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## octobre—October 2018

Dear Confédération Families;



As September draws to a close, it is hard to believe that we have been back to school for an entire month! Thank you to our staff, students, families, support personnel, and community partners for helping us get the 2018-2019 school year off to a great start! It was great to meet so many of our families at our annual Meet the Teacher BBQ.

We thank all students and families for their patience and cooperation with the new changes that we have undergone this year in regards to the new procedures for drop off, as well as staffing changes and classroom reorganization.

As we approach the Thanksgiving weekend holiday, we hope you will all have the opportunity to relax, refresh and take a moment to reflect on all we have to be thankful for.

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith  
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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 2 - PD Day-No school for students  
Oct. 5-Thanks4giving Food Drive ends  
Oct. 4-Intermediate immunizations  
Oct. 8—Thanksgiving Holiday-School Closed  
Oct. 9- Fresh from the Farm orders due, Pizza days start  
Oct. 17-Photo Day for JK-Gr. 2/3  
Oct. 18—Photo Day for Gr. 3-8,  
Oct. 22- Municipal Election-Polling Station in the Gym  
Oct. 29- Gr. 1 to Brantwood Farms, COURAGE assembly  
Oct. 31-Hallowe'en Dance for Gr. 6-8

## Information and Updates

There are several ways for families to keep up to date with information about our school:



1. Visit our website : **granderie.ca/confederation**
2. Sign up for École Confédération's **REMIND** account.:
  - 1) go to your texts
  - 2) enter in the "TO" line: **226-799-0230**
  - 3) type **@confedcour** in the message box
  - 4) send

REMIND is completely blind, we don't see your contact info and you don't see ours. Cancel at any time.

3. Follow us on Twitter: @EcoleConfedGE

All newsletters, office forms, and school information will be found on the website. Paper copies of the newsletter are available upon request only (notify your child's teacher). All tweets with the hashtag #confedcourage appear on our school website.

## Thanks4giving Food Drive

We are currently collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the Thanks4giving food drive until October 5th. All proceeds will go to the Brantford Food Bank. Thank you for your support of this cause.



## Monthly Assemblies

Our school motto is "Courage". We will be recognizing students for demonstrating courage in the following ways as the year progresses: **C**uriosity, **O**pen-mindedness, **U**nderstanding, **R**esilience, **A**ction, **G**enerosity, **E**ncouragement. Our first assembly was on Friday, September 28th. Our "Comité Courage" did an excellent job of organizing this assembly and promoting our first trait of "Courage", which will be our focus for the month of October.

## Student Absences or Lates

Please ensure that you call the school prior to 9:00 am if your child will be late or absent. Our voice mail system is available to receive messages 24 hours/7 days a week.



## Popcorn and Smoothie Days

This year our Gr. 5 and 6 classes will be organizing Smoothie Mondays and Popcorn Thursdays. Orders must be placed in advance. Ordering can be done through the School Cash Online website.

### **Booster Juice Smoothie Mondays:**

Smoothies will be distributed on October 15, 22 and 29th. There are three flavours to choose from: Mango Mania, Berry Blossom, and Starberry. The cost is: \$4.00/240ml smoothie and the smoothies will be distributed over the three days noted above. When ordering, the total cost of the smoothie (\$12.00) includes all 3 smoothie days. This item closes for purchase on Monday October 1, 2018 at 4:00pm. No late orders will be accepted. Individual smoothies will not be for sale on the scheduled smoothie days as no extras will be available for purchase. No refunds will be given if your son or daughter is absent from school on a smoothie day.

