

# Bright's Grove Public School

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## Message from the Principal

As we approach the Winter break, it has been enjoyable to reflect on the positive things that have happened throughout the first months of the school year. We have filled the term with engaging learning opportunities, experiential events, and extra-curricular activities. Through the hard work of our wonderful staff, Bright's Grove students have been engaged in many of the traditions that the staff and students have enjoyed over the years.

Your contributions to the Holiday Gift Exchange have been overwhelming! There has been a huge challenge in trying to find places to put it all! Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> will be a huge day for the school, and we welcome any parent/guardian volunteers that would like to come in to lend a hand. Judging by the volume of items, we'll need help!

As we continue to progress through the year, I want to continue to reiterate our schools focus on inclusion and diversity. While our school itself may not reflect the national diversity we celebrate here in Canada, we must remember our Board Vision: Our Students Shaping Our World. Our role as educators is to ensure that we develop an environment in which everyone feels welcome and supported in who they are individually. It is in teaching historical practices of oppression and challenging our students to engage in conversations regarding these topics that we will continue to teach empathy and compassion that is necessary to help our students shape the world into a kind and just one for all. While we have been excited for the upcoming holiday, our staff have been aware that families have a unique perspective on this time of the year. We have been conscientious in providing themed activities that reflect our understanding of diversity and inclusion and allow everyone to be excited for the holiday break.

I wish all our Bright's Grove families a safe and enjoyable holiday! We have several exciting events that will take place at the school leading up to the break. We look forward to seeing many of you join us in these fun activities. Have a wonderful holiday!

Sincerely,

Nick Nienhuis

**December 5**  
Dental Screening

**December 6**  
NCIVS Music  
Performance



**December 8**  
Holiday Gift Exchange

**December 13**  
Kernels Popcorn Day

**December 14**  
Winter Concert 6:00 PM-  
8:00 PM

**December 15**  
Hot Lunch! Boston Pizza  
Holiday Hats and Socks  
Day

**December 18**  
Holiday Sweater/Jersey  
Day

**December 19**  
Sloan's Class Trip -  
PRIMARY

**December 20**  
Sloan's Class Trip -  
JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE

**December 21**  
PJ Day!

**December 22**  
Last Day! Red and Green  
Day

### Recognizing Excellence: Month End Awards

This month we recognize individuals at the school that have gone above and beyond demonstrate an ability to show and practice **self-regulation**. It is a crucial aspect of social and emotional development, influencing a child's ability to cope with stress, engage in positive relationships, and succeed in academic and other life activities. We are very proud of our students for demonstrating a strong ability in this quality as a school but would like to take the opportunity to congratulate this month's recipients for being selected for their abilities to self-regulate beyond expectation. Well done!



### Winter Concert

Our winter concert is scheduled for December 14 between 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. We will have enough seating for parents, guardians, and grandparents. We ask that when students finish their performance that they return to their classrooms with the classroom teacher and stay until picked up. We will not have enough seating to save seats for students to return to the audience to watch.



#### COMMUNICATION

- **Christmas Theme Days**

**Fri, Dec 15 – Holiday Hats and Socks**

**Mon, Dec 18 – Holiday Sweaters/Jersey Day**

**Thurs, Dec 21 – Pajama Day!**

**Fri, Dec 22 – Red and Green Day**



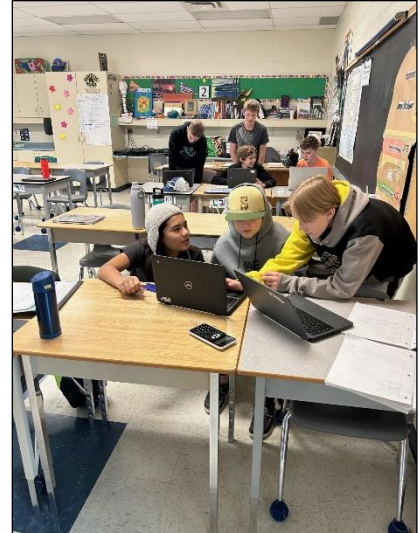
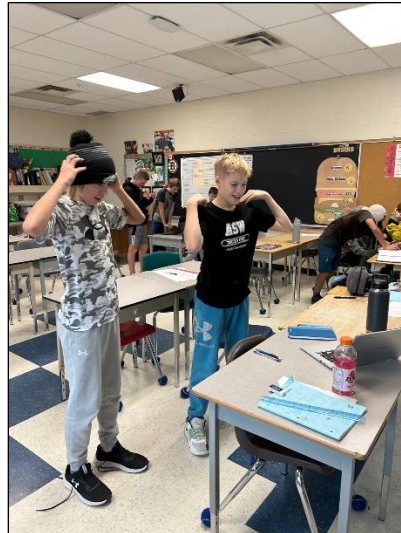
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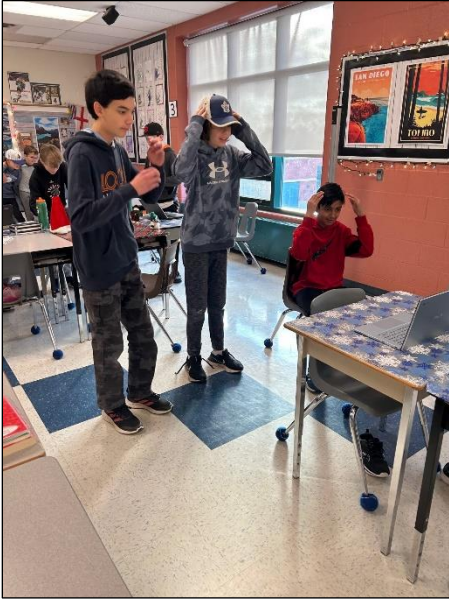
On December 4th, our girls' volleyball team competed in their final match to secure the 5th place finish for the year. This put in a tremendous effort all year, putting in the time early mornings to practice and compete. Most importantly, they had a tonne of fun! Congratulations on a successful season. Our boys team finished third overall with a dominating win in the consolation game final. Well done boys! A big thank you to our coaches for volunteering their time to support the boys and girls, providing instruction and encouragement, and allowing for this extra-curricular to take place. Thank you!



