



JAMES HILLIER PUBLIC SCHOOL



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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

February marks the end of the first term of the school year and the beginning of the second. We're half-way! Student report cards are scheduled to be coming home on Monday, February 9th. Just like with the Progress reports in the fall, these Term 1 report cards will be sent home electronically to the email address we have on file at the school. If you do not receive a report card in your email inbox by the evening on Feb 9th, please reach out to the main office and we can assist you. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's report card, please contact their teacher.

We certainly have been experiencing a traditional Canadian winter this year. Hopefully you've been able to enjoy it. Although I love to enjoy winter when it's supposed to be winter, I also hope that it transitions to spring on schedule!

Cam MacDonald
Principal



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

www.granderie.ca/jhi



February is Black History Month

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities.

The 2025 theme for Black History Month is: “Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations — From Nation Builders to Tomorrow’s Visionaries.”. This theme celebrates three decades of Black History Month in Canada and recognizes the enduring legacy of Black Canadians, whose leadership, creativity, innovation and resilience have shaped our past, continue to influence our present, and will inspire future generations.

Students will participate in classroom activities that celebrate the accomplishments of Black individuals around the world and acknowledge the struggle for equality that has taken place both historically and in the present day.

Valentine’s Day

Some classes may be celebrating Valentine’s Day on February 14th. Individual classroom teachers will communicate directly with families if there are classroom plans. A reminder that we are a nut aware building and food items that are provided for sharing with the class must be nut free. In some instances, there may be other food allergies that impact shared treats in the classroom. Your child’s teacher will make families aware of this if needed. A reminder that the Brant County Health Unit requires any food that is shared in schools be prepared in a commercial or health unit inspected kitchen. We thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance

Show Up with Heart: Families as Partners + Health and Well Being



February is all about “Showing Up with Heart.” When students attend school consistently, they stay connected to learning, friendships, and routines that support their overall well-being. We know that consistent attendance is built on strong partnerships between home and school. Every Day Counts!

February is Crossing Guard Appreciation Month!

We would like to recognize and thank our school crossing guards as they provide a very important service, doing their very best to keep us safe as we walk to and from school! Please be sure to thank them and follow their instructions!!





is it BULLYING?

CONFLICT:

- two or more people having a fight, an argument or disagreement
- there is a similar balance of power (both people are close in grade, age and ability)
- a solution can usually be found



Ignore. Say STOP.
Report to an adult if it doesn't stop!

TEASING:

- usually starts as joking and having fun
- someone begins to get angry or bothered
- it is not funny anymore
- there is a similar balance of power (both people are close in grade, age and ability)



Ignore. Say STOP.
Report to an adult if it doesn't stop!

BULLYING:

- repeated, unwanted, targeted, and aggressive behaviour
- someone is being hurt on purpose
- an imbalance of power (one is much younger or much older, for example)



Say STOP.
Report to an adult!

AGGRESSION:

- an overreaction to a strong emotion or feeling
- happens once and does not repeat



Say STOP.
Report to an adult!



Peanut/Nut Aware School

A few reminders about food policies at Cobblestone:

* This is a peanut/nut aware school. Please do not send peanut based products, peanuts, or any nut/soy products that may contain any of these items to the school. The safety of other children depends on this.

* Peanut butter substitutes are not allowed in elementary schools in GEDSB.

* Food is not permitted on the school playground at recess. Students are permitted the opportunity to eat their snacks and lunches prior to going outside or immediately following the morning and afternoon recess periods.

Dates of Significance

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

Here is just a sample of ones that are front and center here at Cobblestone this month:

Black History Month

Chinese Heritage Month

School Crossing Guard Appreciation Month

February 9th – Report Cards emailed home

February 14th – Valentines Day

February 16th – Family Day Holiday (Schools Closed)

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STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAMS



BRANT FOOD FOR THOUGHT'S **GREAT GRAIN RACE**

Contact your Community Development
Coordinator and Enter your school Student
Nutrition Program today!

Prizes:

- 1st - \$300 Grocery Gift Card
- 2nd - \$200 Grocery Gift Card
- 3rd - \$100 Grocery Gift Card

LIST OF ACCEPTABLE SHELF STABLE FOOD DONATIONS THAT MEET THE MINISTRY GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAMS

***Reminders:**

- Check labels for allergen information. Avoid products containing nuts.
- Products that are sugar coated, yogurt covered, contain marshmallows or any form of chocolate are NOT permitted.

CEREALS:

General Mills - Cheerios - (Yellow box Original or Multigrain.

Kelloggs - Special K Granola, Just Right

Quaker: Oatmeal Squares Original, Life Original

Post: Shreddies (Original or Honey), Honey Bunches of Oats.

