


Brentwood School

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Newsletter | September/October 2016
Principal's Message

With a new school year comes a time of great excitement and promise. As I step into the role as the new Principal at Brentwood School I am excited and invigorated about the possibilities this year will bring. My first impressions at Brentwood are of eager, respectful students, kind, involved, and welcoming parents and a staff who are committed and dedicated to teaching and learning. As the days pass I look forward to getting to know all the members of the Brentwood School community and working together to build an exceptional learning environment!

School Messenger

Thank you to all parents/guardians who have registered for School Messenger in order to receive both Email and Text Communication from the school. ***If you have still not registered, it is imperative that you do so on or before September 30, 2016. Should you require further guidance in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the school.***

School Safety and Security

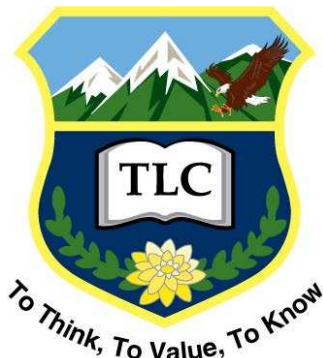
For the safety of our students and security of the building, measures have been taken to secure the building as much as possible at all times. Parents and guests are now required to *enter through the 'front door only'* by buzzing in. Our office staff will let you in as you are monitored by a surveillance camera for identification. If you are volunteering or working in the school at any time, you will be required to sign in our volunteer registry book. Following that, one of our staff will issue you a numbered volunteer identification tag. Upon your exit from the building, you are required to sign out and return the identification tag. Thank you in advance for your adherence to this policy.

Fire Drills and Lockdown Practices

All schools are mandated to have 6 fire drills and 2 lockdown practices during the school year. These drills are done to ensure that everyone in the building knows what to do in case of an emergency. When the fire bell rings all classes move silently out of the nearest exit to assemble on the field. We have already had our first fire drills for the month of September. Please take this opportunity to discuss fire safety with your child. Our first lockdown practice will occur in the very near future. We practice this drill to stay safe in case an intruder were to be in the building. In a lockdown, students gather in an area of their classroom with their teacher and remain quiet until informed the lockdown is over. Students are informed in advance of the first lockdown and fire drill so that they know what to expect. Subsequent drills will be unannounced. If parents have any questions about these safety drills please contact school administration.

Celebrating Student Activities!

Grade 4 and 5 classes have been actively participating in building their soccer skills with Scott during their PE times. This will continue until the end of September. Immediately following we begin a tennis residency known as 'First Serve Tennis' until the second week in November. Thank you Brentwood Parent Council/Parent Association for fully funding and supporting this school wide activity!!


**Important Upcoming
Dates**

- **October 3rd
Photo Day**
- **October 5th
Treat Day**
- **October 7th
Non Instruction
Day**
- **October 10th
No School-
Thanksgiving**
- **October 11th
2 PM School
Council Mtg.**
- **October 28th
Fun Lunch/Casual
Day**
- **October 31st
Pumpkinella/
Casual Day**



Grade 4 off to Open Minds

Each year schools are invited to apply to send a grade level of students to the off campus program known as 'Open Minds.' The application process is quite extensive and the opportunity for a successful application does not come very often. We are very pleased that our grade 4's were successful in their application and know they will have a great experience during their time at *Open Minds School*. Each Grade 4 class will be attending at various times from October 24 to December 1.

Grade Group Assembly and Terry Fox Run date changes

- Grade 5 Assembly – October 27
- Grade 4 Assembly - February 9
- Terry Fox Run moved to October 4 at 2:40 PM

As you can see, the school year is off to a roaring start with many exciting activities already completed and many more to come! I look forward to many more exciting and invigorating learning experiences for our students!

Mr. Michayluk, Principal

Staff Updates:

Teaching Staff on leave:

- Mrs. Sutherland covered by Mrs. McCutcheon
- Mrs. Groves by Mrs. Simpson
- Ms. Badour by Mrs. Schofield
- Mr. Straiton by Mr. Knitter

Support Staff on leave:

- Mrs. Lilly covered by Ms. Southam
- Ms. Jukes by Mrs. Badara

Brentwood welcomes New Staff!