## A variety of learning!

November is usually a month of intense learning for our students as we truly settle in for the school year. That doesn't mean that the fun stops!





## Caribou Cup Math Contests

We had huge participation for the first of six Caribou Cup Math contests. We are proud of everyone that participated in this challenge and look forward to the next event on January 17 and 18. Well done Bulldogs! It is never too late for anyone to sign up and participate!



Top 5 Finishers



### GRADE 7/8

- 1st Place – Luke Reynen
- 2nd Place – Emersen Milne
- 3rd Place – Wesley Smith
- 4th Place – Mikaela Buchner
- 5th Place – Lily O, MacKenna F

### GRADE 5/6

- 1st Place – Grace Beaver
- 2nd Place – Cerena Steffler
- 3rd Place – Ainsley Dobbs
- 4th Place – Paige Henderson
- 5th Place – Rebekah O, Jack K, Wes C

### GRADE 4

- 1st Place – Noah Odolphy
- 2nd Place – Gordon Thompson
- 3rd Place – Ben Smith
- 4th Place – Caleb Abram
- 5th Place – Clarkson B, Arlo H

## Upcoming!

As the warm weather comes to an end, we are keen to start up a few recess clubs that will appeal to several of our students. We have had huge interest in a Chess club starting this winter. We are going to try to play some games digitally, but to ensure we can accommodate everyone looking to participate, we are looking to get a hold of as many sets as possible. If you have a cheap set collecting dust at home, we can put it to good use. Thank you to those who already have donated!



## Big Box of Cards Fundraiser

Thank you again for all your support! Final orders are in! Our school can't thank everyone enough for supporting this fundraiser! Our last remaining boxes can be picked up at any time.



## Communication

Communication between home and school is key to your child's success. Primary communication from administration will be through phone or email. **If you had previously declined receiving email notifications from the school, we ask that you consider allowing for email communication from the school so that you can receive newsletters, forms, and any pertinent information to the school year.**

## Safe Arrival and Dismissal

**School Arrival:** Students are expected to arrive at school **no earlier than 8:40 am**, as their safety on the yard cannot be monitored without a staff member present. Classes will begin at 8:55 am. **Parents are asked to remain off the yard. Students in JK and SK may be brought to their ECE by the parent for 'hand-off' but are asked to leave the yard.** Parents can help their child find their line-up on the first day but are asked to then wait outside the fence. Pylons with teachers' names will be on the primary yard to help students find their bags.

**Dismissal Procedures:** Students who walk or are getting picked-up should be met at a pre-appointed spot on the yard. Older students will be dismissed at the bell to collect younger siblings/students. It is important that you practice this meeting spot ahead of time. Parents are asked to wait outside school property until the bell rings as classes are often outside to play at the end of the day.

**Early Pick Up:** Should there be a need to arrange an earlier pick-up time, please call the school office and ask that the message be given to the teacher and your child through the office. To avoid this, we ask that parents please call the school before 2:50 pm to make alternate pick-up arrangements.

## Attendance Reporting

Instructions for downloading the School Messenger app and navigating the website can be found attached to this email or on the school website. Please, use this to report any absences. There is an automatic call-out that we are unable to suspend that goes out about 9:30 am. If your child(ren) is going to be absent for 5+ days, please contact the office to receive a form that is required to be kept on file for auditing purposes.

## School Council

The Bright's Grove School Council is made up of parents, staff representatives, community members and the principal. Input from the various council members shapes school policies and priorities. **Our first meeting will be scheduled for September 13 – 6:30-7:30 PM.** If you are interested in participating, please call or email Nick Nienhuis.

## BGPS is "Nut and Other Allergy Aware"



Please be aware that we are a "Nut and Milk Aware" school and as a result, we ask that parents not send foods containing nuts (including peanuts and tree nuts), to school to protect the safety of all members of our school community. This includes any peanut substitution products, as once the product leaves your home, it is impossible to tell the difference. For great suggestions on nut free lunches, visit [www.eatrightontario.ca](http://www.eatrightontario.ca).

## COVID-19 Pre-Screening and Etiquette

Prior to attending school, it is still recommended that all students, staff and visitors complete the [daily COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool](#) and follow directions. **Following Public Health guidance, individuals should stay home if they are feeling ill to prevent the spread of illness.**

## Electronic Newsletter

In an effort to reduce the amount of paper and copying, we are asking that parents please access the monthly newsletter and calendar through the BGPS website or via our Facebook page (BGPS The newsletter will also be emailed out to the primary and secondary emails provided by parents/guardians. There will be no paper copies sent home this school year

### School Hours

8:40-8:55	Student arrival at school
10:35-11:15	First Break
1:15-1:55	Second Break
3:15	Dismissal