



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

May has arrived, and with it comes a sense of energy, pride, and momentum across our school. April was a wonderful example of how our students continue to represent James Hillier with dedication, teamwork, and school spirit; both in and beyond the classroom.

We are very proud of our students who competed in Badminton and Wrestling during April. They represented our school with excellent effort, sportsmanship, and perseverance, and should be commended for the positive way they carried themselves at competitions.

Our Choir has also had a memorable spring. They performed beautifully at the April 27th Grand Erie District School Board meeting, showcasing both their musical talent and their confidence. We are now looking forward to their upcoming performance at the Sanderson Centre in June, as they continue to prepare for this exciting opportunity.

As we move into May, we are also excited for Track and Field for students in grades 4 through 8 on May 15th at W. Ross Macdonald School. Mr. Kronwald is also taking several students to the chess tournament on May 7th. Events like these allow students to challenge themselves, celebrate personal growth, and experience the benefits of teamwork and healthy activity.

This month also includes important learning milestones, including EQAO assessments for some students. We are proud of the effort our learners demonstrate each day and remain focused on ensuring all students feel supported, confident, and prepared to do their best.

Thank you to our staff for the care and commitment they show in supporting student learning and extracurricular opportunities, and to our families for your continued partnership. Together, we are building a school community that values achievement, well-being, and belonging.

Cam MacDonald
Principal

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

www.granderie.ca/jhi

School Council

School Spirit wear is live now until **May 15!** Orders (delivery or school pick-up) will arrive in **early June.**

<https://brantfordapparel.ca/collections/james-hillier-spiritwear>

Join us for the **Fun Fair on June 4 from 5–7 p.m.** Wristbands and food will be available for purchase soon on **School Cash Online.** Volunteers are needed—please let us know if you can help!

You Belong Here – Wellness Matters

“Stronger Together”

At our school, wellness is about more than healthy habits—it’s about connection. This month, we’re focusing on the theme Stronger Together, highlighting how support, kindness, and teamwork help all of us thrive. When students, staff, and families work together, we create a community where everyone feels valued, supported, and able to grow. Through shared activities, moments of gratitude, and opportunities to connect, we are reminding one another that we don’t have to do things alone. Small acts—listening, encouraging, and helping—build strength across our school. Thank you for being an important part of a community where everyone belongs and we are truly stronger together.

Attendance

In May, our attendance focus highlights the importance of health and well-being in helping students show up ready to learn. When we support the physical, emotional, and mental health of our students, families, and staff, we strengthen the foundation for success. Stay connected and reach out when support is needed – because feeling well helps us attend well.

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 **fulsome list of various dates of significance for May** [here on the Board website.](#)

May 11th-15th – Gr 3 EQAO

May 14th – Welcome to Kindergarten Event

May 15th – Track and Field (gr 4-8)

May 18th – Victoria Day Holiday (no school)

May 25th-29th – Gr 6 EQAO

Protect yourself against West Nile virus and Lyme disease

Whether you're staying active outdoors, camping, or gardening, it's important to protect yourself and your family against West Nile virus and Lyme disease. West Nile virus is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito, while Lyme disease is spread through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick.

To reduce your risk:

- Wear closed-toe shoes, socks, and light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts, and pants (dark colours attract mosquitos)
- Tuck pant legs into socks when walking in long grass.
- Apply bug spray with DEET or Icaridin to skin and clothing.
- After you get home from the outdoors, do a full body check for ticks on yourself, your children and your pets.
- Have a shower or bath within 2 hours of being outdoors.
- Clean up standing water around your home where mosquitoes like to breed

If you find a tick attached to your body, use tweezers or a specially designed tick remover to grab the insect as close to your skin as possible, and pull it straight out. Make a note of:

- Where you may have picked up the tick
- Where on your body it bit you
- The date of the bite

You can learn more and report your tick bite at etick.ca. If you feel unwell after a tick bite, call your doctor.

For more information on West Nile Virus and Lyme disease, visit Grand Erie Public Health's website on [West Nile Virus](#) and [ticks](#), or call the health unit at 519-753-4937 ext 470.

