



JAMES HILLIER PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Principal

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Bell Times

9:00 a.m. – School Starts
1st Nutrition Break: 11:00-11:40
2nd Nutrition Break 1:20-2:00
Dismissal: 3:20 p.m.

Office Hours:
8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Message from the Principal

It's April! Is that you Spring?!

I hope everyone enjoyed a pleasant March Break last month. Eid Al-Fitr marked the end of Ramadan on March 19th-20th and Passover runs from April 1st -9th. April is also Sikh Heritage Month and April 10th is New Year Hindu the community. The Easter long weekend runs from April 3rd (Good Friday) to April 6th (Easter Monday). There is certainly lots of opportunity for our whole community to celebrate this time of year!

This month, Mr. Neeb and Ms. Beedham are working together to develop junior and intermediate badminton teams that will compete in a few weeks. Mr. I, Mme Sorensen and the choir are looking forward to showcasing their talent at the April 27th School Board meeting. I'm confident all involved will represent our school very well and will have much fun in the process. Good luck Jayhawks!

Our outdoor playground equipment has been out-of-bounds through the winter for safety reasons, but students will be invited to use it again very soon (if they are not wearing mitts/gloves or boots).

We can expect the next few weeks to give us a wide variety of weather. Everything from sunny and warm to cold and wet. Please encourage your children to dress appropriately and have some back-up clothing and shoes should they need them in a pinch.

This time of year, always puts these lines from Gord Downie into my brain

*...Spring time's coming,
wait till you see
It's poking through with them shoots of beauty
It's the end of rent-a-movie weather It's time to end this siege together...*

Be well,

Cam MacDonald
Principal

**Check out our newly launched school
website!**

www.granderie.ca/jhi

School Council

April is **Feminine Hygiene Collection Month!** From **April 1–30**, we are collecting donations for **Nova Vita’s Women’s Shelter**, with a high need for items such as **tampon and menstrual cups**. Alternatively, children’s hygiene products will also be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the **front office**.

Support our **Domino’s Fundraiser on April 30**—enjoy a **large 3-topping pizza for \$13**. Mention the school when ordering on the phone or for online and on the app use the promo codes on the flyer.

Spirit Wear ordering opens **May 1** for two weeks.

Save the date for our **School Fun Fair on June 4 from 5–7 PM!**

EA Appreciation Day – April 2

On April 2, we proudly recognize **Educational Assistant Appreciation Day** and extend our sincere thanks to our incredible EA team. Our Educational Assistants play a vital role in supporting student learning, well-being, and inclusion each and every day. Through their dedication, patience, and care, they help create a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment where all students can thrive. We are deeply grateful for the hard work, compassion, and commitment they bring to our school community. Thank you for all that you do!

Attendance

As spring arrives, April brings a fresh opportunity for students to grow and “bloom.” This month, our family of schools is focusing on the strategy “Bloom with Attendance: Involve the Whole Community.” When students know that families, school staff, and the wider community are invested in their learning, they feel supported and attendance improves.

Students who show up, grow up – academically, socially and emotionally. Let’s help our students blossom by showing up every day!

- Every Day Counts
- Every Student Counts
- Our Community Counts

#EveryDayCounts

#BloomWith Attendance

#School Community

Student Cell Phone Reminders

Many of our students in the upper grades have personal cell phones. While this can be an effective way to communicate with your child, please be reminded that students are not permitted to send or respond to text messages or phone calls during the school day. Any communication home (e.g., to be picked up for illness) during the day must be done through the main office. Students will need to first speak with the teacher, who can assist with a plan for contacting the family. This procedure is in place for student safety and attendance purposes. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Upcoming Dates

You can see a list of various dates of significance for April [here on the Board website](#).

Here is just a sample of ones that stand out here at James Hillier this month:

April 2nd – EA Appreciation Day

April 2nd – World Autism Awareness Day

April 3rd and 6th – No school, Easter Long Weekend

April 17th – No School, PD Day

April 28th – School Council Meeting



FEMININE PRODUCT COLLECTION MONTH

for Nova Vita's women's shelter

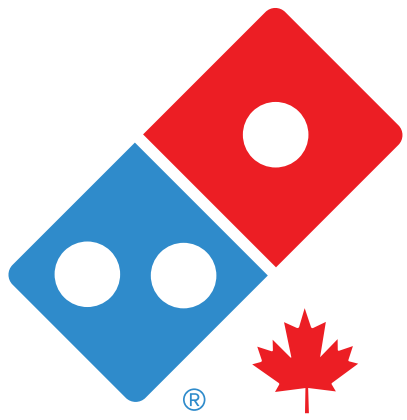
Any feminine hygiene products
or alternatively children's hygiene
products are welcomed.