- Mrs. Bradwell, Mrs. Eldred and Ms. Carey
- Mrs. Medonza
- Mrs. Sherren
- Mr. Bielevelt
- Miss Ekkelenkamp
- Mrs. Allen
- Mrs. Peers
- Mrs. O'Neil
- Miss Levine

Brentwood School Teaching Staff

Kindergarten	Ms. G. Ngai
Kindergarten	Mrs. D. Scoulding
Kindergarten	Mrs. K. Sutherland/Mrs. C. McCutcheon
Kindergarten	Mrs. M. Wagner
Grade 1	Ms. M. Thomas
Grade 1	Mrs. S. Gualtieri
Grade 1	Mrs. H. Groves/Mrs. J. Simpson
Grade 1	Mrs. J. Hawthorne
Grade 1	Ms. S. Athersych
Grade 2	Mr. C. Stainsby
Grade 2	Ms. D. Badour/Mrs. K. Schofield
Grade 2	Ms. J. Nichol
Grade 2	Ms. J. Ross
Grade 2	Mrs. R. Dewsbury
Grade 2	Mr. S. Bielevelt
Grade 3	Mrs. T. Ceklic
Grade 3	Ms. S. Bower
Grade 3	Mrs. K. Bishop
Grade 3	Mrs. A. Allen
Grade 3	Miss M. Ekkelenkamp
Grade 4	Mr. J. Neilson
Grade 4	Mr. B. Straiton/Mr. S. Knitter
Grade 4	Mrs. J. Winters
Grade 4	Mrs. S. Azzopardi
Grade 4	Mrs. C. Peers
Grade 5	Ms. R. Newman
Grade 5	Mrs. J. Johanson
Grade 5	Mrs. M. O'Neil
Grade 5	Mrs. A. Ghosh
CSSI	Ms. S. Sheaves
Music Specialist	Mrs. E. Fisher Mrs. C. Lau
Phys. Ed	Miss A. Levine
ELL Teacher	Ms. M. Glover
ELL Teacher	Mrs. M. McNeil
ELL Teacher	Mrs. S. Sherren
Asst. Principal Resource	Mrs. S. Marshall
Principal	Mr. T. Michayluk



Brentwood School Support Staff

Administrative Secretary	Mrs. A. Petelski
School Secretary	Mrs. M. Lannan
Library Assistant	Ms. K. Lum
Education Assistant	Ms. P. Jukes
Education Assistant	Mrs. K. McCabe
Education Assistant	Ms. E. Fancey
Education Assistant	Mrs. F. Mendoza
School Assistant	Mrs. J. Lilly
School Assistant	Mrs. G. Peck
Meal Supervisors	Mrs. S. Ali Mrs. G. Bradwell Mrs. J. Butterworth Ms. T. Carey Mrs. R. Coppold Mrs. M. Eldred Mrs. M. Kaur Mr. D. Kong Mrs. K. Lam Mrs. J. Lilly Mrs. L. Merritt Mrs. S. Patil Mrs. Y. Southam
Facility Operators	Mr. D. Gosling Mr. E. Martens Miss M. Santarin

School Hours

Brentwood School hours are as follows:

Kindergarten:	9:08 a.m.–11: 47 a.m.	12:54 p.m. – 3:33 p.m.
Grade 1 - 5:	9:08 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	1:23 p.m. – 3:33 p.m.
Recess:	10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	
Lunch	12:30-12:55	Gr. 1–Gr. 2 12:55–1:23 Gr. 3–Gr. 5

Papers! Papers! And More Papers!

September is a busy month and you will no doubt be inundated with information from many sources. A very important package of **forms was sent home on Friday, September 9th in an envelope.** We greatly appreciate your support in attending to the variety of forms and submitting your child's required fees online in a timely fashion. Please read carefully as this package contains very important information. The completed

package should be returned to your child's teacher who will then submit it to the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent/Student/Teacher Information Meeting

Thank you to all parents who took the time to meet their child's teacher at our annual 'Meet the Teacher' event on September 22. You play an important role in your child's education. Always be mindful....

**"Home is where one starts from"
By working closely together we can ensure that each of our students have a successful year!**

Attendance Line

Parents, please ensure you call the school at 777-6130 and select Option #1 – Attendance Line to leave a message before 9:00 am if your child is going to be absent or late. This assists the office staff immensely and is designed for the safety of your children. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Bussing**

Parents are reminded that only bussed children, whose parents have completed a Transportation agreement, may ride the bus. At this time our buses are full to capacity. As a result, **children are not allowed to go on a different bus at any time!** Please be mindful of this necessary change for this school year.

**Signing Out Children**

If you come to the school to pick up your child for appointments, etc., it is extremely important that you sign them out at the office. For children who ride the bus, please sign them out in the appropriate bus column no later than 3:20 p.m. as this helps to ensure the bus drivers receive the information in a timely fashion.

Leaving Voice Mail Messages

Please note that if you are leaving voice mail messages for your child's teacher, they may not be retrieved until the end of the day after dismissal; or if there is a substitute teacher, they may not be retrieved until the regular teacher returns. If the message is urgent, please contact the office directly.



