

# Brisbane Public School

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## Spring Newsletter



Spring is here! We are really enjoying the gorgeous weather and the chance to do more of our learning outdoors. We've had the chance to plant some gardens in the school yard and students are very excited to see all the new growth.

Please read on for the many updates from our busy school.

### Forest of Reading : Blue Spruce and Prix Peuplier

Between the months of January and the end of April, Brisbane students participated in the Forest of Reading, an annual province-wide reading initiative that highlights Canadian authors, illustrators, and publishers while encouraging young people to develop a love of reading. Many primary classes read the Blue Spruce and Prix Peuplier books as a class and junior students were invited to join the Silverbirch Reading Club. The club met weekly at recess and students were able to choose new and exciting books to read, earn prizes and vote on their favourite book. On April 26th Brisbane held its official Forest of Reading Voting Day. Classes were invited to the library to vote on their favourite books. Brisbane's favourite Prix Peuplier book was *Droles de zébras* and the top Blue Spruce book was *Are you a Cheeseburger?* The Silverbirch club voted *The Undercover Book List* as their number one book. Thank you to the School Council for continuing to support and fund this great program for students, and to Mme Halpin and Mr Koch for organizing the club and activities for students.

### Basketball Tournament

Congratulations to the Junior Basketball Team! On Friday, April 14, the team traveled to Erin Public School to take part in a tournament against other local schools. The Brisbane Bears did a fantastic job representing our school and showed amazing teamwork, dedication, skill and sportsmanship. The team won five hard fought games and tied one and after beating Eramosa in a nail biter final game came away as tournament champions. Bravo, Brisbane!



## April Showers Read-a-Thon

Our school got reading in April for a good cause! All proceeds from the Read-a-Thon go to buy books for our Forest of Reading program (see above) which the whole school really enjoys. The Read-a-Thon was only a week and a half long, but the results were amazing! A total of 1210 books were read and \$5125 was raised. A big shout out goes



to our top fundraising classes who earned a pizza party: Mr. Carter's class with \$628 raised, and Mme. Stuart's class with \$430 raised.

Top Readers were: Cían, Easton,, Beckam, Frances, Abigail, Hunter, and Kenzie. Congratulations, Super Readers!

Thank you to all of our amazing Brisbane Bears who participated in our Read-a-Thon.

## Student Council

Brisbane's newly formed Student Council has been meeting since April. We have two representatives from each of our grade 1- 6 classes forming the council. Some of the issues we've discussed so far are: how to make Mental Health and Education week fun for students, what spirit days and special activities we should choose, and proposed changes to our eating time and recess time for next school year. Mme. Stansfield and Mme. Oussoren are very happy to have student voices represented in these school wide decisions. Any students who were interested in joining the council were asked to tell us why they would like to join. We had so many students who were interested! This level of interest is exciting and tells us that our students want to be involved in the decisions we make as a school. We are looking forward to forming a new council for the 2023-2024 school year and continuing the great work of this year's council.



## Mental Health and Education Week May 1 - 5

Students and staff celebrated Mental Health and Education Week this year with a variety of activities including a reading group in the library, a special collaborative art activity, a yoga session and dancing in the gym. On Tuesday, we collected toonies for the Upper Grand Learning Foundation and raised \$445. Thanks for sharing with those in need, Bears! We also had a

special outer space / Star Wars theme day for May the Fourth.

## Des pansements pour tout le monde!

With the arrival of spring and an increasing need for band aids, our Kindergarten class found that there was a problem with the band aids at BPS. Our class noticed that our band aids were only one colour and only represented lighter skin tones. We've been learning a lot this year about how important it is that everyone is welcomed and represented in both our classroom and our school, so we started to brainstorm together. The students decided that we should have "les pansements pour tout le monde" (band aids for everyone) so that anyone who needed a band aid at school would be able to choose one that would match their skin colour.

We coloured some band aids and made a bulletin board, then we invited Mme Oussoren to listen to our idea and the students asked if our school could purchase band aids that were representative of different skin colours. When she said yes, we did some research and found two Black-owned businesses, Tru-Color Bandages and Heal in Colour (located in Toronto) that sell band aids for multiple skin tones. When they arrived, our class was so excited that we wanted to hand some out to every class in the school. These band aids are now available in the office!

We are excited to continue celebrating the diversity here at Brisbane and if you need a band aid while your're at Brisbane, we hope you'll take a look at the options and choose which one works best for you!