Parent Council will be collecting from

April 1st to April 30th

We will have a bin collecting items
at the front office.



RAISE THE DOUGH.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 29TH 2026
JAMES HILLIER



**LARGE 3-TOPPING
PIZZA FOR \$13.**

**\$5 DONATED FROM
EVERY PIZZA ORDERED.**

CODE: DGH1 1 pizza
CODE: DGH2 2 pizzas
CODE: DGH3 3 pizzas

Valid at:
105 Colborne St W
71 Charing Cross St



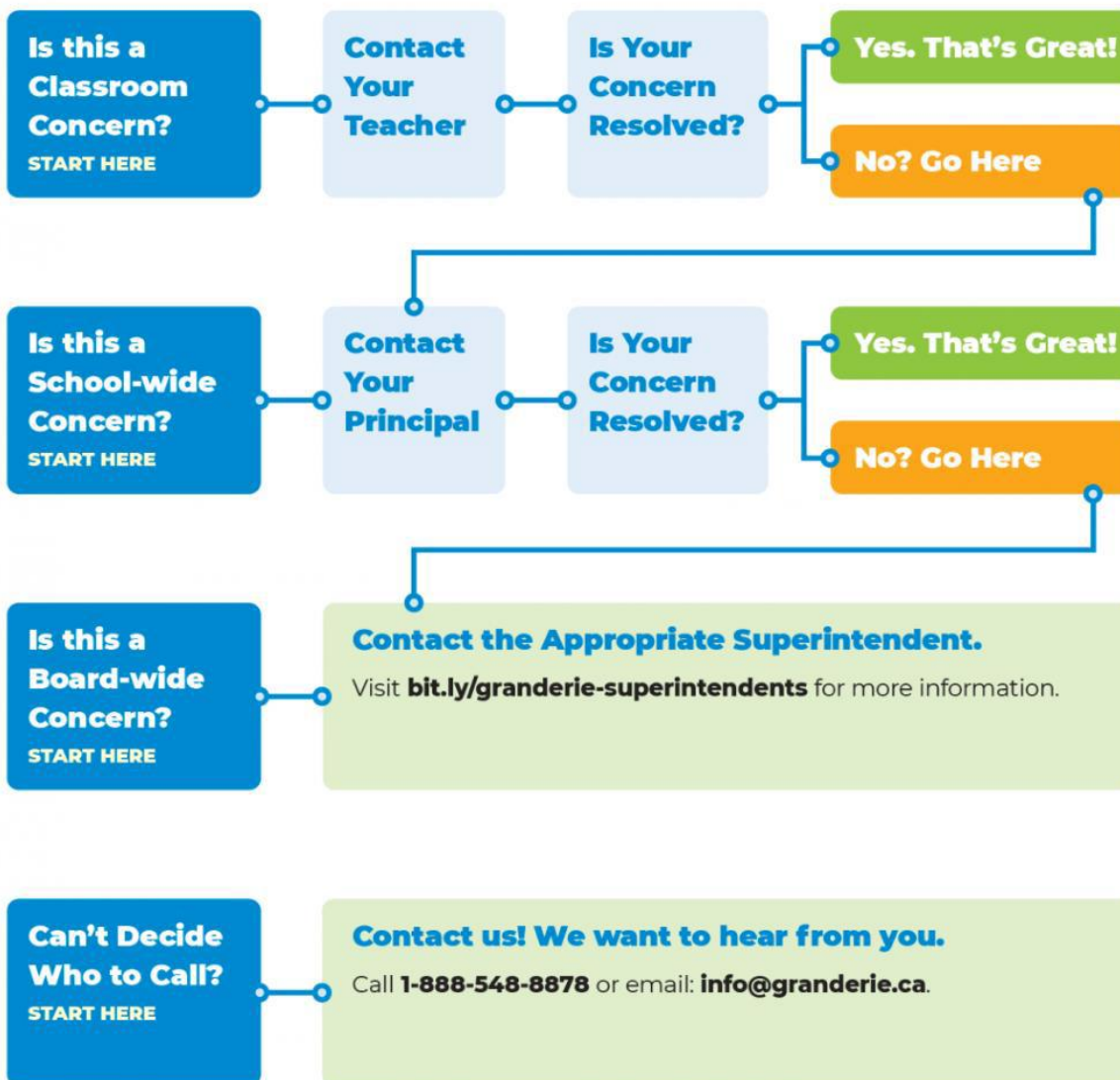
Taxes and delivery may apply. Valid at participating locations. Limited delivery area.
To use code, go online at www.dominos.ca or the Domino's Canada App, or call the stores above.

Parent/Caregiver/ Community Member Concern Chart



We're Here to Help

Find out who to contact at Grand Erie using this helpful resource.



Your Trustee can guide you through this process.

Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at granderie.ca/board/about/trustees