

# Bright's Grove Public School

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## Message from the Principal

As we enter April we look forward to sunshine, warm weather, and increased outdoor education. We also had an astronomical phenomenon to prepare for! Much like the anticipation for the solar eclipse, these last few months of the school year are filled with exciting and engaging opportunities, but this can also cause some stress to staff and students who are less comfortable with changes to routine. We are mindful of the effects that class trips, end of year activities, and modifications to class routines have on the building and will work to ensure that everyone can extend periods of green regulation throughout the day. We will do our best at the school to continue to inform the school community of upcoming dates and events so that we can all prepare for these changes to daily routines and enjoy!

I'd like to say thank you to all the help and support we have received from parents, guardians, and community members this year. It has been a wonderful year for me to get to know many of you with increased opportunities for everyone to come into the building. I'm looking forward to continuing with this engagement from staff, students, and families.

Hopefully this beautiful weather continues to cooperate as we look to get outside and enjoy the learning opportunities that are presented by the spring sunshine as plants and animals emerge from the winter months.

-Nick Nienhuis

**April 8**  
No School for Students

**April 10**  
School Council Meeting  
5:30 PM

**April 11**  
Groovin' In The Grove

**April 16**  
Hot Lunch – Boston Pizza

**April 19**  
Jersey Day

**May 2**  
Caribou Math Contest

**May 3**  
Star Wars Day

**May 7**  
Grade 7/8 Vaccinations

**May 9**  
Hot lunch - Dominos

**May 17**  
International Day Against  
Homophobia,  
Transphobia, Biphobia

**May 20**  
Statutory Holiday – No  
School



## Award Winners - Kindness

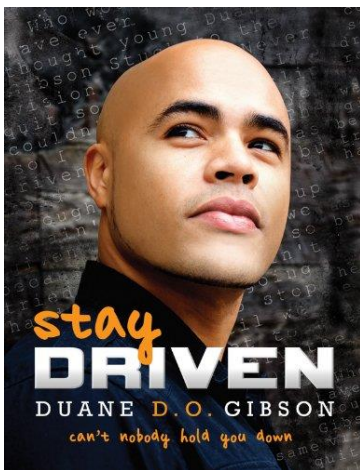
In March we recognized students for displaying the characteristic of kindness. The recipients of this month's award display kindness so earnestly and consistently. Here at the school, we had too many students displaying kindness so we extended the award to a few additional students.

Kindness plays a significant role in preventing bullying, helping to create a safe and inclusive culture where students feel comfortable stepping outside a comfort zone. It is important that students feel safe among peers to try and fail, and work to develop a growth mindset that is essential for learning. Research suggests that a positive school climate contributes to better academic performance and a connected school community. Congratulations to all our winners and to all those students that made this a difficult award to pick individuals for.

## Upcoming Events!

A big thank you to our school council that helped support the school in welcoming presenter D.O. Gibson to speak to the school about Leadership and Anti-bullying on April 16. We are so excited for next week!

# STAY DRIVEN.



## Important Announcements

### COMMUNICATION

#### A message for drivers

Our busses arrive at the school from 8:40-8:55 AM and 2:50-3:25 PM. I have been asked to remind parents and guardians to help keep the circular driveway clear during these peak times. If you are picking up or dropping off students during these times, we kindly ask that you not use the bus lane so that they can navigate through and ensure our route times remain accurate.

#### Groovin' In The Grove!

Our date has been set! Groovin' in the Grove will take place on Thursday, April 11. Our Student Council Team decided on Neon Glow for the theme! Items on sale for \$1 and \$2



# Groovin' in the Grove

Is back!

Thursday, April 11



The theme this year is "neon glow." Come out for a fun day of dancing & groovin' in the gym. Students are encouraged to dress up in neon-coloured clothing.

### Concession items:

*(Bring money on the day of the event for any food items your child may want to purchase)*

Cotton candy - \$2.00/bag

### All other items - \$1.00

Chips

Freezies

Juice

Glow bracelets

And more!

**\*\*Parent volunteers are needed! Please contact us at**

**[parentcouncilbgps@outlook.com](mailto:parentcouncilbgps@outlook.com) if you're able to help out!\*\***

**\*Song requests will be taken in advance via your classroom teacher. Lyrics must be appropriate.\***

## Parent Information Guide

The Ministry of Education has launched the [Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System](#).

This new resource will provide parents with helpful information that allows them to have a stronger role and actively participate in their children's education. The guide covers a number of subjects such as knowing how their child is doing in school, learning about suspension and expulsion processes, attending a school council meeting or parent involvement committee meeting, and knowing about specialized supports to help all children succeed. This initiative is part of the government's recent efforts to increase transparency and accountability in our school system.

The full guide, translated into 10 different languages, can be found on our Parent/Guardian Resource page: [Parent/Guardian Resources - Lambton Kent District School Board \(lkdsb.net\)](#) This information has also been shared to our board website and synced to each school website, as well.

## Kindergarten Registration

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

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration.

**Final Date: May 29 (4:00-7:00)**

In order to register you will require:

- 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