From everyone in FKC: Jayden, Eva, Cian, Berlin, Levi, Phoenix, Easton, Cecilia, Arlen, Oliver, Julia, Max, Kieran, Zander & Mme Gray



### **Jump Rope for Heart**

Our school participated in The Heart and Stroke Foundation's **Jump Rope for Heart** and is making a difference! Supporting kids' health for over 40 years, Jump encourages kids to be active, builds healthy habits, boosts school spirit, and teaches social responsibility as kids fundraise for life-saving heart and stroke research. Thank you to the families that have made such generous donations! Thanks to your donations, our school will be receiving 8% of our fundraising dollars back to put towards sports equipment and educational tools. Our fundraising goal was \$2000 but we surpassed it and raised \$4000 (and counting). Students who raised the most money also had an opportunity to put a pie in the face of the teacher of their choice or Ms.Oussoren on event day. Congrats Bears! Thanks for your support of this good cause.



### **Chess Team**

Congratulations to the Brisbane Chess Team who competed in the Board wide tournament on May 11th in Orangeville. We are proud of how well you represented our school and how well you played. Everyone played 5 half hour matches against players in their own grade. Simon won the first place gold medal in grade 3 and Beckham placed second for the silver. Evie in grade 4 placed third for Bronze, and Charlie in grade 5 tied for second and took third place bronze in the tiebreaker. An honourable mention for Aislin who did not lose a single match; she tied three and won two but finished just one half point out of the medals.

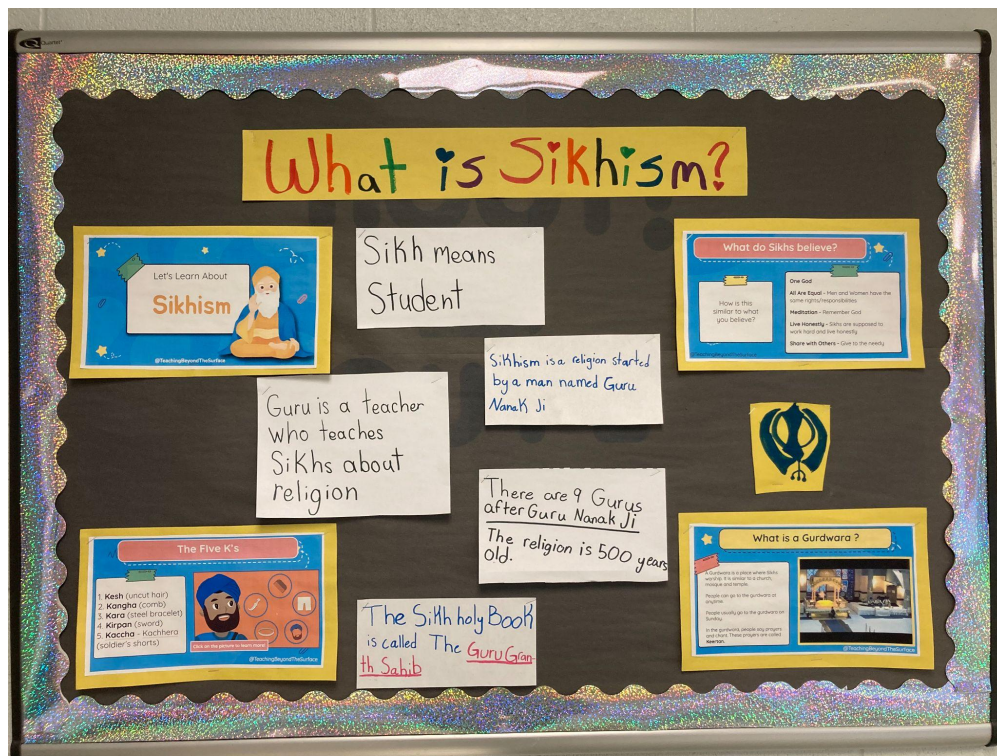


### **Message from the Office**

Reminders:

- Please let us know if you are moving this summer.
- If you are dropping your child off for school before 8:50 am, please bring them to the back of the school where they can wait for the entry bell. Please do not come to the front door.

**Equity Club** April was Sikh Heritage month. In recognition of this the Equity club put together a bulletin board for the front hallway, addressing the questions this group of students had about Sikh culture. Our information was largely based on an amazing online resource called "Teaching Beyond the Surface."



