



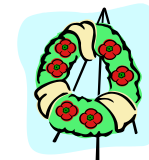
Important Dates

- November 7
Photo Retakes
- November 10
9:45 Remembrance
Day Assembly
- November 11
Remembrance Day-
School Closed
- November 15
7PM School Council
Mtg.
- November 18
Fun Lunch/Casual Day
- November 19
8:00 AM Online
Conference Booking
Opens
- November 23
Online Conference
Booking Ends at noon
- November 24
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
K 8:00- 12:00 AM
K 1:00-3:30 PM
K-5 4:30-8:30 PM
(No School for
Kindergarten)
- November 25
Parent/Teacher
Conferences – 9:00 –
12:00PM - No School
for Students



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Principal's Message

The fall weather is upon us and it is hard to believe that October has come and gone! None the less, I am happy to say learning at school is blazing along as students and staff work diligently within school curriculum and plan for a variety of things along side of it.

Congratulations is extended to our Grade 5 students with their amazing presentation of "We Interrupt This News Cast...". It was evident that teachers and students took the time to present a very creative story about weather and electricity and how they can be very disruptive to our daily lives. I look forward to our next grade level presentation in November by our Grade 3 classes as well as our Remembrance Day assembly by our Character Council.

I draw your attention to the following important items:

- Many **school fees** are still outstanding. Please go to MY CBE ACCOUNT on our school website to make direct payment. Should you be experiencing hardship paying fees, information about fee waiver application is available through the following link: <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/fees-and-waivers/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Bus passes** received have been issued. Bus drivers will be asking students for them to prove ridership. We suggest a plan for storage and carrying back and forth to school be organized between student and parent to ensure they get to and from school in a manner that they will not be lost. If a bus pass is lost, contact the office for a replacement cost of \$5.
- **Grade level presentations/performances** will now be shared 3 times – two daytime presentations followed by an evening performance. This stems from us having to divide the school into two shows to accommodate student viewing while meeting fire code regulations. We encourage any parents who can come to the daytime performances to do so – helping to alleviate overcrowding during the evening. To that end, 3 tickets will be issued per family to attend an evening performance. No extra tickets will be available for those wanting others to attend. Every person attending the performance must have a ticket – no exceptions.
- **Attending conferences** is critical to keeping abreast of your child(ren)'s educational progress and an expectation in the TLC program. We encourage you to make all possible efforts to come to this important connecting time with teachers.
- **Parking during P/T conferences** in November is always tricky as our school is surrounded by housing. We ask that you respect and adhere to the parking signage posted in the neighborhood and be mindful of not parking in people's driveways or in ways that obstructs the flow of traffic. Plenty of on street parking is available at the south side in our 'hug and go' parking area.
- **Brentwood School Website** has been adjusted according to CBE protocol. All information can be found under the appropriate tabs/drop down links. Things such as calendars (*both electronic and printable*), newsletters, council/society information or communication tools, etc, are readily accessible under the school information, *parent or student tabs*.
- **School Messenger** will be our main communication tool. Much of what came home via paper in the past will now be sent via email attachment. Emergent issues will be sent via SRS text. *I encourage you to sign up for both text and email to stay informed at all times if you still have not done so.*

Mr. Michayluk, Principal

Remembrance Day Assembly

This year our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Thursday, November 10th around 9:45 am. **WE REQUIRE ALL STUDENTS TO WEAR THEIR FORMAL UNIFORMS ON THIS DAY. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides and other service organizations are invited to wear their organizations uniform.** Poppies are made available from the Royal Canadian Legion and students may wish to make a donation for their Poppy on November 10th. As the gymnasium will be to capacity, we unfortunately will not be able to host parents as guests for this event.

November Conferences

Online booking of conferences is associated with the Calgary Board of Education's On-line Fee payment module through **My CBE Account**, which many of you used this fall. If you did not pay your fees online this fall you will have to create a user account at <https://webapps.cbe.ab.ca/myaccount> using the contact email you provided the school. Conference bookings can be accessed through this site. Bookings open on November 19 at 8:00 AM and close at noon on November 23.

