

# Bright's Grove Public School

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## Message from the Principal

First, I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope that the holiday break was safe and enjoyable for all our Bright's Grove families. We were fortunate to have had several school-wide activities leading up to the break. Take the chance to look through the January newsletter to see photos of all the enjoyable moments we shared. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to our staff for putting the extra time and effort into planning and implementing these activities. In a time of the year when our personal lives are equally as busy, going above and beyond here at the school is a wonderful example of how much we care for the well-being of our students, our desire to make school a positive experience, and to continue to develop positive relationships with our students. I'd also like to thank our parents, guardians, and volunteers that attended these events, providing their help and support. It was wonderful to see so many of you! Lastly, I want to thank our students. With Christmas Day falling so close to our last day of school and excitement and energy being extremely high, our students were incredible in all our activities and events. Well done Bulldogs!

With each new year we have an opportunity to set new goals for ourselves and look for growth in our lives. My goal for the school is to continue to build on an already existing school climate that focuses on understanding, empathy, and inclusion. Our staff and students have put a lot of work into establishing norms at the school that allow students to feel welcome here at the school. I wish all our families the best in 2024 as we look to close out first term and begin the second half of the school year.

Sincerely,

Nick

### January 12

Hot Lunch - Dominos

### January 16

School Council Meeting –  
5:30 PM

### January 19

Dress as a  
teacher/student day

### January 19

BGPS Sing at the Sting  
Game!

### January 25

Hot Lunch - Subway

### February 1

Kinderstart – 4:00-6:30 PM

### February 2

Kinderstart – 9:00 AM

### February 14

Red, Pink, and White Day

### February 16

Report Cards and  
Communication of  
Learning sent home



### Holiday Gift Exchange

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the Holiday Gift Exchange! For those that donated items, helped sort, shop for kids, or wrap up gifts, thank you so much! This was an amazing event, and the students absolutely loved it. The event was a huge success! Thanks to the generous donations from families, our school council team was not only able to allow students the opportunity to pick out wonderful gifts for family members, but our school was also able to make a generous donation of over \$1350 to the Inn of the Good Shepherd.



### COMMUNICATION

#### Sting Day!

**On January 19<sup>th</sup> the BGPS Choir will be performing the national anthem at the Sting game.**

**Bright's Grove families will likely be able to purchase tickets for the January 19<sup>th</sup> game at a discounted price.**

**Details will be sent out to families ASAP. We are just waiting for the purchasing details.**



With the prospect of snow arriving in the next few months, I want to remind families that sleds are not permitted before school or during recess. Some classes have planned specific activities in which one may be brought in, but this would be based on direction from classroom teachers.





## Canned Food Drive

Along with our Holiday Gift Exchange we also collected canned foods for a Construction event at the school followed by a second donation of over 700 items to the Inn of the Good Shepherd before Christmas. A big thank you to all those that donated and the students that participated!



## Sloan's Trip and Winter Concert

Among all the fun activities and festivities our students were involved in, most of our students agreed that the school-wide trip to Sloan's and the Winter Concert were the favourites! I'd like to thank all the staff and parent volunteers that helped out at Sloan's to make the day a success. We enjoyed the aroma of campfire in the hallways for several days afterwards. I'd also like to thank staff for all the extra time and effort they put into the Winter Concerts. December is a very busy month, both personally and professionally and I'd like to thank the Bright's Grove staff personally for the missed prep periods, lunches, and evenings to prepare the students for the concerts. It was a huge success!











## Sarnia Sting – Confident Kids and National Anthem

We are super excited for our partnership with the Sarnia Sting's Confident Kids program that will be taking place in January. Stay tuned for exact dates and our Sting day at the school. Our school choir will also be performing the national anthem at the Sting Game on Friday, January 19! Bright's Grove Families will be provided the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets for the game. Details will be coming out very soon!

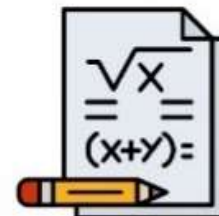


## Caribou Cup Math Contests

**\*\*Next event on January 17 and 18\*\* It is never too late for anyone to sign up and participate!**



# Top 5 Finishers



Presented each month

## Chess Club

Chess club has begun! With so much interest we needed to separate groups on different days! We are excited to get started on all the new boards that arrived over the holidays and the donated boards from families. We really appreciate it!

**Monday - Grade 6-8**

**Tuesday - Grade 4-5**

**Wednesday - Grade 3**

**Thursday - Grade 6-8**



## Kindergarten Registration

Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form @ [www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten](http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten) in advance.
3. Come and meet our caring staff on

**Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, from  
4:00pm – 6:30pm**

**Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, from  
9:00am – 3:00pm.**

**Can't make these days?**

**Additional Dates: April 3 (4:00-7:00) and May 29 (4:00-7:00)**

Remember to bring:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Your child



## 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