

Brant Monday Communication
November 30th, 2020



Dear Brant Ave families, With COVID-19 cases rising around the province, we have been carefully reviewing our safety protocols at Brant Avenue.

#1 Our focus is and will continue to be to provide the safest learning environment possible for our students. Please ensure that masks fit your child(ren) correctly. Be sure that the fit is snug and comfortable. Check to be sure that your child's nose and chin are covered by the mask. Also, please pack extra masks. Soiled or wet masks do not provide adequate protection. Please take the time to inspect your child(ren)'s masks to ensure that they fit and are clean. Please also continue to screen students **every day** for symptoms of COVID - 19. The Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Screening Tool is an effective way of determining if your child can attend school.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

To help with physical distancing protocols before and after school, we are asking that students and parents/guardians *please wear a mask when they enter the school grounds (tarmac area at the back of the school)*. We also encourage students to not arrive on the school grounds before 8:40 am to help avoid unorganized large groupings. Parents/guardians we also need your help to please keep reminding your children about the importance of physical distancing and COVID 19 safety protocols..

#2 Inclement Weather: It is the parent's responsibility to determine whether or not it is safe for their child to leave for school in inclement or severe weather. A parent must be aware of the following:

When a bus does not travel a route in the morning due to fog, ice, or snow conditions, it will NOT travel that route in the afternoon.

STWDSTS/Transportation is responsible for cancelling buses. The UGDSB does not post information about bus cancellations. Each morning, bus cancellations are posted at <https://stwdsts.ca/> by 6:30am.

STDWSTS also tweets out information in the morning at <https://twitter.com/STWDSTS>

Information on transportation cancellations or school closings due to severe weather is also available through CJOY 1460 AM or Magic 106.1 FM. They will broadcast bus cancellations or school closures. Listen for messages for the City of Guelph -Yellow Card.

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/blog/important-changes-on-bus-cancellation-days-and-inclement-weather-days-in-the-ugdsb/>

#3 Fundraising opportunity. This year, Brant Avenue has paused on in-school fundraising. We do, however, have a need for technology to support student learning. If you are interested in supporting Brant Avenue with acquiring technology, The Upper Grand Learning Foundation is a simple and COVID-friendly option to raise funds directly for Brant Avenue.

<https://www.uppergrandlearningfoundation.com/>

- You *can* use the online web-based payment feature of UGLF.
- 100% of the donation comes to the school, and you get a tax receipt for donations over \$20.

#4 School Council: Our next Virtual School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.