### **Kettlecorn Popcorn Thursdays**

École Confederation is running a kettlecorn popcorn fundraiser. Popcorn will be available for purchase online only. Popcorn will be distributed on October 11, 18 and 25th. Two options are available for purchase: original kettlecorn and rainbow colored kettlecorn. The cost is: \$2.00/ bag and the popcorn will be distributed over the 3 popcorn days noted above. When ordering, the total cost of the popcorn (\$6.00) includes all 3 popcorn days. This item closes for purchase on Monday October 1, 2018. No late orders will be accepted. Individual bags will not be for sale on the scheduled popcorn days as no extras will be available for purchase. No refunds will be given if your son or daughter is absent from school on a

## A Note From Our Public Health Nurse...

### Healthy Breakfast

Breakfast is a nutritious and delicious way to start the school day!

To help your child do their best in school this year and keep their energy up throughout the day, start them off with a breakfast of champions. Children who eat a balanced breakfast will perform better in school and will develop healthier eating habits as they grow older. To make each morning's breakfast a breeze, keep these easy tips in mind:

- Keep a well-stocked kitchen: Have whole-grain cereals, milk, yogurt, whole grain breads and bagels, fruit, peanut butter, and cheese on hand
- Prepare in advance: Prepare the night before. Set the table, cut up any fruit and have cereal all ready to go for the next morning
- Wake up earlier: Waking up a little earlier will allow for a more relaxed breakfast
- Include everyone: Include children in planning and making breakfast by letting them choose breakfast items and getting them to help you clean up afterwards

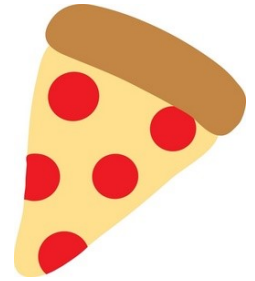
Variety is the spice of life: Include foods from at least 3 of the 4 food groups (Canada's Food Guide) and make breakfast an exciting time by trying these quick and easy breakfast ideas:

- Grilled cheese sandwich with melon slices on the side
- Smoothie made with fruit, yogurt, and nut butter
- Scrambled eggs wrapped in a tortilla with milk on the side
- Whole grain cereal or trail mix stirred into yogurt with a piece of fresh fruit
- Whole grain cereal, banana and milk

For more healthy living tips and ideas, visit Eat Right Ontario [www.eatrightontario.ca](http://www.eatrightontario.ca), or speak to the public health nurse at your school.

## Hot Lunch Updates

Pizza lunches for the month of October start Tuesday, Oct. 9th. All pizza should be ordered in advance, through the school cash online system. If you are not able to access school cash online, contact the office. Families should not depend on purchasing pizza on pizza days as supply is limited. Thanks to our school council and parent volunteers for organizing and running our hot lunch days.



## School Cash Online

We continue to encourage families to register for the School Cash Online Payment system. Registration is fast and easy.

Step 1: Visit: [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com)

Step 2: Select "Get Started Now" and follow the steps to register

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.

The **Parent Help Desk** available to support you in using School Cash Online. Friendly staff are available 24/7 (365 days) and can support you with registration, password recoveries, finding children or any check out or payment issues.

All school events, such as fundraising and school trips, will be available through the School Cash Online system this year.

If you are not able to access School Cash Online and require accommodation to place orders or make payments at any time, please contact the main office and we will be happy to assist you.



## Terry Fox Run

Thanks to all families who sent in donations for the Terry Fox Run.



## Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser

Orders are due on October 9th, through the School Cash Online payment system. If you require an alternate option for ordering and payment, please contact the main office for assistance. Options available are :



Bundle A (5lb white potatoes, 3lb sweet potatoes, 3lb yellow onions, 3lb carrots) for \$14.00

and

Bundle B (8b Empire Apples) \$15.00.

40% of all sales will return to the school as profit. These funds will be used to support regular snack program in our school. Food items will be delivered sometime during the month of November. We will send out details as soon as they become available.

## Snack Program



**BRANT FOOD FOR THOUGHT** break, all students have access to healthy snacks if they are interested.

We are thankful for the support of Brant Food for Thought for providing funding for this program. If you would like to make a cash donation to the program, cash or cheques (made payable to Brant Food for Thought) can be sent to the main office at the school. If you have volunteered to help with the program, we will be in touch shortly to set this up.

