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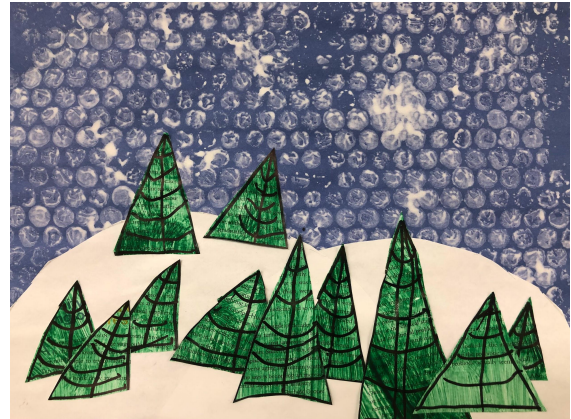
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December Newsletter

Hello Brisbane Community,

November has flown by at Brisbane, with students settled into their routines and engaged in their daily learning activities. As the weather changed, we had to change our recess activities as our playgrounds and structures closed to students at the beginning of the month. Our first snowfalls were so exciting and transformed our outdoor time into opportunities to create and build with snow.



Now we are heading into the exciting lead-up to the winter break. We have a variety of special activities leading up to the break, and are learning about a variety of holidays and celebrations in our community at this time of year, including Christmas, Hannukah and Kwanzaa. We look forward to seeing you at our holiday concert on December 20! We are also reflecting the spirit of giving and generosity as we head into the holidays, recognizing that many people in our community may need extra support. Our Grade 6 classes have organized a food and materials drive in order to help give back to our community.



Highlights of November at Brisbane:

- Remembrance Day - our school was able to gather this year for a very special Remembrance Day assembly in the gym. We had amazing student involvement in the ceremony, and got the chance to observe Remembrance Day as a school, remembering those who have served our country in the past and who are serving right now, in order for us to enjoy the peace and freedoms that we do.
- Reading Tutor Program - we are excited to announce that our reading tutor program is up and running. We appreciate all of our parent volunteers who are helping us to run this program!
- Parent Teacher Interviews - we had an amazing turnout of students and parents for our interview days. Thank you for your engagement in your child's learning.

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 2	Terra Cotta Cookie Orders Due
Dec. 5 - 9	Book Fair
Dec. 16	Terra Cotta Order Pick Up Day
Dec. 19	Winter Hat / Festive Hat Day
Dec. 20	Sparkle and Shine Dress Up Day
Dec. 20	Holiday Concert
Dec. 21	Festive Sweater Day / Holiday Colours Day
Dec. 22	Comfy Cosy Day Last Day of School before Winter Break
Dec. 21 - Jan. 6	Winter Break

Book Fair

Brisbane is having a Book Fair from December 5-9 from 8:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.. Students will be given opportunities during the day to shop for books and parents and guardians are also invited to come to the school to purchase books. Book Fair profits go towards restocking the library with high interest books for all students to enjoy. Payment can be made using either cash or cheques made out to Brisbane Public School. Thank you for your support!



Important Reminder from the Office

Early pick up- If you are picking your child up early, please communicate this with your child's teacher with a note in the agenda.

End of day pick up- Please communicate in the agenda if your child is being picked up at the end of the day. If the school has not been notified before 2:30pm please do not request students be pulled from bus lines as it causes confusion for bus patrols, teachers and bus drivers.

Late Arrivals: A reminder to families that our school day starts at 8:50 a.m. Please drop off before the bell in the morning and have your child walk around to meet their class. If your child/children are arriving after this time, please ring the doorbell wait outside of the front door with your children and someone from the office will be there as soon as possible. This is a busy time in the office with attendance, announcements and O

Canada in session at 9 am so please wait patiently. If your child will be late/absent please call and leave a message on the attendance line.

Pizza and Milk will run again January 9- March 6th. The order deadline is December 20th and payment is online. 🍕🐮

School will be closed Friday December 23- January 6th for Winter Holidays. ❄️

Food Drive

Mme Halpin and Mrs. Umpleby's Grade 6 students have been busy organizing a food drive and new hat, coat and mitten drive for next week. Students have taken the lead on this project and will be collecting and organizing items for the local food bank. New winter hats, mitts, gloves and socks can be donated along with food items any day next week. All items collected will be donated to the Erin Food Bank and East Wellington Community Services. The food drive will run from December 5th - 9th with different themes each day. Thank you for your generosity, Bears!

Monday	Boxed and Canned Food
Tuesday	Cleaning Products
Wednesday	Drinks
Thursday	Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
Friday	Lunch Snacks and Baby Food

Volunteer of the Month

Volunteer of the Month- We are highlighting the work at Brisbane done by Val Bush this month. Val and her team of many amazing volunteers run the Pita Days at Brisbane that your children enjoy. Thank you so much for your dedication to our school, Val!

From Val: Hi! My name is Val Bush and I'm a parent volunteer here at Brisbane Public School. Not only do I volunteer my time for pizza and pita days, but I'm also the Fundraising Chair on the Brisbane Parent Council. I've sat on Council for many years.

I became active as a volunteer in the school as soon as my oldest hit JK. My oldest daughter is now in grade 5 and my youngest daughter is in grade 2. I am a very familiar face at Brisbane!

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