPS

- Help children set realistic goals
- Give children responsibilities
- Guide children in developing their strengths
- Stress the importance of helping others
- Help children handle disappointment and focus on the positive
- Help children identify their emotions and ways to manage them
- Listen to your child’s feelings and ideas

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marry