Book Fair

In conjunction with our Parent Teacher Conferences, we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the main gym. Remember all funds raised support the Library and the acquisition of new books for this school year.

We will be open for business during the following times:

Thursday, Nov. 24 4:30 - 8:30pm

Friday, Nov 25 9:00 - 12:00am

Fieldtrip/Activity Fees

These fees will be collected in November to support activities that the teachers plan for each homeroom. It is especially

appreciated when families go online to pay fees; this allows for greater ease of accounting/tracking fees.

Dressing for the Weather

As we look ahead, we are making plans for colder weather especially around extended periods of time outside like recess and lunch break. We encourage all of our children to dress appropriately for the weather with warm coats, hats, mitts, boots, scarves and even snow pants. This will ensure that students are comfortable on days when they are expected to go out for fresh air and exercise. We know that students will be outside during the course of the day, even if it is only from the bus to the door and dressing warmly is something that must be arranged at home. Thank you for your support.

Extended Holidays

We are amazed by the number of our students who will be extending their holidays with vacations and trips. Parents have been diligent about informing their children's teachers and completing the tracking paper form. We hope that these are opportunities and experiences that enrich our students' lives and that where possible students attend to their studies by keeping up on the homework posted on D2L.

Attendance/Lates

Thank you to the many parents who call in their child's daily absence or late. This is a reminder that it is important for you to call in your child's absence or late as we are accountable for their whereabouts. The absence line is open 24 hours so if you know your child will be away or late please leave a message prior to 9:00AM. This will ensure we have a late slip ready for your child upon arrival when they report to the office. This gesture saves our office staff a huge amount of work and is necessary to maintain your child's safety.

Terry Fox Run

We were able to work together as a school community to show compassion for those affected by cancer through the Terry Fox Run on October 4. We were able to raise \$1470.45. Congratulations Brentwood!

Hug & GO Update

We continue to address some driving challenges on Burgess Drive-cars parked by parents encroaching on the Hug & Go Zone, some U-turns at the corner of the drive and one neighbour requesting observance of their private driveway. We request that parents be cautious and patient while driving around our school for the safety of the neighbourhood. Thank you.

No School Days for 2016-2017

Please note these dates are also in the student planners.


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

Upcoming Clubs:

Our clubs continue to be a huge success and many students are choosing to participate in them. Many of our year-long clubs have begun and will continue throughout the coming months. Please watch for specific information to come home closer to the start dates of the clubs for November.

School Council News

Tennis Residency is well under way with great things being heard from the classes that have participated. One class at a time is learning from First Serve Tennis and coach 'Willy' this year. Our sincere thanks to our School Council/Society for funding this activity!

School Council/Society held a special meeting on Wednesday October 26th @ 6pm. Discussions/motions were required to decide on funding extra-curricular activities. If you missed the meeting, or would like to be further involved in the processes and decision making, please remember to look for updates and check Facebook (Brentwood School Parent's Corner), and Twitter . Also our minutes are posted on the School's website under the 'School Information; School Council' drop down headings on the main page.

Our next School Council Meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 15th @ 7pm** in the school library. Please bookmark your calendars to attend and be a part of the decision making and learning for our children. New members are always welcome, so if you missed last month's meeting, come this month and help make a difference! If you would like further information, please email us at brentwoodschoolcouncilinfo@gmail.com

Children enjoyed their first Treat Day of the year on October 5th & 6th. The smell of sweet Custard Buns wafted

dreamily through the hallways as they were delivered to the children.

Fun lunch was held on Friday, October 28th, with Little Caesars Pizza in high regard. Thanks to the great organization by our fun lunch coordinating team and many parent volunteers, Our next fun lunch will be held on Friday, November 18th which will be from Subway. We will be utilizing the online lunch ordering system 'Healthy Hunger' again this year. **Please register online and order your lunches at least 5 days prior to every Fun Lunch or the order cannot be processed.** You can also contact brentwoodfunlunch@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns. The next 3 Fun Lunches are already available online for ordering now, if you would like to get a jump on things.



