

# COBBLESTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## Message from Administration,

Dear Cobblestone School Families,

February was an exciting month here at Cobblestone School! On a special note, we welcome back Ms Tyers to the front office, a friendly face for many from last year. She will be working alongside Mrs Van Ry and Mrs George to support a staff, students and their families.

On February 13, we celebrated the Winter Olympics with our very own Cobblestone Olympics Event. Students had a wonderful time participating in a variety of activities that promoted teamwork, school spirit, and fun. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Bage, Mrs. Lepage, and the Coyote Crew for organizing such a fantastic day for our students.

Throughout the month, we recognized Black History Month through daily announcements and meaningful classroom conversations. These important discussions about Black excellence, contributions, and history will continue well beyond February as part of our ongoing commitment to inclusivity and learning.

Our school community also participated in Pink Shirt Day, reinforcing the message that kindness, respect, and standing up against bullying matter every single day—not just once a year. We remain committed to fostering a safe and caring environment where all students feel valued and respected.

We also recognize that many members of our community are observing Ramadan, a significant time of reflection, fasting, prayer, and community for Muslims around the world. During Ramadan, many Muslims fast from dawn until sunset and break their fast each evening with a meal called Iftar, often shared with family and friends. Ramadan ends with Eid al-Fitr, a joyful celebration of prayer, family, and community. We wish peace and blessings to all who are observing this important time. 🌙

As we head into March and look forward to the arrival of spring, please remember to ensure your child is dressed for the weather. Even with warmer days ahead, it is still winter, and cold or wet conditions will continue for a little while longer.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful and restful March Break!

*Mrs Bannister and Ms DeGraaf*

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Cheryl Bannister

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Erin Van Ry  
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Terry George

Bell Times  
Entry Bell - 9:05am  
Instructional Block #1  
9:05am - 11:05am  
First Nutrition Break  
11:05am - 11:45am  
Instructional Block #2  
11:45am - 1:25pm  
Second Nutrition Break  
1:25pm - 2:05pm  
Instructional Block #3  
2:05pm - 3:25pm  
Dismissal Bell - 3:25pm

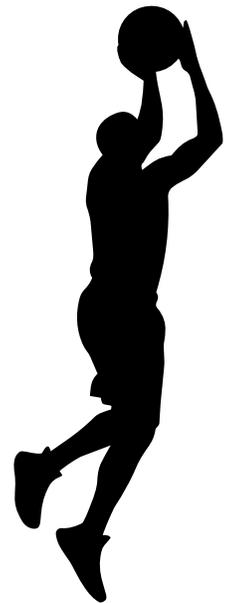


**Congratulations to the Junior Basketball team for winning 3 games in a row! The team played incredible defence and secured wins over Burford, Glen Morris and Greenbrier! They are now moving on to the next tournament!!**



### **Intermediate Boys Basketball Team: Season Recap**

**The Cobblestone Intermediate Boys Basketball Team put together an impressive season built on teamwork, effort, and determination. The boys opened the tournament with a strong statement, defeating their first opponent, St. George, by more than 20 points. Their momentum continued in Game Two, where everyone contributed in a solid win over Centennial. In the semifinal, Cobblestone faced a familiar rival, Russell Reid, and came out on top once again, securing their spot in the championship game. Though the team battled hard in a thrilling back-and-forth final, they ultimately came up just short, falling to Northward by six points.**



**It was an outstanding run and a season the team should be proud of. Great season, boys!**

**The staff at Cobblestone are already looking forward to facing the team next Thursday, March 12, for a friendly staff-vs-students game. We will also be meeting soon to set a date for the upcoming Basketball Club. More information to come!**



**Booster Juice will be available once a month until the end of the year!**

**The proceeds from these sales will be helping our Grade 4 students travel to Toronto at the end of June to Toronto to Medieval Times and the Greek God and Goddesses Rock Garden.**

**Order through School Cash Online.**

**We appreciate your support!**

## Kindergarten Registration

It is never too early to think about the start of school, and if you have a child who will be four years old by December 31, 2026, online registration is now open! Early Kindergarten registration allows us to plan and implement programming and resources so your child can make the most successful transition as they start school. Our Kindergarten classrooms are vibrant, welcoming spaces where our youngest learners form positive relationships, build problem-solving skills, and develop a strong sense of themselves in the world.

