

THE GRAPEVIEW GAZETTE

Principal: Mrs. K. Libera
Vice-Principal: Mrs. L. St. John
Administrative Assistants: Mrs. T. Maki & Mrs. H Cole



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A Message from Your Administrative Team:

We are thrilled to start another exciting year here at Grapeview and would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning Gryphon families on behalf of our Grapeview Staff. We are so happy to have you with us for the 2020-2021 school year! We realize that this year has started of a bit differently, but rest assured we are going to continue doing what we do best, growing young minds and building character.

You will notice that there are a number of **changes to our routines**, safety procedures and teaching practices as we care for and work to provide new learning experiences for your children this year. Please be patient with us as we move through this school year together. The safety and well-being of our school community is our top priority.

We would like to take a moment to thank a number of people for a truly successful start to the year. First of all we would like to recognize our **custodial team** for working hard to get our building ready for the return of staff and students. On top of their regular duties, among other things, our team also reorganized, stored and removed a great deal of furniture in order to maximize space for staff and students.

We would also like to send a big thank you to **Mrs. Maki and Mrs. Cole** for their amazing efforts in helping to keep us organized as we worked to get ready to open, while also continuing to efficiently register new families, complete paperwork, assist staff and answer our many, many questions and phone calls.

We also want to thank our **teaching and support staff** for all of their hard work these past few weeks. They have definitely impressed us with their innovative ideas and thoughtful planning as they prepare their classes and the school for a safe return. It is good to be a Gryphon!

Finally we would like to thank you, our **Grapeview community**. Thank you for your patience and support for a successful return to the 2020 school year! We appreciate all you have done to prepare your children for new routines and expectations, and we cannot thank you enough for adhering to those expectations yourselves. Quick drop offs, wearing of masks, and calling the school instead of coming inside are just a few of the many things we have noticed you have done so well! Thank you!

We would also like to wish **Mrs. McLaughlin and Mrs. Wilson** the best of luck as they begin an exciting year working at our Virtual School. We will of course miss seeing them at Grapeview, but know they are still Gryphons at heart and will be back with us again!

We wish everyone all the best for a safe and wonderful school year!

Mrs. Libera & Mrs. St. John

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Interested in knowing more about DSBN's back to school plan? Please visit www.dsbni.org

LET'S KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

BE NUT AWARE!

When you are packing your child's lunch, please remember that we strive to be a nut-free environment. Members of our school community have nut allergies so it is important that we all work to ensure their safety.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ENTRY AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

In keeping with Niagara Public Health requirements, we are unable to allow adults to gather at school entry or exit.

As a result, **ONLY STAFF AND STUDENTS** will be permitted on the school yard at drop off time. If you drop your child off at school, we are asking that you say a quick good-bye on the sidewalk or at the school gates. We kindly ask that you promptly leave the school property once your child is safely through the entry.

At pick-up time, parents may enter the school yard to locate their children in their designated outdoor space. Please remember not to enter this area but just to call for your child to meet you. This will help to keep everyone safe!

GOING TO BE ABSENT?

If your child is going to be absent, please use the School Messenger app to report the absence. Absences can be reported in advance, and can be done 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Just a reminder: This year it is important that before you use School Messenger for the first time, that you log out and log back in to the app.



Sept. 30
is Orange Shirt Day.



On September, 30th, we encourage our students (and families) to wear an orange shirt to demonstrate the commitment to reconciliation and opening and continuing the dialogue about residential schooling. Students will be discussing Indigenous issues in an age-appropriate way this day and throughout the year.

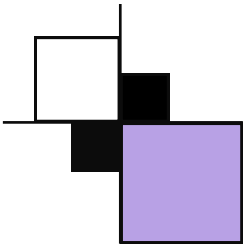


ROWAN'S LAW
CONCUSSION SAFETY:
SEPT. 30TH

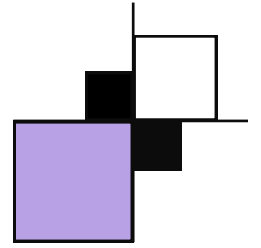
TERRY FOX WALK



As in the past, we will honour Terry Fox and support cancer research through our annual Terry Fox walk which will take place on the school grounds. Our students and staff will complete their walk in their class communities to ensure proper social distancing. More information about date and our ability to collect donations to follow.



DAILY REMINDERS



This year we will be spending additional time outdoors in order to give students a break from wearing their masks. Please dress your child for the weather yes, even for light rain showers!



AGENDAS



This year, DSBN schools will not be distributing agendas to students. Instead, staff will be sharing information between home and school digitally. Further information and details will be shared by your child's homeroom teacher.

**COMMUNICATION
IS WHAT MAKES A
TEAM STRONG**



BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club/Snack Cart will run a little differently this year, and as a result, will be on hold for the first few weeks of school as Niagara Nutrition Partners prepares to support our changes. We will notify families when Breakfast Club is up and running again.



On Friday, you should have received a School Cash Online notification regarding an important form that needs your attention ([The DSBN Parental Agreement for Daily Screening](#)). This week, there will be additional documents coming to you through School Cash Online. Please read and complete these forms digitally at your earliest convenience. Later this week you will receive a paper copy of the [Student Verification form](#). Please review this form, make changes as necessary, and return it to the school. It is critical that the information we have on file about your child is accurate. We appreciate your continued support with this.

GRAPEVIEW STAFF

Principal	Mrs. Libera
Vice– Principal Learning Resource Teacher	Mrs. St. John
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Maki & Mrs. Cole
Learning Resource Teacher	Mr. Carnegie
Kindergarten 1	Mrs. Bellinger
Kindergarten 2	Mrs. Lampman Mrs. Brady
Kindergarten 3	Mrs. Rupcic (Mrs. Ashby) Mrs. Camilleri
Grade 1	Mrs. Walvius
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Reimer-Wiebe
Grade 2	Mrs. Wallace
Grade 3	Mrs. Wink
Grade 3	Mrs. Keyes
Grade 4	Mrs. Gark
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Cowan
Grade 5/6	Mrs. Contois
Grade 6/7	TBD (Mr. Cottone)
Grade 7/8	Mr. Hogg
Grade 8	Mrs. Marchand
Communications Class 1	Miss DiFranco
Communications Class 2	Mr. Vedder
French Second Language	Mr. Whitehead
Teacher Librarian	Mr. Armstrong
Prep Teacher	Mrs. Mayer
Multi-Language Resource Teacher	Mrs. Chappell
Social Worker	Mrs. Bechard Howe
Youth Counsellor	Mrs. Horton
Daytime Custodial Staff	Mrs. Harder Mrs. Aube
Lunch Supervisors	Mrs. Gray Mrs. Hassan Mrs. Boisvert

BELL TIMES

8:55—9:15	Period 1 (Entry)
9:15—9:55	Period 2
9:55—10:35	Period 3
10:35—11:15	Period 4
11:15—11:55	Period 5
11:55—12:35	Period 6
12:35—1:15	Period 7
1:15—1:55	Period 8
1:55—2:35	Period 9
2:33—3:15	Period 10
Educational Assistants	Mrs. Bartolini Mrs. Clute Mrs. Deveau Mrs. Dollinger Mrs. Emond Mrs. Ford Mrs. James Mrs. Smith Mrs. Thompson Mrs. Watt

*****Please Note*****

As the year progresses and student enrollment changes (i.e. students return from virtual learning or move to virtual learning), homeroom teachers may vary. This is beyond our control, but we will always plan with your child's best interest in mind. We are currently awaiting teaching assignments to be filled and thank you for your patience as we work through the staffing process.