Back by popular demand and tradition, School Council was happy to present Pumpkinella once again. It was held on Monday, October 31st. We appreciate all students, parents and staff who carved beautiful pumpkins as, it made for a great display for children to walk through and enjoy with 'spooky' music accompaniment. A Big 'Thank you' to everyone who volunteered to help make Pumpkinella a huge success!

We still have a few Coupon Books, for \$20, available for purchase. This is another great way to fundraise for your child's school and they make great gifts! Don't forget, for every book sold, your child's name is entered into a draw for a \$165 amazon.ca gift certificate.



If you would like to volunteer for any of our exciting events please add your name and email address to brentwoodvolunteerbank@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you! to be added to our Volunteer Bank.

School Nurse

It happens every fall: influenza arrives in Alberta, and takes a serious toll on our communities. Influenza is a real threat. It's also preventable.

Influenza immunization have been available, starting October 24, free of charge, to all Albertans six months of age and older. It's the single most effective means of protecting your family from influenza. By getting immunized early in the season, you will all have the opportunity to respond to immunization, and produce antibodies that will arm you against the influenza viruses you'll be exposed to again throughout the season.

Each year, influenza vaccine is developed to protect us against those strains of virus likely to circulate in our community. Though vaccine effectiveness may vary, know this: last season, influenza vaccine cut Albertan's risk of influenza by half. Without immunization, Albertans were completely at risk. And we do mean all Albertans.

Pregnant women, seniors, children, and individuals with underlying health conditions or compromised immune systems are at greater risk for severe complications; however, without immunization, even healthy Albertans – that includes you, parents! – are at risk of severe illness and even death. 62 Albertans died with influenza last season, and more than 1,600 Albertans were hospitalized. Let's do better this year. Let's make influenza one less thing your family has to deal with this winter. Prevention is your protection. Get immunized.

For more information on the influenza program, including local clinic locations and schedules, visit ahs.ca/influenza or call Health Link at 811.



Academic success at the CBE

Earlier this fall we shared the results of our 2015-16 provincial achievement test and diploma exam results. Overall, our students demonstrated strong academic achievement and we are proud of what they have accomplished. We also know there are areas that we need to focus on, and we are committed to doing that.

In fact, we use these provincial results as tools to help us celebrate and build on our successes, and to target areas for growth and improvement. To that end, I am very encouraged to see that areas we had previously targeted for growth have seen marked improvement in this year's results. I am confident that this will continue in the areas we target in the future.

Provincial achievement testing is one of several ways the CBE measures student success. Other measures include report card data, student survey data and the province's Accountability Pillar. When reviewing our academic results, it's easy to focus on the charts and numbers. However, we know that behind every number is a student. And behind every student is a team of people, helping them reach their goals.

Thank you to everyone who is part of these teams – our parents, community members and our CBE staff – for all do to help students succeed. These results demonstrate that the resources, both human and financial, we are directing to students in the classroom are positively impacting student success.

Highlights

CBE students in Grades 6 and 9 outperformed the province at the acceptable standard and the standard of excellence on 18 out of 20 measures. Students' results on diploma exams are also impressive. In 10 of

11 exams, CBE students outperformed the province at the acceptable standard and the standard of excellence.

More than 40 per cent of CBE students writing the Biology 30 and Chemistry 30 diploma exams have achieved the standard of excellence for four years in a row.

In Physics 30, more than 40 per cent of CBE students have achieved the standard of excellence for five straight years. This year they reached a new high with 47.9 per cent achieving the standard of excellence.

In Science 30, a subject that had been previously identified as an area for growth, results have increased at the acceptable standard and standard of excellence.

We have noted some improvements in math, and we want to support further improvement over time. Overall improvement in our Knowledge and Employability courses is also identified as an area for continued attention.

I invite you to review our CBE student results by visiting the [Provincial Assessment & Reports](#) page on our website.

David Stevenson
Chief Superintendent of Schools