



Brisbane Public School

May 2020 Newsletter

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Principal's Message

It is wonderful to finally see some Spring-like weather! This weekend looks like beautiful weather to enjoy the outdoors. We hope that you are doing well during this Covid 19 pandemic and staying healthy and positive. We recognize the challenges with distance learning and have provided many devices to support our families. I am proud of the hard work our students, staff and parents are displaying with their tenacious efforts of online learning! Bravo Bears! Je suis fier de vous!



Please see the attached link for more information about distance learning routines. If you need further support to access distance learning for your child, please contact your child's teacher. We are here to help.

<https://sites.google.com/ugcloud.ca/parentresourcespeced/supporting-online-learning>

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Moving?

If you are moving over the summer or know of a new family coming to Brisbane, please let us know as we start to submit numbers and plan for next year. Please contact Ms. Dolson, our amazing Office Coordinator by emailing: dawn.dolson@ugdsb.on.ca.

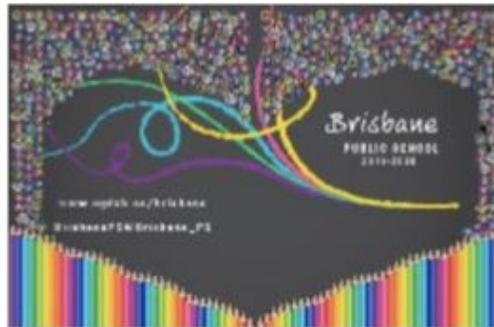
Upcoming Events

May 10	Yearbook orders due on schoolcashionline.com Yearbooks will be delivered when we return to school
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SO MUCH
GOOD TO
REMEMBER

2019-2020 Brisbane P.S. YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE.

Cost is \$20
Order by Sunday May 10th



New friendships, favorite teachers, meet the teacher BBQ, holiday pageants, Moveathon, field trips. They make memories every day and we want to help preserve them forever.

The yearbook captures all of those once-in-a-lifetime memories in a single place. Be sure that you and your student never forget them by purchasing a copy now!

This year has been challenging but our school spirit will be remembered in this special yearbook.

It's easy to place your order, through school cash online:

SchoolCashOnline.com

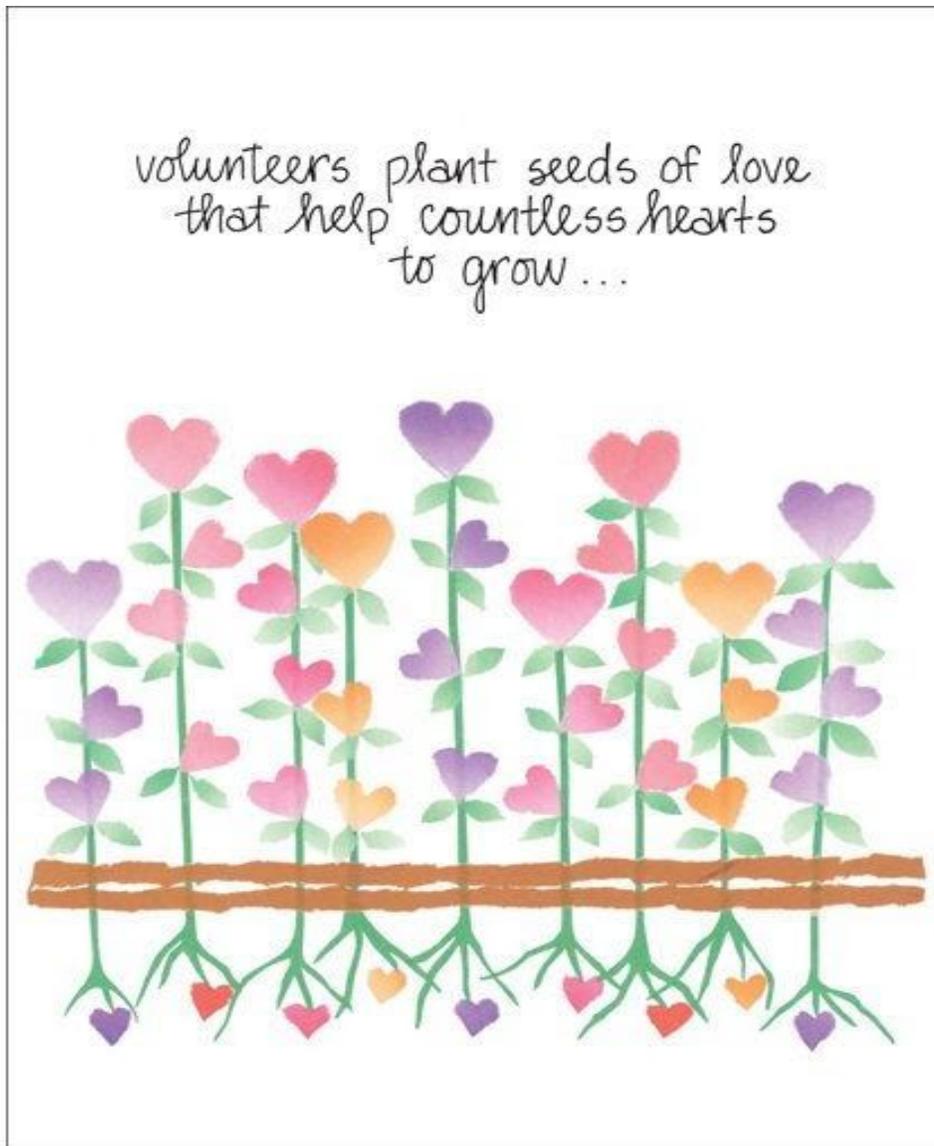
**A YEAR
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To the incredible Brisbane Parent Volunteers