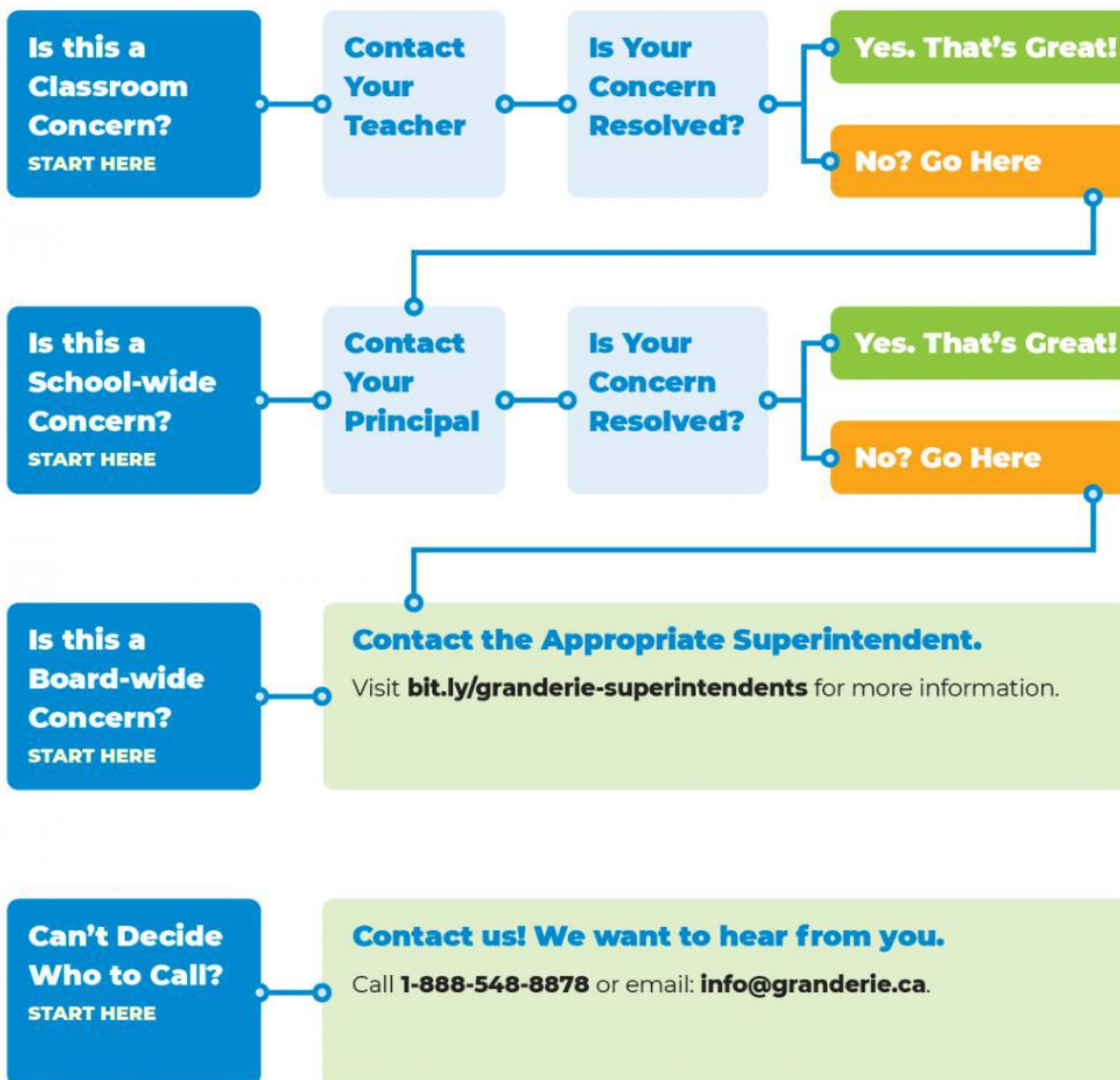


Parent/Caregiver/ Community Member Concern Chart



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