## Important Information for Parents of Bused Students

Families must go online to check their child's bus information. Always inform the school of any changes that are made.

There are several options for accessing this information:

1. Board website (click on transportation link),
2. Go to [www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca) and click on the "transportation information" link, or
3. Go directly to <https://www.transinfobhn.ca/> and save in your Favourites

If you make a change to your child's bus route at any time you must fill out the Transportation form TF001. Forms are available from the office or you can find them on the school or Transportation website. The TF001 Form must be returned to the school for processing. Do not send it directly to transportation

**If your child is not taking the bus home on a particular day**, you are required to let the teacher know in writing each time by sending a note "That your child will be picked up and not taking the bus that day." Please include the bus #. We ask that you make your arrangements with your child before they come to school. Please do not call the school with bus changes for the day unless it is an emergency.

Students are only permitted to ride on the bus that they are assigned. Permission is not granted for parent or student requests to ride other buses that service Confederation.

As a result of the very high volume of daily parent notes and phone calls to change the bus arrangements for children at dismissal, we can only accept parent notes and phone calls until 1:00 pm on any given school day indicating that there will be a change (unless it is an absolute emergency). If you need to make a change after 1:00 pm, we ask that you not call but meet your child at the end of day, outside at the bus area, before they board the bus. Please let the teacher in charge of bussing and the bus driver know they will not be taking the bus home. Thank you for your cooperation! Contact Dave Imre in the transportation department for any questions: 519-751-7532, ext. 282203 or

## **Student Pick-Up and Drop Off**

Please note that students are welcome to arrive at school any time after 8:50 a.m. when a teacher will be on duty to supervise. Children who arrive prior to 8:50 a.m. will not be supervised on school property, and should not arrive prior to this time.

### **Kindergarten Drop Off (am from 8:50-9:10)**

All Kindergarten students can be dropped off at the far end of the school, opposite to the parking lot, each morning. Families will need to park on the side streets adjacent to the school and walk students to this area. This area is fenced in and will be supervised by members of our kindergarten educator teams. Pick up at the end of the day will continue to begin at 3:20 at the exit doors located outside the gym (same location as last year).

### **Parking**

There will be no parking or vehicles allowed on site from 8:45-9:15 daily (morning drop off) and from 3:15-3:45 daily (afternoon pick up). The only exception to this rule would be for those with accessible passes who need to access the 2 designated spots at the front end of the parking lot. If your family has a need to access on site with a vehicle during the prohibited times, but does not have an accessible pass, please contact the main office to discuss possible arrangements. Parking will be available on the streets adjacent to the school. Please obey the posted parking regulations when parking on the street. Students may cross at the crossing guard in front of the school and walk up the sidewalk to the playground.

Adults picking students up at the end of the day are welcome to walk and wait along the sidewalk adjacent to the parking lots. Students being picked up and walking will exit out the gym doors at the side of the school. This area is supervised by staff.

## **School Council**

Thanks to all who came out to the first school council meeting. The next meeting will be on October 18th @ 6:00 in the library. All are welcome. Child minding is available. The list of voting members and executive positions will be posted on the school website following the next meeting.

## **Parking Reminders**

Just a reminder when parking on the streets around the school, it is important to be respectful of our school neighbours and to follow the parking rules:

- parking and stopping are allowed on only one side of the street (the side with the sidewalk). Signs are posted indicating this;
- parking is not allowed in front of a fire hydrant;
- please do not use our neighbor's driveways unless you have permission from the homeowner;
- parking is not permitted in the space between the corner of an intersection and the posted no parking sign.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

## **Head Lice**

Parents are asked to check their child's head regularly in order to keep head lice under control. 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. For more information on treating head lice, visit the Brant County Health Unit website at: <http://bit.ly/2dxDj6s>

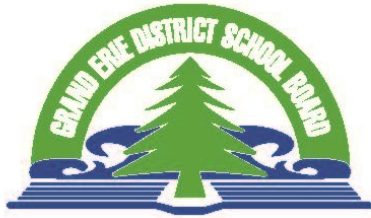
## **School Safety Procedures**

We will have 3 fire drills this fall. Following that, we will be conducting 1 lockdown drill before the December break. These practices are mandatory for all schools in GEDSB.

