

Brant Ave Public School

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer.

A smooth transition for students coming to Brant Ave is a top priority for us, however, classroom reorganization as a result of Ministry mandated classroom cap sizes is always a possibility. Therefore, during the first two weeks of school, classroom placements are considered tentative. If changes must be made, parents will be notified and we will make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have questions or concerns.

I would like to welcome some new staff to Brant Ave this fall.

Amanda Hendershot-KC
Bronwyn Heffernan-Planning
Ashley Healy-1/2
Drew Glassford-3
Ainsley Matthews-Planning
Barbara Beattie-EA
Deb Leworthy-ECE KA

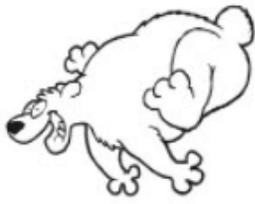
Our new staff are wonderful additions to our already dynamic and enthusiastic staff! I would like to extend an invitation to join us for our first School Council meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 13th in our Library. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at 5198242671 x223, send me an email at hayley.furii@ugdsb.on.ca, or drop by the office.

I am looking forward to having a great year at Brant Ave. Go Bears!

IMPORTANT FORMS

A number of important forms, on colourful paper, are coming home along with this newsletter. Please ensure that you read them carefully! If you have any questions regarding these forms, please contact the school office.

Please complete and return these forms to your child's teacher by **Friday, September 9th.**



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IMPORTANT DATES

September 9th-Brant Spirit Day (Wear Blue and White or Brant Bears Gear)

September 13th- School Council 6:30-7:30pm

September 22nd -School Open House in the evening

September 23rd- Terry Fox Run and Picture Day

September 30th –Orange Shirt Day

SCHOOL HANDBOOK

For more information concerning school policies and procedures please refer to the school website where you will find the updated school handbook.

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/brantave/resources/>

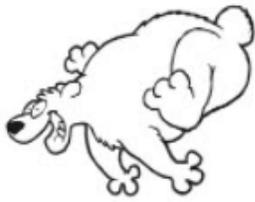
Our School Day	
8:55 - 9:35	Period 1
9:35 - 10:15	Period 2
10:15 - 10:55	Period 3
10:55 - 11:35	Nutrition Break
11:35 - 12:05	Period 4
12:05 - 12:35	Period 5
12:35 - 1:15	Period 6
1:15 - 1:55	Nutrition Break
1:55 - 2:35	Period 7
2:35 - 3:15	Period 8

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

We warmly invite parents and guests to visit our school and encourage volunteers in our classrooms. For safety reasons, **all visitors must report and sign-in to the office when they arrive.**

PICKING UP STUDENTS EARLY

To ensure student safety, if you are taking your child from the school during the school day, you must come to the office and sign your child out after talking to the Office Coordinator. This will assist us in ensuring the safety of your child. **We ask that parents avoid picking up their children in the last 30 minutes of the school day.**



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SAFE ARRIVAL

During the school day, your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. **It is imperative that you call the office before 8:50 am if your child is going to be absent or late.** For your convenience, we also have voice mail which allows you to contact the school at anytime during the night, over the weekends and early in the morning. The phone number is 519-824-2671 ext. 100. When you leave a message, please be sure to note the child's full name, teacher and reason for absence.

If a child is absent and we have not heard from a parent/guardian, we will attempt to contact the parent/guardian to ensure that the child is "safe". If a parent can not be reached, we will contact the emergency number provided. If we still can not reach anyone we will be contacting the Guelph Police to do a Wellness Check to ensure the safety of our students and families.

It is very important to let the school know if there is **any change** in personal information: home or work numbers, cell numbers, address changes etc. In the event of an unexplained absence or emergency, we will then be able to contact you immediately.

If your child's dismissal arrangements change in any way, please send a note in the morning. It is extremely busy in the office at the end of the day, and messages left on the machine may not be retrieved in time to pass on to the teacher.

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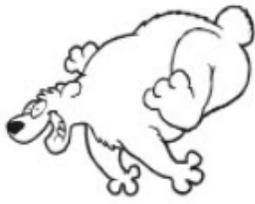
The curriculum is rich and extensive so teachers need to use every period to enable students to learn all they can. Lessons need to start on time. Late students disturb the lesson flow, because teachers have to re-teach to ensure the late student is brought up-to-date. The consequence increases to the class when students are repeatedly late for class. Please help by getting your children to school on time. Everyone benefits!

SAFETY PATROLS

Student patrols are on duty for fifteen minutes before classes begin and after classes end. Patrol Times: 8:40 - 8:55 am and 3:15 - 3:30 pm

SMOKE AND VAPE-FREE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

The Upper Grand DSB provides a smoke and vape-free environment for its students, staff and others while on school Board property and at school events. Under our policy, all forms of



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tobacco, and any processed form of tobacco that may be smoked, inhaled or chewed is included. Additionally, all forms of e-cigarettes are also covered under this policy.

CHILD AND YOUTH COUNSELLOR

Mrs. Fonte will be here Tuesday, Thursday, and every other Friday. Mrs. Fonte can be reached at 519-824-2671 ext. 227.

STUDENTS WITH LIFE THREATENING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

UGDSB Policy 518: Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions, outlines the roles and responsibilities for all in the educational community to support students with possible life-threatening medical conditions. The prevalent medical conditions covered under this policy are Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes and Epilepsy/Seizure Disorders. If your child has one of these, or any other life-threatening medical condition, please visit: www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy (and look for Policy 518) or contact the school as soon as possible. We will work with you to develop a Plan of Care to support your child.

LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES

We have children in our school with potential life-threatening allergies (called anaphylaxis) to various foods and other materials. Anaphylaxis is a medical condition that can cause death within minutes. Some of the allergies at Brant Ave include tree nuts, peanuts, egg, kiwi, and pineapple. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students. Although this may not affect your child's class directly, we are letting you know so that you are aware that we aim to create an allergy safe environment at our school. If your child is in a classroom with an anaphylactic child, or your child has anaphylaxis, you will be informed by the classroom teacher. Our school has procedures in place for the prevention and management of anaphylactic reactions. If your child has health concerns of any kind, please tell your child's teacher or the office and we will take the necessary health protection steps. Thank you for your understanding in ensuring an allergy-safe environment for all of our students.