

# GRIFFIN GAZETTE



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May/June 2020

Dear Griffin Community:

We hope you are well. It's been a strange and challenging year. Never have we experienced such an immediate and drastic change in the way learning is delivered here in our community and across the globe. Times like these are challenging for everyone but there are so many signs of hope and resilience in the way our community has stayed together, helping each other. We encourage you to focus on these wonderful examples of giving, caring and support.

We know you have many questions about the rest of the school year. We wish we had the answers to quell any anxiety over this uncertainty. We are in a time where we must be responsive to the data and information from our local and provincial health experts. As soon as we know something, you will know something. In the meantime, we are so grateful for the support you are providing to your children to engage in the learning AVG staff is providing. We know it can be tough to manage working and home learning at the same time. Don't forget that your children spend time learning independently at school so there is nothing wrong with giving them the opportunity to engage in their learning on their own, at least at first. If you need support, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher on Edsby or call the school and leave a message. Your school administration is also available to you through Edsby or by leaving a message. We endeavor to get back to everyone within a day or two. The school building may be closed, but we are here for you.

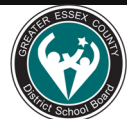
## Classes for Next Year

It is almost the time when we begin planning for the next school year. Since we are uncertain about the future, we are planning to go forward as we normally would and then adjust as needed. Each spring, schools are allocated a number of staff based on projected enrolment for September. This process begins when we receive our staffing allotment. From there, we organize the number of classes needed. As teachers have the opportunity to transfer schools or take a leave, their actual placement in a grade/classroom is not confirmed until mid-June each year, after the transfer process is complete.

Each year, groups of teachers, administration and support staff meet to discuss each child's academic, social and personal needs for class placement in the coming year. A great deal of time and consideration is given to creating balanced classrooms, which support each child's needs.

If you have considerations for your child's placement based on unique program, academic or social concerns, please call the school to leave a message, prior to May 31, 2020, and Mrs. Moroz or Mrs. Sartor will get back to you. Unfortunately, **we cannot accommodate any requests for specific teachers.** We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

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## **Tentative School Organization 2020/21**

*With the staffing levels determined by Ontario government funding, AVG has been allocated staff based on enrolment. The school organization below will be in place from **September 8-21, 2020**. Mid September school enrolment is recalculated and staffing levels are adjusted, if required. This results in changes to class lists or even number of classes we are allocated. If your child's placement is affected by these changes, you will be notified by letter. We appreciate your understanding that we are required to make adjustments based on changes to enrolment.*

### **Classroom Organization 2020/2021 Tentative**

<i>JK/SK (teacher + ECE)</i>	<i>ASD</i>
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<i>Grade 1</i>	<i>RISE</i>
<i>Grade 1/2*</i>	<i>Learning Support</i>
<i>Grade 2/3*</i>	<i>Library</i>
<i>Grade 2/3*</i>	<i>Music</i>
<i>Grade 3</i>	<i>French (2)</i>
<i>Grade 4</i>	<i>*Combined classes: Provincial regulations require that Grade 1-3 classes be capped at 20 students. The numbers this year require us to have several gr. 2 combined classes in order to avoid having only 1 or 2 students combined with another grade. Balancing the classes is the best decision for all students. At reorganization we will reassess this situation to see if the numbers still fall in this way.</i>
<i>Grade 4/5</i>	
<i>Grade 5</i>	
<i>Grade 6</i>	<i>Be reassured that the Ontario curriculum is designed around big ideas and concepts that are common to each grade. Concepts are taught to the whole class around these big ideas, with small variances in complexity that are addressed for each grade.</i>
<i>Grade 6</i>	
<i>Grade 7</i>	
<i>Grade 7</i>	<i>As an example of this, please compare a grade 2 overall expectation to a grade 3 one, below. The concept can be taught together with just the numbers changing.</i>
<i>Grade 8</i>	
<i>Grade 8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Gr. 2 Read, represent, compare, and order whole numbers to 100, and use concrete materials to represent fractions and money amounts to 100¢</i></li></ul>
<i>Grade 8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Gr. 3 Read, represent, compare, and order whole numbers to 1000, and use concrete materials to represent fractions and money amounts to \$10</i></li></ul>

## Planning For September

We are still registering students for all grades next year. If you know of any families, especially with JK age children, please tell them what a great school we have and remind them that classes are forming soon.

Registration is at <https://register.publicboard.ca/Registration/>

If you are planning on moving from our school for September, please let your child's teacher know so they won't plan a class placement for next year.

Announcements continue every day at 8:45 live on Periscope. You can watch them live or by following the link posted in our Twitter feed, directly following the live webcast. We enjoy connecting with the community every day to help Griffins keep a normal daily schedule.

This time is challenging for everyone. The GECDSD has support resources for children and caregivers such as podcasts, webinars, community resources, wellness activities etc. You can access these resources through the board website at [https://www.publicboard.ca/News/SupportingAllOfUsThroughCOVID-19/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.publicboard.ca/News/SupportingAllOfUsThroughCOVID-19/Pages/default.aspx#/)

We are all in this together. If you are experiencing difficulty with remote learning or other concerns, please reach out to us. Message us on Edsby or call the school and leave a message.

Remember, routines are important for mental wellness, so do what Griffy says and...

**GET UP, GET DRESSED and GET BUSY!**





## GECD SB Summer Programs for grades 6,7,8

### **Moving Forward gr. 6 and 7**

The Moving Forward Summer Experience Program has been put into place to assist students who would normally have difficulty in future grade levels. The program is designed to assist students in meeting the next grade level expectations in Math, Reading & Writing.

NOTE: This program is not designed for students who are achieving at 3 and 4 levels who wish to improve skills.

GECD SB will be offering two city locations and two county locations for the program.

**City Locations:** Eastwood Public School and Westgate Public School

**County Locations:** Essex Public School and Queen Elizabeth Public School

Locations are all subject to sufficient enrolment. And will be determined as registrations are tallied.

Registration closes for this program on **June 5, 2020**

Please do not hesitate to contact Jon Procter at ext. 11002, or Chris Szpak at ext. 11007 at AACE.

# REACHING AHEAD

## SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

June 29th–July 23rd



**Are you interested in getting a head start to your high school experience?**

This summer, the **Greater Essex County District School Board** will be offering a full-credit course for students who are entering grade 9 in September.

This course will teach students important and practical skills that will be helpful as they begin secondary school in the fall. Students will learn in the classroom each day, and also complete work online at home at their own pace.

This learning experience will also provide students with the opportunity to make new friends, feel more comfortable about entering high school, learn about programs and pathways that are offered, and begin earning community service volunteer hours required for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

learn Valuable skills

make new friends

Earn your first full high school credit

ensure a smooth transition to grade 9

Learn online and in A classroom

**REGISTRATION DATES**

**Open till June 5, 2020**

To Register

Go To: MyBlueprint

Or Contact: Jason Lynn  
(519) 255-3200 ext. 10186

or

Jason.Lynn@publicboard.ca

**Location: All GECSB Secondary Schools\***

Visit [reachingahead.ca](http://reachingahead.ca) for more details.