Parent Corner

Information from Non-CBE Sources can only be posted on our parent bulletin board as we are not allowed to solicit non CBE related information in our school newsletters. The bulletin board allows us to share information with parents about various parent resources, children's programs and community activities. Although we are happy to share this information with you, please be aware that we have not scrutinized these activities nor the people offering them and are not able to endorse them. Please exercise due diligence if you pursue these activities. If parents have information about programs or resources that they would like posted on our bulletin board, please leave it with the office staff and an administrator will determine its appropriateness for posting.



Appropriate Footwear

Students are required to have indoor shoes with non-marking soles for the gym. Please note that "roller shoes" (running shoes that can be converted into roller skates) are NOT allowed in the school.



Picture Day

Student pictures will be taken on Monday, October 3rd. ***Students in the TLC program must wear their formal uniforms.***

Lunchroom

Parents, please remember that if your child needs a spoon or fork with his/her lunch, please send it with them. Also, please note we do **not** have microwaves or hot water available for the students. If you are sending something hot for your child's lunch, please send it in a thermos. Emergency lunches are available in the event the student forgets to bring his/her lunch. If this happens, we appreciate payment of \$3.00 be forwarded to the school the following day.

School Council News:

Welcome back from your Brentwood School Council! We hope that you and your family enjoyed a fun-filled and relaxing summer holidays. We look forward to another exciting school year working together with the staff, parents

and school community to help make this a memorable year for our children!

School Council hosted our annual **Welcome Back Breakfast** for staff and students on **Friday, September 16th**, which was well attended and a huge success.

Don't forget to include your name in our **Volunteer Bank** again this year. Many of our events would not be possible without people like you to volunteer your time! So email us today at brentwoodschoolvolunteerbank@gmail.com to be included in our bank! Please note that you will need to resend us an email if you choose to be part of our Volunteer Bank again this year, as we are creating a new bank of names.

The first **School Council meeting** was **Tuesday, September 20th at 7pm**. Our next meeting will be held on October 11, 2016 at 2 PM. We had our Annual General Meeting in June where a new executive was elected. If you are interested in becoming part of a collaborative team of parents, as well as finding out what school council has planned for the new school year, please come and join us! We are always looking for new faces to complete our team! If you have any inquiries about Brentwood School Council or would like to add anything to our agenda that will enhance the student's school learning experience, please contact us at brentwoodschoolcouncilinfo@gmail.com.

We will be selling the **Admazing Coupon Books** this year. Please support the Parent Council with this fundraising event! The Admazing books will be sold for \$20 and the Parent Council retains \$10 from each book sold. This money goes directly to the many programs the Parent Council supports throughout the year. An information package was sent home on September 12th.

The first Fun Lunch is scheduled for **Friday, October 28th**. We will be utilizing the online lunch ordering system Healthy Hunger, which allows us to provide faster processing and additional food options

for our students. You can also contact brentwoodfunlunch@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

No School Days for 2016-2017

Please note these dates are also in the student planners.

September 23	Professional Day- No classes for students
October 7	System Professional Day – No classes for students
October 10	Thanksgiving Day – No School
November 11	Remembrance Day – No School
November 25	System Professional Day – No classes for students
December 2	Non Instructional Day- no classes for students
December 19 – January 2	Schools closed – Winter Break
January 13	Non Instructional Day- no classes for students
February 16-17	Teachers Convention – no classes for students
February 20	Alberta Family Day – No School
March 23	Non Instructional Day- no classes for students
March 24	Non Instructional Day
March 27-April 3	Spring Break
April 14	Good Friday-No School
April 17	System Professional Day – no classes for students
May 19	System Professional Day – no classes for students
May 22	Victoria Day-No School
June 30	Non Instructional Day- no classes for students

Pumpkinella and Halloween Events!

Our much anticipated annual *Pumpkinella* event is scheduled for Monday, October 31st, 2016 in the main gymnasium. Families are encouraged to carve a jack-o-lantern for this exciting event. If you choose to carve a LARGE

family pumpkin please deliver it to the school Monday morning. If your child rides the bus they may choose to carve a SMALL pumpkin and carry it with them to and from school on the bus. Jack-o-lanterns need to be picked up at the end of the day on Monday. Pumpkins not picked up by 4:00 will be transported to the neighborhood LEAF and Pumpkin Drop off by a volunteer. Volunteers set up a display of these jack-o-lanterns with lights and children enjoy parading through the gym looking at the wonderful creations to the accompaniment of spooky music. Thank you for making this such a special event for students and making it an eco-friendly activity as well.

Halloween/Classroom Festivities

On Monday, October 31st we will celebrate Halloween with special festivities throughout the school. We would ask that our students come in casual dress, rather than their uniforms, as it will facilitate an easier change into costumes in the afternoon. As you prepare for Halloween, we would ask you to make appropriate selections with your child that do not include weapons of any kind, depicting injuries, or may be disturbing or confusing to children.

