

Brant Communication  
June 1, 2021



Dear Brant Ave families,

June has arrived and with it (hopefully) consistent warm weather. Here are this week's announcements:

**1. From May 31 to June 7, the Upper Grand District School Board will lower all flags at school (including Brant Ave) and office buildings, where possible, to honour the 215 children whose lives were taken at a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C.** As we collectively mourn this horrific loss, we acknowledge that there cannot be reconciliation without truth. The lowering of flags is not enough; substantial work must be done in our communities, schools and systems to face the historical and current atrocities faced by Indigenous communities, and to ensure that Indigenous staff and students are not deprived of their rights, and can learn and work in an environment free of racism and discrimination. In the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report there are [94 Calls to Action](#). We need to learn about these documents and the progress we have or have not made in fulfilling these calls. **As a show of remembrance the UGDSB invites everyone to wear orange shirts usually worn on September 30th.**

**2. June is PRIDE month:** Brant Avenue supports the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. The school is flying the Pride flag starting today as just one of many ways to show our support.

**3. This FRIDAY is a PA DAY (June 4th):** There will not be any in-school or online learning on Friday.

**4. DEADLINE APPROACHING (June 3) for Remote Learning Option for the 2021-22 School Year:** The Upper Grand District School Board is looking forward to welcoming students back in September 2021.

The UGDSB will offer a remote learning option for students in the 2021-22 school year. To read all the details and to access the Remote School Registration Form please click the link below:

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/brantave/2021/05/20/registration-for-the-2021-22-elementary-remote-school-is-may-20-june-3/>

**NOTE: Only families who want their children to attend remote school need to register.** If you do not register your child will be automatically returned to Brant for in-school learning for the fall. **Please register before June 3rd, 2021 if you are interested in the remote option.**

**5. Report Cards for Term 2 will be distributed electronically this year: Parents will be able to access their children's reports online at the end of the school year. Please click the blue link for a reminder of the previous [Term 2 Report](#) message.**

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/brantave/2021/05/10/brant-communication-may-10-2021-term-2-reports/>

**6. Summer School is again being offered to Grades 6, 7 & 8 students:** click the link for full details

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/blog/summer-school-2021-grade-6-7-8-programs/>

**7. Our Virtual Grade 6 Graduation will take place on Monday, June 28. Thank you to our School Council, who have funded the purchase of t-shirts for our Grade 6 Grads.**

**News regarding school is constantly being updated. I will continue to communicate with families step by step with information when it becomes available as we move toward the end of the school year.**

Sincerely,

Gerard Walker  
Principal  
Brant Avenue Public School