Parents and caregivers of soon-to-be Kindergarten students can visit Grand Erie's Kindergarten webpage to register, as well as find information about transportation, before-and-after care, and resources to ensure the best start to school. Our office is also available to answer any questions you have about the process. We can't wait to welcome your child to Cobblestone next September!



## Time Change!

🕒 Spring Forward! Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8, 2026. Set your clocks 1 hour ahead before bed on Saturday night to enjoy brighter evenings! ☀️



**School will be closed from March 16th-20th for March Break.**

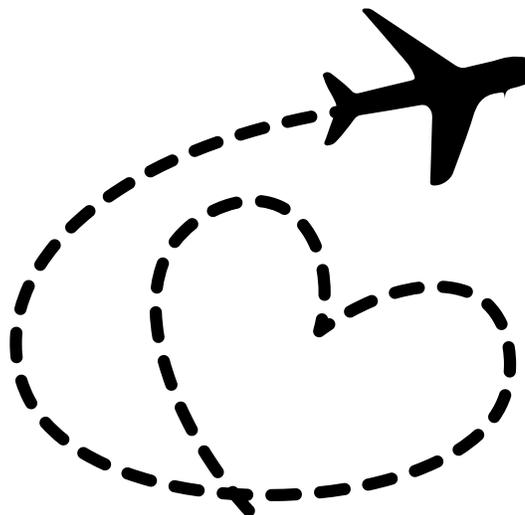
**We hope that everyone enjoys a restful week and we wish safe travels to those who are going away!**

# **A Friendly Attendance Reminder for Extended Leaves!**

**Hi Cobblestone families!**

**We have a quick reminder to help keep things running smoothly at school. If your child will be away for more than 5 days, please let both their teacher and the office know. This helps us stay organized and continue supporting your child while they're away.**

**For planned absences longer than 5 days, families will also need to complete a Temporary Absence Form, which must be approved by the principal. Please also note that if a student is away for more than 15 consecutive days without any communication or approved paperwork, they will be removed from the class list. In that case, you would need to re-register when your child returns, and we can't guarantee the same classroom placement.**



**Thanks so much for your help in keeping our records up to date—we truly appreciate your partnership!**

## Important Field Trip Information for Families

To ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience, please take note of the following important information:

### 1. Permission Forms and Payment:

- All permission forms and payments must be completed on Cash Online by the firm deadline, which is one week before the trip. Unfortunately, no exceptions can be made. Please contact your child's teacher to discuss any barriers you may have well in advance.

### 2. Parent Volunteers:

- We welcome parent volunteers! Please note that a Police Check is required for all volunteers.
- If you are driving for the trip, a separate driver form is required for each trip. These forms will be provided by the school.

### 3. Supervision and Safety:

- Adequate supervision is crucial for the safety of our students. If we do not have enough supervisors, the trip may be cancelled.
- All supervisors must complete the Volunteer Supervisor Informed Consent form.

### 4. Communication:

- Teachers will provide regular reminders about deadlines and trip details. Please check your emails and school communications frequently.
- If your child is not attending the trip, a plan will be in place for them to stay at school.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in making these trips a memorable experience for our students. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Cobblestone Staff





# 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

## Brant | Brantford | Haldimand | Norfolk - Elementary

	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week				
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H School Holiday    
 P Professional Activity Day    
 B Board Designated Holiday

The first day of school for all students will be **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

- September 12, 2025:** Literacy and Mathematics/Health and Safety Protocols
- October 7, 2025:** Literacy and Mathematics/Student Well-Being, School Safety and Violence Protection
- November 14, 2025:** Curriculum and Assessment
- January 19, 2026:** Curriculum and Assessment

