



Brigden Public School SEPTEMBER 2018



Principal: Mr. Chad Brown

Secretary: Mrs. Megan Barnes

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Welcome

The staff at Brigden Public School would like to welcome everyone to another exciting and educational year. After a relaxing and enjoyable summer, our staff are looking forward to working with you and your child(ren) as we work together to make our school a safe and inspirational place to learn. Teachers, support staff and custodians have all been busy getting everything ready for another great start to the year. We thank the custodial staff for their hard work in getting the building clean and ready during the summer. We also welcome all of our new students and their families to the Brigden Public School community.

Staff

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| Mrs. I. Kern | Full Day Kindergarten |
| Mrs. K. Robinson | ECE |
| Mrs. C. Haddon | Grade 1 |
| Ms. S. Perry | Grade 2/3 |
| Mrs. S. Blair | Grade 3/4 |
| Mr. M. Padbury | Grade 4/5 |
| Ms. J. Sellen | Grade 4/5 (Wednesdays) |
| Mrs. T. Curry | Grade 5/6 |
| Mrs. M. Holmes | Grade 6/7 (Learning Commons) |
| Mr. M. Carroll | Grade 7 (Guidance) |
| Mr. P. Dugas | Grade 8 |
| Mme S. Langeveld | French (Leveled Literacy Intervention) |
| Mr. J. Brosh | Resource |
| Mr. C. Coolledge | Prep |
| Mrs. K. Brown | EA |
| Mrs. L. Japp | EA |
| Mrs. A. Hyde | EA |
| Mrs. L. Devereaux | EA |
| Ms. M. Mundy | EA (am) |
| Mrs. K. Scott | Custodian |
| Mrs. T. Hayward | Custodian |
| Mr. V. Yott | Custodian |
| Mrs. M. Barnes | Secretary |
| Mr. Chad Brown | Principal |

**** Student placements and classroom organizations are tentative at this time. Additional changes could occur over the next few weeks. Thank you for your support. ****

Daily Schedule

Start 9:05

9:05 – 11:05 Classes
 11:05 – 11:25 1st Nutrition Break
 11:25 – 11:45 Outside Break
 11:45 – 1:25 Classes
 1:25 – 1:45 2nd Nutrition Break
 1:45 – 2:05 Outside Break
 2:05 – 3:25 Classes

Dismissal 3:25

All students are to be in class prepared for their school day at start times. If late, they are to report to the school office. Late arrivals and absences are documented daily.

Supervision Times

Our supervision starts at 8:50.

Students are NOT to arrive at school before this time as there is no supervision. We thank you for your cooperation in supporting this plan to help ensure the safety of our students.

School Council

Our first School Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2018 starting at 6:30 pm at Brigden Public School. Parents are encouraged to attend the meetings. It is a wonderful way to be engaged in the education of your child and to stay informed. Nomination forms will be available at the meeting or beforehand at the office for those interested in seeking an Executive position on Council this year.

Elections will take place at our first meeting, if necessary. Thank you to Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Dailey for working with us as our School Council Co-Chairs last year.

Accident Insurance

The Lambton Kent District School Board does not insure students. For your convenience, the Board has made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Kids Plus Accident Insurance provides protection against unexpected costs arising from accidental injuries. The program is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Kids Plus Accident Insurance has a selection of plans. **Please see the school's website for additional information (Under the Newsletter tab).**

School Visitors

We remind everyone that it is **necessary to enter through the front doors and report to the school office immediately upon your arrival.** Our school has a secure entrance requiring visitors to buzz the office and identify themselves before being allowed access. This helps us to ensure the safety of our students at all times and also eliminates class disruptions as we attempt to maximize the amount of instructional time for each of our students. This procedure also enables the office to locate students easily when necessary. We also ask that parents wait for their children at the appropriate exit doors and not in hallways prior to the dismissal bell to help avoid unnecessary congestion and confusion in our hallways.

Daily Student Absences and Telephone Usage

We have a telephone answering service, therefore if your child is or will be absent, please call the school and leave a message. This assists us as we need to make contact with the parents of all absent students as part of our Safe Arrival Policy each day. The answering service can be accessed 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

To decrease the amount of office/class interruptions and phone calls home from students, we request that students take time at home to ensure they have what they need to be adequately prepared for classes. Lunches, school books, projects, supplies, etc. should accompany the students when they leave for school each day. Also, transportation arrangements should be made for extracurricular events prior to game day or practices. We do appreciate your cooperation and support in preparing them to become responsible citizens.

Parent Volunteers

Many activities or school events are planned for your child this year. The role of a parent volunteer is an important one at Brigden Public School. School is successful when staff, students and school community work together. A variety of activities occur when we welcome parents' participation and involvement at the invitation of the teacher. Aside from these events, we welcome and need parents and others to help us provide successful learning experiences for our students. Please contact the office and consider joining our team of volunteers.

Medication

Please let the office know if your child has a special health problem such as asthma, diabetes, allergies, etc. It is important that we be informed of any changes in your child's medical status. All student medications must be kept in the school office and administered by a designated member of the school staff. A completed "Consent to Administer Medication" form must be on file in the office before any medication can be authorized or administered at school. Please see the office if you require one of these forms. **Note: A physician signature is required on this form prior to school staff being able to administer any medication. This form must be updated annually.** If no changes to your child's medication are required from the last school year, then parents/guardians may simply initial and date the bottom of the existing form indicating that there have been no changes. **If your child requires an epipen to be kept at school, the LKDSB Policy states that the parent/guardian must provide two of them – 1 for the classroom and 1 to be kept in the office.** Medication is to be transported to the school by the parent to ensure the safety of children. Medication is to be provided in the pharmacy bottle with the pharmacy directions attached. **Please do not send over the counter medication for dispensing at school as it does not meet the above criteria.** If medical urgencies occur during the school day, parents/guardians will be contacted. Thank you for your help.