You are our parents, grandparents, families, neighbours, community members and leaders. You dedicate your time, energy and talent to our school community to create opportunities for our students. From reading with students, planning educational opportunities, making hot lunches, playground planning and everything in between, we salute you! This list of how you impact our students is endless.

Thank you for all you do to enrich the lives of our students and staff! We are unable to do our annual recognition assembly due to Covid-19 however, you are in our hearts and we are forever grateful and appreciative of all that you do. De nos coeurs a vous, un grand merci beaucoup!



Letter from our Director, Dr. Martha Rogers

April 27, 2020

Dear elementary students and parent/guardians,

As our Learning at Home program continues, I hope that all of you are well and keeping safe as our province and country continue to work together in the battle against COVID-19.

The safety and well-being of our students, families and staff are always first and foremost in all that we do in the Upper Grand District School Board, and you continue to be in my thoughts each day.

On Sunday April 26, the Minister of Education announced that **schools will remain closed until at least May 31, 2020**, and that all remaining professional activity (PA) days and examination days will be cancelled to maximize instruction time. The Minister also indicated that there are no plans to extend the school year past the end of June.

Our staff have worked hard to move learning to a distance model, a process that began officially on April 6, 2020. In addition to our teacher-led learning, we have distributed more than 3,200 pieces of technology to our students, worked with our bus operators to implement a home delivery system in some schools to deliver printed materials and resources, and provided internet accessibility options to students and families in need.

In addition to the closure extension, I also wanted to give students and parents an update on other important matters that were clarified with school boards late last week. While students will continue to be expected to participate in our teacher led Learning at Home program, grades and marks will not go down from what they were on March 13, 2020. No student's grade will be negatively affected by performance during the school closure period. Teachers will make every effort to keep students involved and engaged, assign learning tasks, projects and culminating activities for formative purposes, with a focus on improving or maintaining grades going forward. The continuity of learning is critical to equip students with the knowledge and skills for success in the next grade. A reminder that school boards will be issuing final report cards at the end of the school year for all students from JK to Grade 12.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience over the last several weeks and months. We will continue to provide you with updates as we receive them from the Ministry of Education. If you have questions or concerns, please continue to reach out to teachers or school administration for support.

Please stay well and safe.

Sincerely,

Martha Rogers

Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer

Upper Grand District School Board

