
Upcoming at Brisbane:

Nov. 10 : Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 10: Deadline to order Spirit Wear
Nov. 14: School Council Meeting 7 PM
Nov. 16: Progress Reports become available
Nov. 23 & 24: Parent Teacher Interviews
Nov. 23: Popcorn Day
Nov. 24: PA Day

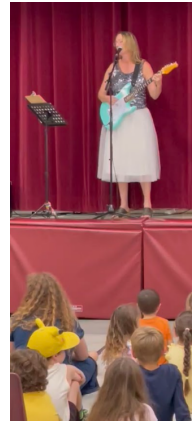


Welcome Mme. Zilio

We are so happy to welcome our new Office Coordinator, Mme. Zilio, to our school. She takes the place of Mme. Dolson, who moved to another school. Welcome, Mme. Zilio!

Terry Fox School Run

Brisbane had a very successful Terry Fox School Run this year! On September 22, students and staff learned about Terry Fox's legacy and enjoyed running and walking around our school yard in the beautiful fall weather. We are happy to announce that we surpassed our fundraising goal of \$2,000 and raised \$2,645 for the Terry Fox Foundation! To celebrate our fundraising success, students and staff enjoyed a fantastic live performance of "It's Raining Tacos" by our very own principal/rock star, Mme. Oussoren, followed by a dance party. Thank you to everyone in our school community who contributed to this worthy cause!



School Council 2023 - 2024

We are happy to announce that Brisbane's School Council is up and running for the year. All family and community members are welcome to attend our meetings, which are on Tuesday evenings in the school library. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 PM. Please welcome our new executive board:

- Rachel Patterson – Chair
- Elaine Skinner – Vice Chair, Regent
- Jennifer Brighton – Secretary
- Hillary Snoek – Treasurer
- Diana Arajs – Kindergarten Liaison
- Val Bush – Fundraising Chair
- Laura Petrenko – Volunteer Coordinator

Student Council

Our new student council has been formed for 2023-2024. Thank you to all the students who were interested in joining; we have chosen two representatives from each of our classes who will plan activities for the school and provide student voice in school decision-making. We have planned the following events for November:

- Friday, Nov. 17 Wear Red and White
- Thurs. Nov. 23 Comfy Cosy Day (also Popcorn Day)
- Wed. Nov. 29 Wear Your Favourite Colour(s) Day

Bus Patrols

Our bus patrols participated in their annual safety training on October 18th. We expect patrollers to take their responsibility seriously. Patrol team members are chosen by staff for their dependability, attitude, knowledge and interest in helping others. Their primary responsibility as safety ambassadors at our school include:

- Modelling safe school bus practices
- Helping students arrive to and from school safely
- Displaying leadership qualities and good citizenship

If your child is a patroller, we're happy to have them on board, and look forward to a rewarding year of fun, memories and growth.



University of Waterloo Engineering Outreach

This month, all of the grade 4 students at Brisbane participated in The Kids on Campus program operated by the Engineering Outreach team at the University of Waterloo. The students participated in STEM workshops and were given the opportunity to engage in hands-on experiences.

Students worked in teams to build and code automated robot vehicles using Cubelets that can traverse an obstacle course designed and built by the students. That is not all!

Students also built and coded a driving robot using LEGO Spike Prime kits. Students learned about autonomous vehicles, the use of machines, and mechanical engineering. They had the chance to speak to real engineers with years of experience. By working in teams, they experienced the Engineering Design Cycle and had the chance to discuss how technology can be used to solve real-world problems.

Spirit Wear

Brisbane Spirit Wear is now available to be purchased on School Cash Online. The deadline to place an order is November 12, 2023. Orders will take approximately 3 weeks to process and will be sent home with students.



Junior Soccer

Congratulations to the Junior Soccer team for their 1st place finish at the district tournament. On October 19th, the Brisbane team, made up of boys and girls from Grades 4-6, travelled to Eramosa Public School to face off against 4 local schools for a one day

tournament. The bears won all 4 of their 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 five 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 5-3!! 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! Way to go Bears!

Equity Advisory Council

Brisbane PS is looking to create and support a parent/guardian equity advisory group. This group would be made up of family members and school community members of Brisbane PS who are Black, Indigenous, racialized and/or have identities connected to the margins as per the [Ontario Human Rights Commission](#). As an equity advisory group, members would come together to build community and provide feedback and guidance related to equity, inclusion, anti-racism and anti-oppression. In addition to parent, guardian and school community members, staff Equity Reps and I will also be in attendance.

Should you be a parent, guardian or school community member who has lived identity experience and is interested in being involved, please email me at jennifer.oussoren@ugdsb.on.ca.

Morning Drop off Procedures

We have noticed a significant increase in traffic during the morning drop off. We wanted to kindly remind you of our procedures so we can work together to ensure the safety of our students, families and staff.

Our parking lot is very full in the morning with buses arriving, people walking and parents dropping off. We do encourage you to consider taking the bus.

When dropping your child off, please pull into a parking space if you would like to walk your child to the yellow entrance gate. Caregivers, please say goodbyes at the yellow gate. We have some very helpful junior students who will be happy to walk your child back to the kindergarten/primary yard for you.

