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November Newsletter



Hello Brisbane Family,

We have had a busy October here at the school, shifting into high gear in our classrooms as we tackle our literacy and numeracy skills. School interruptions in the past few years have definitely presented challenges, but we all know that Brisbane Bears have grit, work hard, and will persevere through any challenge. We are working hard at practicing our reading, writing and math at school, and would love to have our families' support at home with regular reading and number practice. Please reach out to your teacher for more specific ways you can practice at home. We also managed to have some fun this month, including celebrations of Thanksgiving, Diwali, Halloween, and our first soccer tournament in three years!

Highlights of October at Brisbane:

- Soccer Tournament Congratulations to the Junior Soccer team for their 1st place finish at the district tournament. On October 21st the Brisbane team, made up of boys and girls from Grades 4-6, traveled to Eramosa Public School to face off against 4 local schools for a one day tournament. The Bears won 3 out of their 4



round robin matches. This put them in first place and meant they would have to face off against the tough home team Eramosa in the final game. The team kept their spirits high and were determined to play together and fight for a win. The girls got us off to a great start, scoring six goals and pulling ahead with the lead. The boys

held on to the lead when they took the field and Brisbane won the final game 6-3!! The Bears showed great determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship throughout the entire day. Mme Halpin, Mme Sharma and the rest of Brisbane are very proud of all the team's hard work! We celebrated with homemade gold medals made by Abi (see right). Way to go Bears!





- Happy Diwali from Ms. Ennis's class! After learning more about this celebration, our Kindergarten class worked hard to make our own Diyas. We molded our salt dough, baked it, and then painted our creations with many beautiful colours. When they were complete, we added pretend tea lights and put them all around our room. We love that we were able to represent this holiday and we have a deeper understanding on why this celebration is so important to so many people around the world.

- C'est L'Halloween! So many Bears dressed up for Halloween! We enjoyed showcasing costumes during a school-wide parade through every classroom, followed by a dance party in the school gym. Bears, you look fantastic every day, but this day was a special one, with so many creative costumes on display. Even our staff had fun dressing up - although we still don't know how Elmo got into our school!



Upcoming Dates

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| Nov. 8 | School Council Meeting: 7 PM in the school library |
| Nov. 9 | Picture Retake Day |
| Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day - Assembly at 11 AM in Gym; Families Welcome |
| Nov. 17 | Progress Reports available to families for download |
| Nov. 24 | Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Nov. 25 | PA Day & Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Nov. 29 & 30 | Dental Screening |



Important Reminder from the Office: Please call our school whenever your child will be late or absent from school. Our lines are open 24/7 - just leave a message. We appreciate this! Attendance Line: 519-833-9621

Staffing Changes



- A huge Brisbane Thank You goes to Carol Davison who taught our Kindergarten French Immersion class for the past several weeks. It was wonderful to have you back in the school Mme. Davison and we will miss you!
- Welcome back to Mme. Ferguson, our permanent Kindergarten French Immersion Teacher, who is rejoining Brisbane after a leave.

Volunteer of the Month

Brisbane is lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers who do things to make our school even better! Each month, we will showcase one of these powerful people and celebrate their contributions to our school. Rachel Patterson, our snack program coordinator at Brisbane, works tirelessly to make sure we have nutritious, delicious food in our school. She orders the food, does all the paperwork and reporting, prepares snack bags on Fridays, and makes sure that we always have food for hungry students who might have finished their whole lunch. Thank you for all you do, Rachel! Thank you also to all the parents who help Rachel on a weekly rotation schedule. Without these dedicated volunteers we would not be able to offer wonderful programs like snack program.

About Rachel:

My name is Rachel Patterson and I am a Parent Volunteer at Brisbane. I am the coordinator for the Food and Friends Snack Program so that each student at Brisbane gets a delicious snack every Friday. I also ensure that there is lots of extra food in the kitchen at all times so that any student who finishes all their food and is still hungry (every parent has been through their kid's growth spurts before!) can come and select some extra food. I do my very best to select snack food items that the kids will enjoy and will fill



their tummies up – and make parents happy! I also run a Facebook page for Brisbane Public School where I post reminders about special themed days, food orders and whatever else is needed. Make sure you like our page!

I have 3 children at Brisbane – grade 5, 1 and SK and I also have a full time career at the Region of Peel but most of my work is done virtually so I am able to do what I can to support Brisbane from home. I love the look on my kids faces when they see me at the school – and I love it when all the kids give me feedback about the snacks “Cheesestings!! I love those!”

DENTAL SCREENING AT YOUR SCHOOL

Great news! We are coming to your school!

Public Health will provide dental screenings on November 29th & 30th 2022 for students in JK/SK, Grades 2, 4 and 7 (if applicable), as well as other students as appropriate. Screenings are provided as per the Ontario Public Health Standards (2021, or as current).

What is a dental screening?

A screening is a quick look in the mouth by a Registered Dental Hygienist. A sterilized dental mirror and protective vinyl gloves are used for each child. Additional COVID-19 infection control measures will be applied. Children will be required to wear a mask for a short duration while they wait for their screening. Masks will be provided by the dental team. This screening is not meant to replace a full examination by your family dentist. Parents are notified if there is an area of concern or if an urgent dental condition is found.

Why?

Dental screening helps families know if their child has a dental problem and helps them to access care. Screenings also provide statistics about the dental health of children in our community, which helps identify dental programs that may be needed.

How can I include or exclude my child?

If your child is not in one of the grades listed and you would like them screened, or if you do not want your child screened at school, please use the QR code found below or visit wdgpublichealth.ca/hso to complete the inclusion/exclusion online form.

- **Please complete the inclusion/exclusion form at least one week before the scheduled screening date.**

