



SEPTEMBER 2023

WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK

Hello families and students, welcome back to another fantastic school year at Brigden Public School! We hope you've had an awesome summer filled with fun and relaxation. We are thrilled to have smiling faces back in the hallways, classrooms, and on the playground. This year promises to be filled with exciting learning adventures, new friendships, and plenty of memorable moments. This month our school-wide focus is building and re-establishing relationships, working on self-regulation and becoming comfortable with the norms of the school day.

We are looking forward to continuing the positive initiatives we started last year and starting some new ones. Let's make it the best year yet, together!

Jen Gilpin
Principal




STAFF 2023-24

J. Gilpin	Principal	M. Carroll	Gr. 7/8
M. Barnes	Secretary	M. Neely	Gr. 6/7
D. Cowell	Custodian	T. Curry	Gr. 5/6
T. Haywood	Custodian	D. Lataweic	Gr. 3/4
C. Ward	Custodian	R. Devos	Gr. 2/3
K. Brown	Educational Assistant	S. Blair	Gr. 1/2
L. Devereux	Educational Assistant	M. Downie	Gr. SK/1
B. MacPherson	Educational Assistant	I. Kern	FDK
H. Vennell	Educational Assistant	K. Robinson	FDK ECE
M. Hill Schouten	Educational Assistant	S. Langeveld	FSL & Curriculum Partner
		C. Cooledge	Guidance & Curriculum Partner
		M. Mikhaila	Resource

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

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BUS INFO

CLASS has a mobile app that will provide subscribers with real-time notifications whenever buses are delayed by ten minutes or more. The notifications will come in the form of alerts, which will also include service cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. For additional information about the mobile app, please visit: www.mysbi.ca for bussing and weather information. **Brigden Public School is in Zone 3.**



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Joining BPS' School Council is a wonderful opportunity to stay up to date on school events, share ideas and help our students engage with the wider school community. If you or someone you know is interested, the nomination form is attached. The first meeting is scheduled for **September 20 @ 4:30.**

BALANCED DAY

8:50 - 9:05	Bus Drop/Morning Supervision
9:05 - 11:05	Instructional Time
11:05- 11:25	First Nutritional Break
11:25 -11:45	First Recess
11:45 - 1:45	Instructional Time
1:25 - 1:45	Second Nutritional Break
1:45 - 2:05	Second Recess
2:05 - 3:25	Instructional Time
3:25	Dismissal



VERIFICATION FORMS AND MEDICAL

Registration Verification Forms will be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year. 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. Communication through email will be ongoing and having the most up-to-date email address will ensure that you are receiving the most recent school updates. An important aspect of the verification form is the medical information and allergies section that the school needs to know about your child(ren). Please inform us of any changes to medical/allergy information, especially food allergies.

PREVALENT MEDICAL ALERTS: Please notify the office immediately if your child has a prevalent medical condition (Asthma, Epilepsy, Anaphylactic to nuts or bees, Diabetes).

CONSENT FOR AUTHORIZATION OF MEDICATION: If it is necessary for a student to take medication at school, Board policy requires us to have a Medical Physician complete a consent form. Please request the blank form from our school secretary. New forms need to be filled in every school year, please see the office for these forms.

ALLERGIES – NUTS: BPS is a Nut Aware school as we have students with severe allergies and sensitivities. Your cooperation in providing your child with nut-free lunches and snacks is very much appreciated.



EMERGENCY DRILLS

Throughout the months of September and October we will be conducting several safety drills. This is to ensure that we are prepared in the unlikely event that we have an emergency. We will be doing a fire drill, lockdown drill, and tornado drill. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our safety drills, please contact the office.

UPCOMING DATES

September 15

PA Day, No school for students

September 19

School Photo Day

October 6

PA Day, No school for students

October 9

Thanksgiving

Hot Lunch Days will begin in October.

We will send out a message shortly with more details.



VTRA

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors, and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, and make better choices in the future. In more extreme cases however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone. The VTRA protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening incidents including but not limited to: possession of a weapon or replica weapon, bomb threat or plan, verbal or written (including electronic) threats to harm oneself or others, other threats of violence, and fire setting. The initial response team is likely to include the Principal / Vice-Principal, police, and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be convened. This community team includes representatives of community agencies who work with schools and boards to keep our students and staff safe, such as local police and children's mental health organizations. Parents and guardians will be notified if their child will be discussed through the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol. If parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behaviour, the threat assessment may still proceed. Link: https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=460&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement_Item#/



SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

I. THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY NOMINATE:

Name: _____ (print in full)

Residential Address:

Telephone: _____

e-mail or fax: _____

FOR THE POSITION OF _____ REPRESENTATIVE.

(parent, teacher, student, or non-teaching)

NOMINATOR

Name: _____ (please print)

Residential Address:

Telephone: _____

e-mail or fax: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE

I ACCEPT THE NOMINATION AND I AM PREPARED TO SERVE AS A MEMBER
OF THE _____ SCHOOL COUNCIL.

Signature of Nominee: _____

Date: _____