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Fall is one of the seasons when cases of head lice (pediculosis) are most prevalent. Your assistance in early detection is greatly appreciated. Please check your child for head lice and nits weekly. If you find evidence of head lice and/or nits, please contact the school immediately. This will allow us to confidentially notify other parents/guardians in the classroom(s) affected so that they may check their child and help to limit the spread. Children suspected of having head lice and/or nits will be excused until appropriate treatment has been administered. Infestation of head lice and/or nits is an unpleasant nuisance, but not a health problem. Head lice do not carry or spread disease. By working together we can help control the spread of head lice in our community.

Bus Students/Inclement Weather

The Board's Transportation Department has placed schools in geographic zones for radio announcements. **Our school is in ZONE "3, 4 & 5"**. Please visit www.schoolbusinfo.com for updated information. When listening for cancellation of buses for fog/snow the zones will be announced for our students. Buses usually run in the afternoon on fog days. If you choose to transport your child to school on snow days when buses are cancelled, please make arrangements to have them picked up at dismissal time.

If your child will not be riding the bus, please send a note or make a phone call for that day prior to dismissal time. If a note/phone call is/are not received the child will be sent home on the bus.

Picture Day

Our Fall Picture Day will be held on Friday, September 21, 2018. Class pictures will also be taken at this time. Forms will be sent home.

Student Planners

With the use of SeeSaw, Google Classroom, School Facebook Page and School Website, we will not be using student planners for this school year. Feedback that the office received from teachers and parent council supported using other means of communication between home and school. If you feel that a planner is a tool that your child and yourself will use, please contact the office and we can agree on a solution.

Nut Aware

Brigden Public School is a Nut Aware school, as we have a few students with severe allergies. Your cooperation in providing your child with nut free lunches and snacks is very much appreciated.

Open House BBQ

We are looking forward to meeting all of our parents at our annual Open House BBQ. An invitation will be sent in the near future. The date is set for Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 4:30 – 6:00. Hope to see you there!

Registration Verification Forms

Registration Verification Forms will be sent home with students this week. It is critical for the office to have updated contact information in case of an emergency, so your assistance in the speedy return of these forms is greatly appreciated.

Orange Shirt Day

As you may be aware, September 30th is **Orange Shirt Day**. On this day we honour the survivors of residential schools as well as those children and young people who never returned home. The LKDSB has chosen to commemorate this day on **Thursday, September 27th** by encouraging staff and students to wear orange and by using this day as a catalyst to encourage learning and understanding about the residential school system and the impacts that system has had on First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people and communities.



School Website

Did you know that you can subscribe to our calendar?

Event Calendar



JUN 05 Grade 6 & 7 Boler Mountain
9:00 AM- 3:30 PM

JUN 06 Afternoon Musical Performance
12:30 PM- 1:30 PM

JUN 06 Evening Musical Performance
7:00 PM- 8:00 PM

JUN 08 LKESSA Track & Field Meet
8:15 AM- 3:00 PM

JUN 08 Swim to Survive - Mrs. Blair's Class
12:00 PM- 3:00 PM

JUN 09 P.D. Day
All Day

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Please check out our school Facebook Page at

https://www.facebook.com/Brigden-Public-School-660684464047927/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

School Character Traits

This year, we will be basing our school character traits on the below 7 teachings. Our multi-disciplinary team will be discussing how to implement these teachings throughout the year. More information will be provided, however, we will be participating in monthly assemblies to recognize students demonstrating the positive teachings.

1. Respect & Greed
2. Love & Fear
3. Wisdom & Ignorance
4. Bravery & Cowardice
5. Honesty & Lies
6. Humility & Pride
7. Truth & Selfishness



schools to mediate any issues experienced during this transition.

To set up an account, visit:
<https://lkdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Note: Using School Cash Online is optional. Payment will continue to be accepted at the school.

Step-by-step registration procedures are attached to this newsletter.

School Cash Online is a convenient, web-based solution that gives parents the ability to pay for student items online. Parents/guardians can connect multiple students to their account; multiple parents/guardians can be connected to individual students. School staff will add items for your child for payment and indicate whether the item is optional or required. Parents will receive a notification when a new item has been added.

School Cash Online provides multiple payment options, including eCheck (direct withdrawal from your bank account) or "MyWallet" (virtually add funds and reload like a gift card). Please note, banking information is not saved in School Cash Online and must be re-entered for every transaction. Unused funds in "MyWallet" will be carried over to the next year for back-to-school purchases unless a refund is requested.

Please note: There is a 2% administration fee associated with using School Cash Online. This fee is included in all of the pricing provided to parents/guardians, regardless of whether purchases are made using School Cash Online or payment is made directly to schools. All surplus funds collected through School Cash Online's administration fees will be returned to schools to be used for capital expenses.

Parents/guardians must enter their child's last name, birth date and student number to register. All elementary schools will provide parents/guardians with a copy of the Registration Verification Form, which includes the student number. Secondary students are aware of their student number and can provide this to parents/guardians. If there are any issues/concerns with accessing the student number, parents/guardians are encouraged to contact the school office.

The LKDSB anticipates there may be some challenges related to this implementation and LKDSB staff will be working with