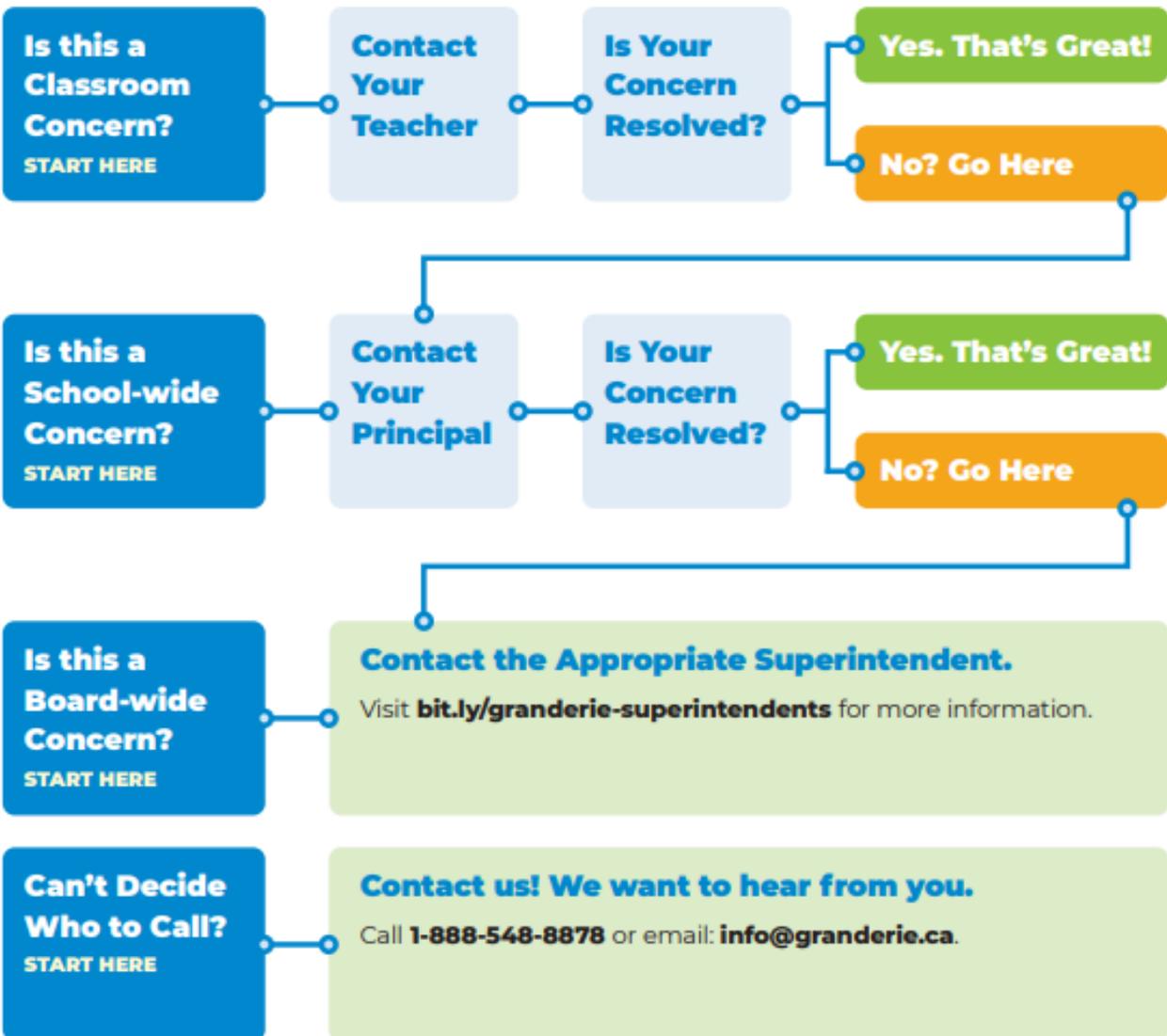
- April 17, 2026:** Curriculum and Assessment/Student Well-Being, School Safety and Violence Prevention
- June 5, 2026:** Curriculum and Assessment
- June 26, 2026:** Student Achievement Reflection and Planning



# Parent/Caregiver/ Community Member Concern Chart



## We're Here to Help



Parent/Caregiver/Community member inquiries will receive an acknowledgement within 2 business days. Grand Erie shall make a best effort to provide an estimated date of response in a parent/caregiver/community member inquiry if it cannot be fully addressed within 5 business days of receipt.

**Your Trustee can guide you through this process.**

Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at [granderie.ca/board/about/trustees](https://granderie.ca/board/about/trustees)