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We are one month in and everyone is hard at work. Teachers have been busy getting to know their new students; students have been busy reviewing from last year and adjusting to their new grade; and our first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting was a great success as we welcomed some new members and planned for the year. Please take time to review the reminders below, to help things run smoothly at Seneca. I also encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher with any classroom concerns or myself with larger school concerns. Together we will make this a great year for everyone at Seneca!

General Reminders to Parents

- Please make every effort to email, phone or use the agenda to communicate with your child's teacher, rather than trying to speak with them before class or at dismissal.
- Call the school before 8:40 to report your child's absence.
- Call in before 2:30 for end of day changes and requests.
- All bus changes must be made in writing, in order for the office to issue a bus pass. Also, we need notes from both sets of parents involved.
- Parents/guardians must report to the office to sign-in or sign-out students.
- Parents are asked to wait by the front entrance while a staff member gets their child for them, rather than going down the hall yourself.
- No parking or stopping in the driveway when picking up or dropping off students. This is an emergency fire route and must be kept clear at all times.

A Goodbye and a Welcome!

It is with a heavy heart that we have to say **goodbye to Miss. McCollum**, who has been with us in our grade 4 class since the start of the school year, but we know that she is going to have a very successful teaching career ahead of her.

Later this month, we **welcome Ms. Hughes** to the grade 4 class, as our newest full-time staff member. We look forward to the expertise and enthusiasm she brings to Seneca, as well as her connection to Haldimand, through her own upbringing and education in Dunnville to her experience teaching at Rainham Central School. I know this community will make her feel very welcome!

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Grand Erie District School Board: Focus on Equity in 2018-19

In 2016, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work that the school board is doing. At the centre of this Multi-Year Plan is *Success for Every Student*. Grand Erie will achieve *Success for Every Student* through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The six indicators that support Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan are: Achievement, Well-Being, Equity, Environment, Technology and Community.

This year, to demonstrate the embodiment of the Multi-Year Plan, Grand Erie has created a video series focusing on Equity, one of the six indicators. Equity is a part of everything Grand Erie does, from the supports provided to students and staff, to the events and activities the board honours and celebrates. Equity is a guiding force. These videos tell just four of the many stories of students and staff embracing Equity.

This first video highlights Matt Peaire, a Simcoe Composite School student who came out as transgender in Grade 11, and found support in his Guidance Teacher Jason Dale.

Watch Matt's Story here <https://bit.ly/2C1RZa5>
For more info on the Multi-Year Plan visit <https://bit.ly/2or827z>

PARENT GROUP/SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

School Council Start-up Event – October 18

School Councils play a vital role in the education of all Grand Erie students through their work to promote and improve student achievement and school performance as well as their leadership in encouraging parent involvement at schools and learning at home. All Grand Erie Schools must have a school council. Additionally, school council elections must be held within the first 30 days of the school year.

Grand Erie's annual School Council Start-up, sponsored by the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC), takes place **Thursday, October 18 from 6-8 p.m. at Waterford District High School**. All School Council Chairs, Home and School Associations Chairs or Parent Teacher Associations Chairs as well as their members are urged to attend. The School Council Start-up is an important event for all School Council Chairs as key information is provided and great ideas are shared.

For details on the event and to RSVP visit:
<https://bit.ly/2MRCjqa>

UPCOMING DATES

Oct 2 – PD Day NO SCHOOL
Oct 3 – Intermediate Soccer Tournament
Oct 4 – Junior Soccer Tournament
Oct 5 – Colour House Day & Awards September Assembly
Oct 9 – Fresh From the Farm orders due (no late orders)
Oct 10 – Orienteering
Oct 17 – Cross Country Meet
Oct 19 – Wally Parr Day
Oct 24 – Photo Retake Day

MATH PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

How long would it take you to walk to school?

Try to figure it out without actually walking to school. Show all of the steps you used. Try numbering the steps so we can follow your thinking.

Don't forget to bring in your work so we can post it on the math board in the front hallway.

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H is for... Handwashing

Kids don't always listen when parents tell them to wash their hands before eating, after using the bathroom, or when they come inside from playing. But it's a message worth repeating — hand washing is by far the best way to prevent germs from spreading and to keep kids from getting sick.



Good handwashing is the first line of defence against the spread of many illnesses – from the common cold to more serious infections such as the flu, meningitis and hepatitis A. To minimize the germs passed around your family, make regular hand washing a rule for everyone!

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