### Upcoming Dates

June 30 - June 1	Grade 3 EQAO
June 2	PA Day
June 2	Kindergarten Orientation for new JK students 9 AM
June 7	Junior Track and Field (rain date June 8)
June 13	School Council Meeting 7 PM : All Welcome!
June 16	Kindergarten Celebration of Learning
June 16	School Play Parent/Guardian Show 6:00 PM
June 20	Volunteer Appreciation Event
June 22	Term 2 Report Cards available for download
June 22	Grade 6 Graduation 5:30 PM
June 29	Last Day of School before summer

### Coming Soon: School Play

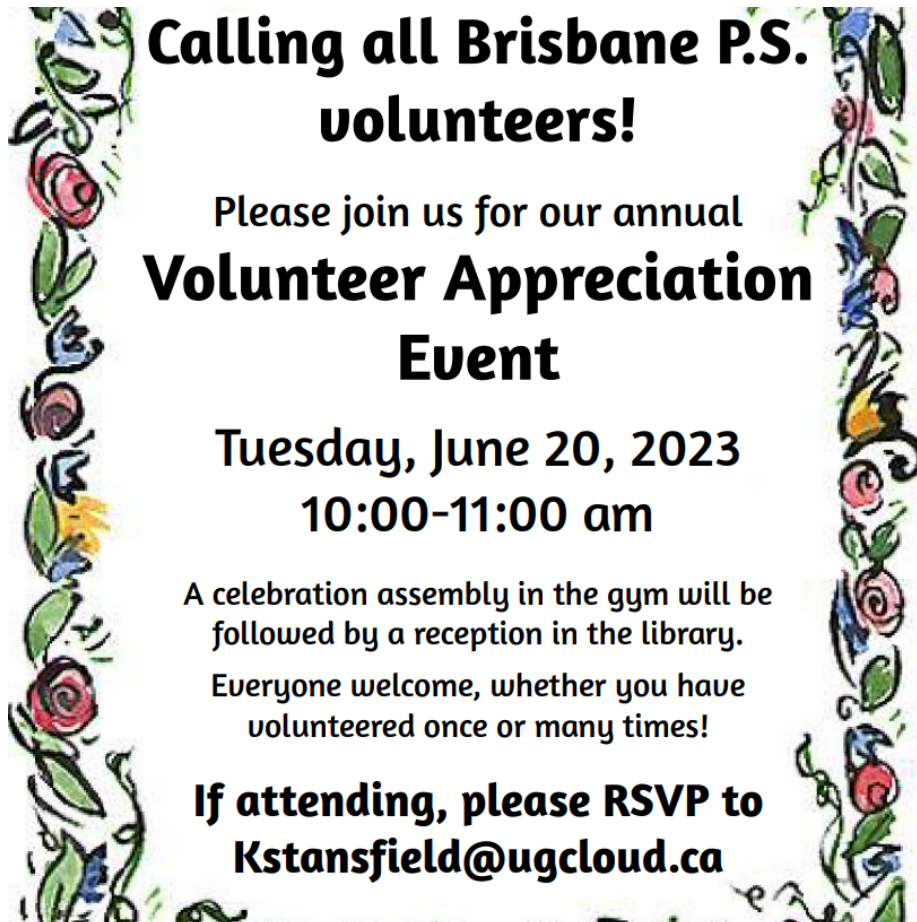
Brisbane Public School, prepare for a modern retelling of a classic adventure! Cinderella's friends are worried--she spends all day cleaning and talking to rodents! A wicked family must be to blame. But that's not it--this sanitary heroine just wants to clean up the world. When she learns that the Prince is looking for a director of his new environmental program, she knows she's the best candidate. But everyone in town, including Cinderella's stepsisters, wants the job too! Will the help of some animal friends and the Fairy Godfolks be enough to land Cinderella her dream job? Come find out June 16th! Curtains open at 6:00 pm. Please watch for more information regarding tickets!



### Coming Soon: Pride Month

June is Pride Month at Upper Grand! June marks a month of intentional celebration and learning of 2SLGBTQIA+ people, history and futures in the Upper Grand District School Board. At Brisbane, we focus on celebrating our differences and promoting acceptance and inclusion of all our school community. We will fly the Pride flag for the month of June. We will have a special display in our library of age-appropriate books for students to read and enjoy.

### Coming Soon: Volunteer Appreciation Event



**Calling all Brisbane P.S. volunteers!**

Please join us for our annual  
**Volunteer Appreciation Event**

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**  
**10:00-11:00 am**

A celebration assembly in the gym will be followed by a reception in the library.  
Everyone welcome, whether you have volunteered once or many times!

**If attending, please RSVP to [Kstansfield@ugcloud.ca](mailto:Kstansfield@ugcloud.ca)**