



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



Happy New Year James Hillier families!

I hope that everyone enjoyed a nice holiday season with family and friends. I certainly did. As nice as that was, I was excited to see staff, students and parents returning to school on yesterday. I love hearing the stories of the exciting things that happened over your break.

It's hard to believe but we are already at the mid-point of January by the end of next week! Teachers are already beginning to organise their assessment information to prepare to work on Term 1 report cards.

Until February,

Cam MacDonald
Principal

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

www.granderie.ca/jhi

Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten Registration Open for 2025-26 School Year

It's never too early to be thinking about the start of school, and if you have a child who will be four years old by the end of 2025, [online registration is now open for Kindergarten](#). Earlier 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 next September!

Attendance Counts!

Did you know that missing just one day of school every two weeks adds up to four full weeks over the course of the school year? That's about 1.5 full years over 13 years of schooling.

Attendance counts! Success at school is directly related to regular attendance. Students stay on track with their learning, and the positive routines established at a young age continue to add up to success throughout their school career. Let's make each day count by encouraging regular attendance.

School attendance for all students is tracked for absences and late arrivals. A Grand Erie District School Board attendance counselor works with our school to track student attendance. A letter is sent to individual parents when children have accumulated a significant number of absences and/or lates. Absences of 15 consecutive days can result in the removal of the student from the school's registration. In all other cases of attendance concerns, a notice is sent to parents from the school indicating the total number of lates and absences for a child prior to involvement with the Attendance Counsellor.

Please note that if you are planning a family trip or have a reason to take your child out of school for 15 or more consecutive days, you are required to complete a "Request for Absence from School" form from the office (and signed by the principal) prior to the absence. This is a GEDSB policy. This form can also be found on the board website under [Procedure SO-040](#).

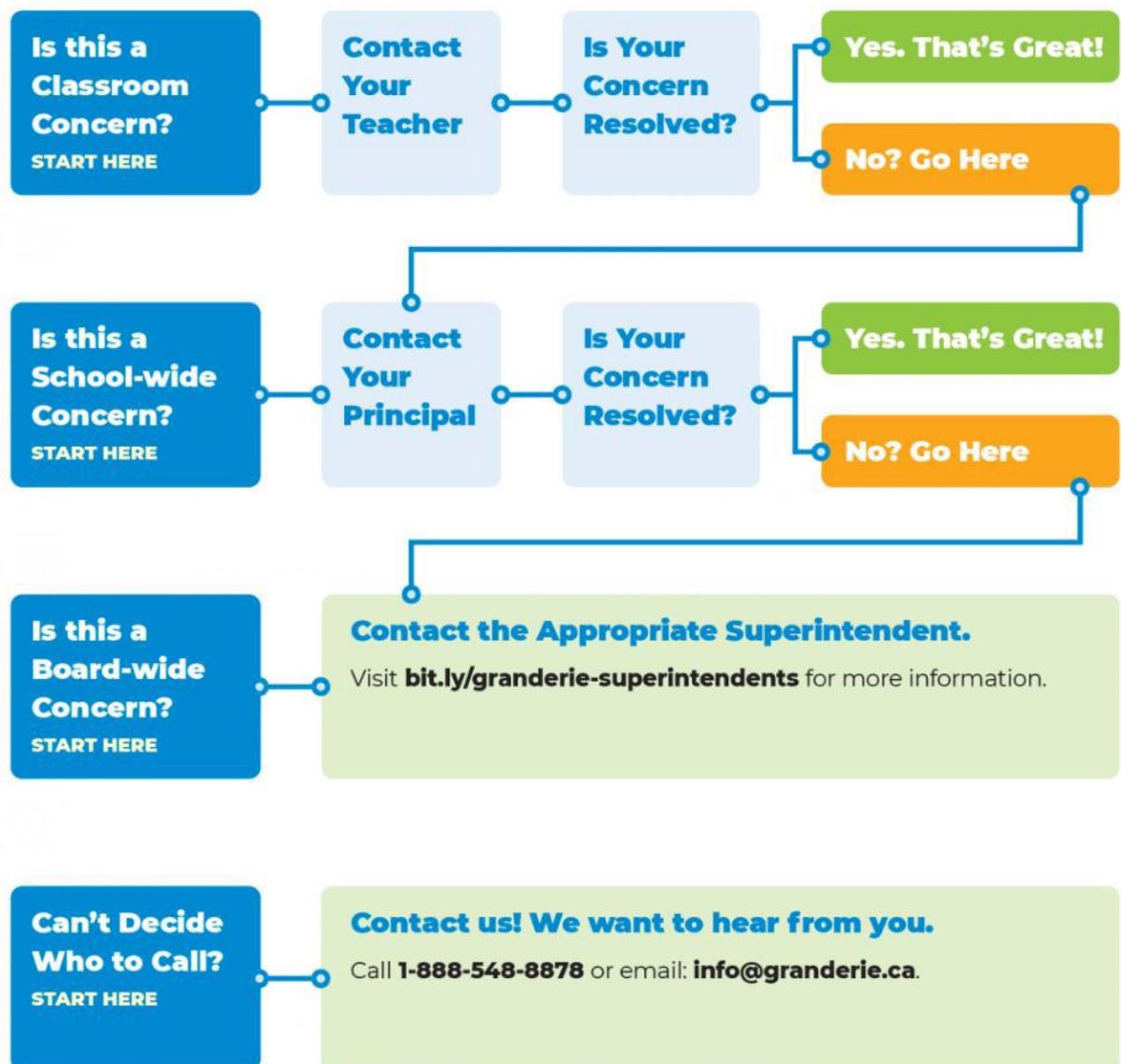


Parent/Caregiver/ Community Member Concern Chart



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