If you are not parking and just dropping off, please be patient and wait until you have sidewalk access to drop your child off.

If you are doing a quick drop off, your child should be able to safely exit the vehicle independently on the passenger (right side) of the vehicle and walk to the sidewalk.

If you need to get out of the vehicle to assist, please pull into a parking spot or pull into a spot on the side of the highway and walk your child up to the sidewalk.

Thank you so much for your cooperation in keeping our school safe.

Vehicle Pick Up

Please note that the pick up location is the staff doors, at set times based on the grade of the oldest child, parents, please bring ID. Park on the highway (side closest to the school) for pick up.

School Hours

Supervision starts:	8:30 am
Start Time:	8:50 am
Nutrition Break 1:	10:30 - 10:45 am
Outside:	10:45 - 11:15 am
Nutrition Break 2:	12:55 - 1:10 pm
Outside:	1:10 - 1:40 pm
Dismissal:	3:20 pm



Attendance & Safe Arrival Program

Please call the office (519-833-9621) before 8:30 am if your child is going to be absent or late. The voice mail can take your messages 24 hours a day. Please supply us with the student name(s), class(es) and reason(s) for absence/lateness. The Ministry's Safe Arrival Program mandates that we call parents of absent students if we have not been informed, by a parent, of the reason for the absence.

- If we cannot reach you at home or at work, we will attempt to call your emergency contact person.
- Late students must wait outside the front doors until a staff member arrives. Parents must contact the office. The doors will be locked to keep all students safe.
- If you drive your child to school, please remember to park on the road closest to the school (not in the bus area or staff parking lot).
- Supervision begins at 8:30 am. Please do not drop your child off prior to this time and we encourage drop offs as close to the bell as possible at 8:50.

Board Policy on Safe Arrival reads: It is the responsibility of parents to:

- provide current telephone contacts such as: home phone number, work number of both parents, number of caregiver, number of safe arrival contact, and emergency contact numbers on the student admission form;
- update the information during the school year and inform teachers of changes;
- communicate with the school, prior to the start of school in the morning or afternoon, when the child will be absent or late for any reason;
- provide written permission for their child to leave the school during the day; and
- inform the school when their child will be returning after an absence of more than 1 day.

Safe Departure

- If it is necessary for a child to leave early, or to leave for a period during the day for an appointment, a note must be sent to the teacher.
- All arrangements must be made ahead of time. Also, please send written authorization if your child is going to be picked up, otherwise, it is our practice to send the child home as per usual arrangements.

Under urgent circumstances, a telephone call may be made to the office before 12 p.m.

- We appreciate your efforts to make all foreseen arrangements ahead of time with your child and/or accompanied with a note.
- Children will be dismissed by classroom teachers
- Your support to ensure a safe and seamless transition during such a busy time of day is appreciated

Volunteering at Brisbane

We are very happy to be able to welcome volunteers in the school! We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available including reading with students, helping in classrooms, helping at recess, helping on pizza and snack days, special events, and more!

All volunteers require a police check. Police checks for volunteers are free and are done quickly and easily online. We also require our volunteers to fill out the volunteer agreement forms attached and return them to the school with the completed police check. For more information and for the necessary forms, please contact the school office.



****Needs updating or remove?**

Brisbane PS Staff List

Grade	English/FI	Rm	Staff Name
Kindergarten Teacher	E	3	Colin Hepburn
Kindergarten ECE	E	3	Kim Davidson
Kindergarten Teacher	E	10	Amber Ennis
Grade 1/2	E	19	Karen Anderson
Grade 2/3	E	20	Christy Geddes
Grade 2/3	E	15	Alison Corbett
Grade 3/4	E	9	Ryan Carter
Grade 4/5	E	4	Alison Ray
Grade 5/6	E	8	Rachael Umpleby
Kindergarten Teacher	F	13	Avery Gray
Kindergarten Teacher	F	14	Rebecca Ferguson
Kindergarten ECE	F	14	Joanna Reynolds
Kindergarten Teacher	F	12	Marina Klepic
Kindergarten ECE	F	12	Jessica Cottingham (on leave)
Grade 1	F	16	Jennifer MacLeod
Grade 1/2	F	18	Bryana Suraci
Grade 1/2	F	17	Emma Squire-Smith
Grade 2/3	F	11	Roger Siegel
Grade 3/4	F	5	Taylor Klys
Grade 4/5	F	6	Rena Stuart
Grade 5/6	F	7	Diana Halpin
Library/Planning	E	Library	George Koch
Planning	F	Plan	Vandhna Sharma
Planning	F	Plan	Katie Stansfield
Planning	F	Plan	Meera Dyer
Core French/SERT/Planning	F	1	Heidi Siegel
SERT/Planning	F	Spec. Ed	Melissa Schefter
Education Assistants		Hub	Carla Butcher, Linda McLeod (temp)
Office Coordinator			Dawn Dolson
Office Assistant			Stephanie Sambells (Thursdays)
CYC			Ellen Kennedy (Tuesdays, alternating Thurs)
Custodian			Catherine Pell
Principal			Jennifer Oussoren