Kindergarten: Please send Kindergarten children to school already dressed in their Halloween costumes (both morning and afternoon classes). Children in the morning classes may have a short parade through the hallways, offices and some classrooms before returning to their classrooms for the special activities their teachers will have planned.

Grades 1 to 5: Please send children to school in their regular 'casual' clothes in the morning. Costumes may be sent in backpacks or special bags or parents may want to bring them to school (depending on how elaborate and/or bulky the costume is!) Students will change into their costumes after their lunch on Monday. Each teacher will arrange celebration activities for the afternoon that are appropriate for the age and abilities of their students and will let parents know if treats and/or volunteers are required.





Welcome to the 2016-17 school year

Whether this is your first, fifth or last “back to school” season with the CBE, we look forward to making the 2016-17 school year a great one.

The start of a new year has always been memorable to me. As a student, I looked forward to seeing my friends again after the summer break. As a teacher, I had big dreams and plans to put into motion. As a parent of a CBE student, I wonder what my child will learn and what challenges and successes we will celebrate together. When I was a principal, the first days of school were a whirlwind of activity as I helped families, teachers and students settle in. As chief superintendent, I am responsible for creating the conditions under which each student will learn and grow to the very best of their ability.

This is a natural time to refresh commitments and goals for the year. I’d like to share mine:

Improving student success

I am committed to the success of your child and each of the more than 117,000 students in the CBE. Personalized learning - understanding the interests, accomplishments, needs and goals of each student and planning for their progress and achievement - is the foundation of our work. Success for each student is our goal, and everyone at the CBE is focused on ensuring that each student can be successful. This year we’ll be bringing new focus to our work in literacy and math and our work with Aboriginal students. We will also be renewing our high school success strategy and building on our already improving high school completion rates.

Supporting our staff

For our students to succeed, our teachers and other

staff members must also continue to learn. Investing in our teachers and the people who support our schools is critical to our success. During 2016-17 we will be building a new on-boarding process for teachers and building new supports for school leaders.

Building and opening new schools

I am committed to providing enriching learning environments for all our students. We are continuing to build, modernize and operationalize 31 new schools and maintain more than 225 existing ones. Our students deserve the very best places to learn and we are working hard to make that happen.

Providing safe and caring environments

Every student also needs to feel safe in their school environment, and I am committed to ensuring that our schools and workplaces are welcoming, caring, respectful and safe places for everyone.

Listening to your voices

This year, I will work to ensure that you have an opportunity to share your perspectives on issues and decisions that affect you. I look forward to meeting many of you at open houses and other engagement sessions and learning together. We will communicate clearly with you about things that are happening at your child’s school and throughout our system.

2016-17 is already shaping up to be a memorable school year, and I look forward to all we will learn and experience together.

David Stevenson
Chief Superintendent of Schools



Leadership Link



From the Board of Trustees

Introducing the Legacy Award

The Board of Trustees is excited to announce a new award that recognizes CBE alumni who have made a difference, and we need your help to find these outstanding individuals.

The CBE Legacy Award celebrates public education. It will shine a spotlight on former students who live our beliefs - that a strong public education system is the foundation of our society, and the legacy of learning we create makes a world of difference for all of us.

Our former students positively impact our communities, our country and our world. Legacy Award recipients will embody the foundation they received during their education and represent the legacy of the CBE: preparing students for life, work and inspiring life-long learning.

Our alumni are leaders, entrepreneurs and difference-makers. They are artists, trail-blazers and dedicated volunteers. We want to hear their stories and celebrate their success.

We expect to present the CBE Legacy Award several times a year at public board meetings, with the first award presented this month. All award nominations will be reviewed and award recipients selected by the CBE Legacy Award Committee.

Recipients must:

- Be an alumnus of, or have attended, a CBE School.
- Be 18 years of age or older at the time of nomination.
- Exemplify at least one or more of the CBE Results:

Mission: has used high school as a foundation for continuous learning and success in life and work.

Academics: possesses the knowledge, skills and attitude required for academic success, and is effectively prepared for life, work and further learning.

Citizenship: has been a responsible citizen who is an informed and involved member of his/her community – locally, nationally, globally.

Character: possesses the character to do what is right, act morally with wisdom, and balance individual concerns with the rights and needs of others.

Personal Development: has acquired the skills, attitude and knowledge to achieve his or her highest potential.

Nominations must include a (maximum) 500-word statement of support.

To nominate an outstanding CBE alumnus, or for more information about the Legacy Award, please visit the CBE website at <http://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/Pages/legacy-award.aspx>