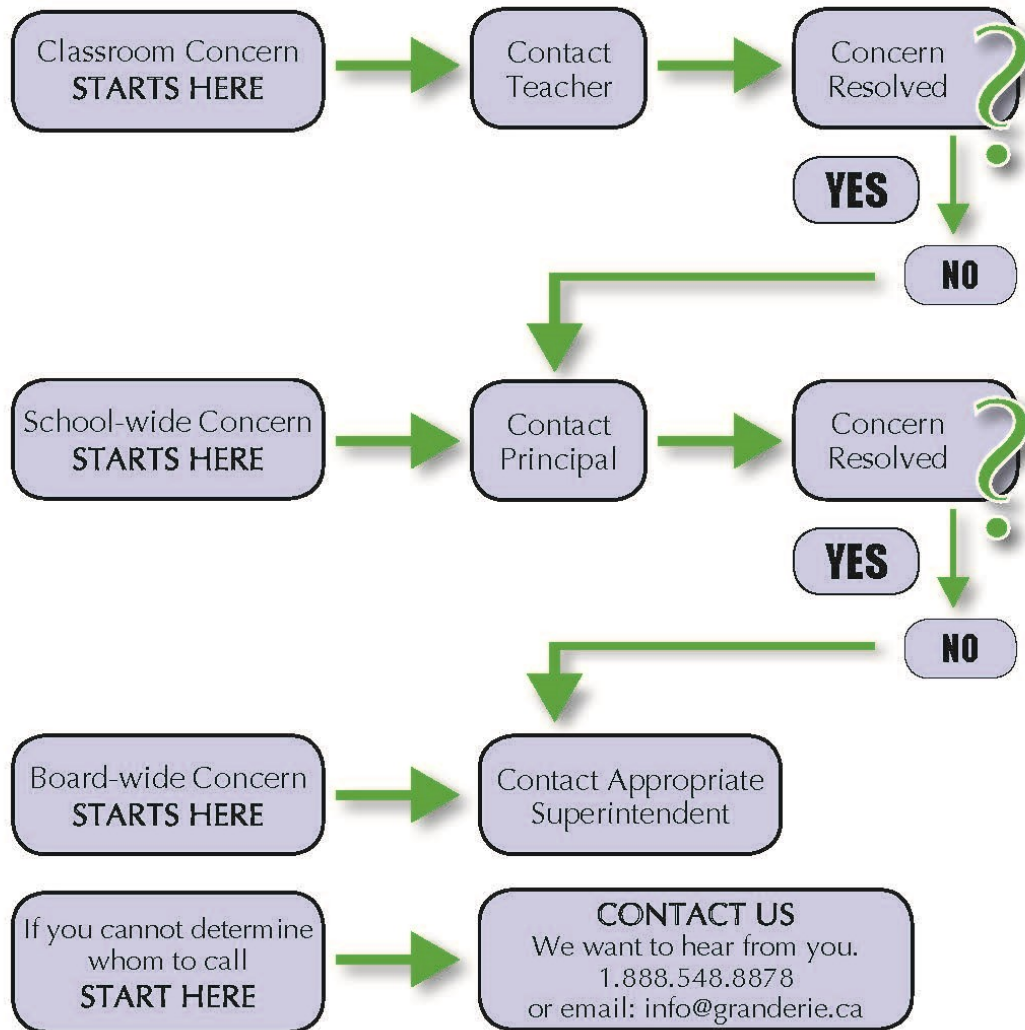








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Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at [granderie.ca](http://granderie.ca)

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