CRACKERS:

Christie: Triscuits (all varieties)

Great Value: Woven Wheats

Breton: Breton Bites (all varieties)

Pepperidge Farm: Gold Fish Wholegrain & Goldfish Wholegrain Colors

Nabisco: Honey Graham Mini Crackers

GRAIN BASED BARS:

Made Good Bars - Strawberry or Mixed Berry

Quaker Chewy Bars: (*Currently on Recall, but may be back by February*) Apple Fruit Crumble & Peach, Strawberry

Nature Valley: Lunch Box Granola Bar - Berry



BRANT FOOD FOR THOUGHT

School zone safety

The rush of cars, buses, and children arriving at school can create many dangers. Help keep kids safe on the way to and from school.

Drivers:

- Slow down and be ready to stop for school buses and pedestrians
- Respect the crossing guard's instructions
- Be aware of children potentially running in front or behind buses or other obstructions (snowbanks)
- Make sure your child gets out from the passenger side of your vehicle
- Park away from the school and walk your child onto school property

Teach your children to:

- Stop, look, listen, and make eye contact with drivers before crossing
- Walk only on the sidewalk and follow the crossing guard's instructions
- Do not use cell phones or earphones when walking

For more information, visit [CAA School Safety Patrol](#).

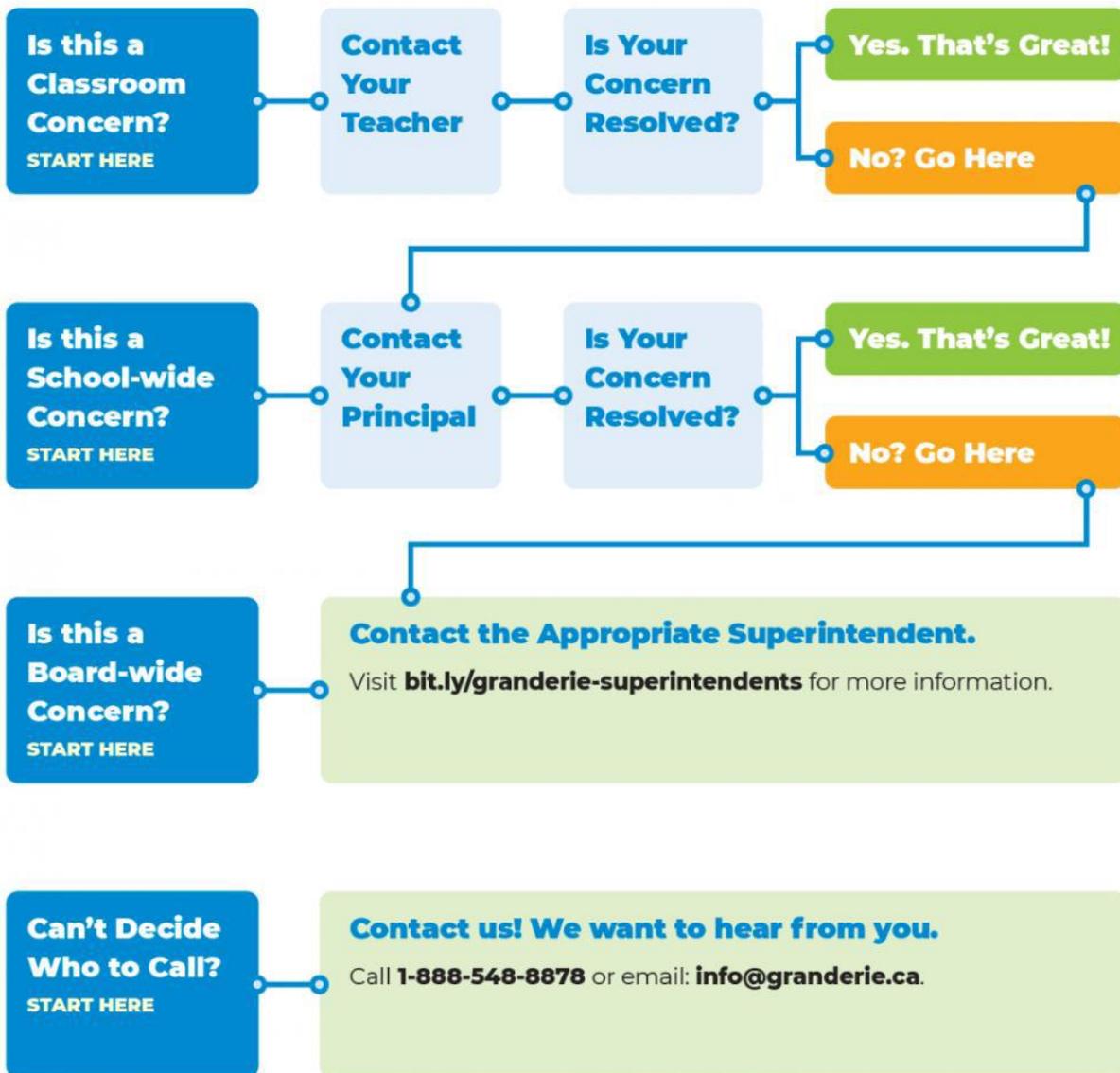


Parent/Caregiver/ Community Member Concern Chart



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