

Brant Ave Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you for all of the support for our Chocolate Bar Fundraiser. We are still calculating the exact amount, but we estimate the school earned over \$11 000! All of this money will be spent this year on new technology and adding to our school yard for the students this year. Thank you so much!

Progress Reports will be available starting on Thursday November 17th, you can find them at:

<https://connect.edsembli.com/on/ugdsb/brant/portal/viewer/login/login.aspx?logintype=P>

Parents and guardians can book an interview for November 24th or 25th with their child's teachers using our online system here:

<https://webapp.ugdsb.on.ca/pti/Account/Login>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at 519-824-2671 x 223, send me an email at Hayley.furii@ugdsb.on.ca, or drop by the office. Go Bears!

Mrs. Furii

IMPORTANT DATES

November 7 – Grade 6-You're the Chef

November 8 - School Council Meeting at 6:30-7:30pm

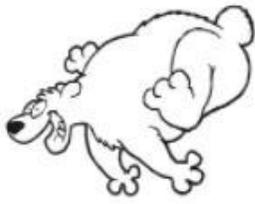
November 11 - Remembrance Day Assembly

November 17- Progress Reports Available

November 21-25 - Bully Awareness and Prevention Week

November 24 - Parent/Teacher Interviews from 3:30 - 8:00pm

November 25 – PD Day Parent/Teacher -Interviews from 8:30am-3:30pm



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LOST AND FOUND

Did you label, with a permanent marker, items your child brings to school that could go missing? Our lost and found bins are filling up fast and it is more likely an item can be returned if you have labelled sweatshirts, coats, lunch bags, backpacks, shoes, etc. All items not claimed in a timely manner will be donated to a charitable organization.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council: Our Virtual School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 from 6:30-7:30pm. All new members are welcome to join!

The google meet link for the meeting

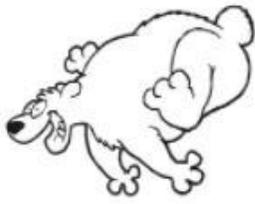
is: <https://meet.google.com/pnv-gggq-aez>

COLD DAYS – WET WEATHER – OUTDOOR RECESS

It is getting chilly out and we have already seen some snowflakes flying. Please remember to assist your child in wearing the proper clothing to school. This includes a warm jacket, hat, mittens, and waterproof footwear. Thanks for sending extra socks in your child's backpack just in case. All students are expected to participate in outdoor recess, as this important active break aids concentration and success in the classroom. Indoor shoes are essential to help keep our classrooms clean and dry. Thanks!

BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

During the week of November 21st – 25th students and staff at Brant Avenue are going to be discussing and exploring the issue of bullying and its effects. Throughout the week, students will participate in activities and discussions in their classrooms. This is to promote awareness, empathy and give students the



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confidence and skills/strategies needed to handle bullying situations, whether they are a bystander or a target or maybe even a bully themselves.

What is a bully?

A bully can be defined in many ways but some of the common elements of the definition include:

- an imbalance of power - the bully or bullies may be physically stronger or may be part of a larger group and/or may have a stronger social status within the school
- the action is repeated over time - two friends arguing and calling each other names is not bullying
- there is malicious intent - a bully means to hurt the other person. Bullying is not accidental nor is bullying just teasing
- bullies enjoy the power and strength they feel when hurting others

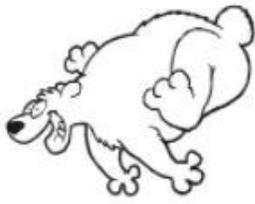
If you suspect that your child may be a bully you need to take the problem seriously and talk to your child. Let your child know that you will not tolerate bullying behavior and use non-violent consequences. Establishing family rules, spending more time with your child and increasing supervision of their activities will help your child feel valued and lessen the likelihood of bullying behavior.

How do I know if my child is being bullied?

Anyone can be a target of bullying although bullies tend to choose victims who are passive and are less likely to be assertive and stand up for themselves or less likely to tell an adult.

Some signs that your child is being bullied may include:

- being afraid to go to school
- changes in mood or behavior (ie. quiet, withdrawn, argumentative)
- coming home with unexplained injuries
- having damaged property
- experiencing restless sleep



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What to do if your child is being bullied?

- ask your child directly
- listen
- talk with staff supervising your child
- teach your child assertiveness and social skills
- know your child's strengths and weaknesses
- encourage special interests and activities that focus on strengths
- teach your child positive ways to resolve arguments
- seek help

What is a bystander?

A lot of recent research indicates the role of a third group in the occurrence of bullying. This third group is the bystanders. Bystanders allow bullying to occur by standing and watching or by actively encouraging and cheering the bully on thereby reinforcing the bullying behavior. Bystanders often say that it's none of their business, the bully is my friend, the victim deserved to be bullied or that there is nothing they can do about it. Bystanders are now being encouraged to empathize with the victim, to report (not tattling) when someone is in danger of being harmed, to accompany the target to get help, and to join together with their peers to protect targets.