

# Bright's Grove Public School

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## Message from the Principal

This October has been an incredibly busy month for us at Bright's Grove Public School. Our extra-curriculars are in full swing, assessments and reports are being completed, and students have been in and out of the building with several fun excursions and events. I'd like to thank our families for helping support our school in ensuring the month of October was an enjoyable one. Our students continue to represent our school well through their actions, participation, and behaviour in all these activities.

November starts the beginning of Treaty Recognition Week. This is a wonderful segue from our October awards for exemplary demonstration of respect. Respect is at the heart of what we do. It is about treating others the way we want to be treated, acknowledging differences, and fostering a culture of inclusivity. Our dedicated staff have been working tirelessly to create an environment where every student feels valued, heard, and respected. Respect is not just a lesson; it is a lifelong skill. By teaching and practicing respect, we're equipping our students to become compassionate, responsible, and contributing members of our community.

At Bright's Grove Public School we practice restorative approaches including restorative circles to help resolve any issues that may occur at recess or in the classroom. This practice requires students to practice empathy and respect among their peers to help heal any hurt and seek to build capacity in our students by developing understanding. In continuing with this practice, our next month's focus is self-control and self-regulation.

Nick Nienhuis

**November 5**  
Daylight Savings

**November 6**  
Treaties Recognition Week

**November 6**  
Final Orders For Big Box of Cards Fundraiser

**November 10**  
Pizza Day

**November 10**  
Remembrance Day Assembly

**November 16**  
Picture Re-takes

**November 16**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3:30-7 PM

**November 17**  
PD Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences – 9-12 PM

**November 24**  
Spirit Day  
Hot Lunch 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 **respect** within the school. This could include actions such as being mindful of someone's opinion, or respecting people's belongings. Award winners are recognized for their ability to celebrate strengths in their peers and help understand that everyone has weaknesses and needs some encouragement. It is also important that as a school we appreciate that different people in the building have different roles. Modelling appropriate behaviour in class when a teacher is trying to instruct, or helping keep the classroom neat and tidy during the day and not making a mess in the washroom is a sign of respect for not only our peers that need to share this space, but also the custodial staff that help maintain those areas. Our winners may also be recognized for being mature when conversations in the classroom become more serious as we tackle challenging topics such as residential schooling and the second world war. Congratulations to this month's winners!



### COMMUNICATION

#### Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 16 and 17

Please use the links on the third page of the Newsletter to access our digital sign-up.

#### School Picture Re-takes

Nov 16

PHOTO  
RETAKES



## Parent-Teacher Conferences – November 16 and 17

Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in person on November 16 between 3:30-7:00 PM and in person on November 17 between 9:00-12:00 PM. We ask that you click the appropriate links below to book a specific time slot. If you have any difficulty with the links, please let us know.

**Intermediate Interviews** - Martin (Gr. 6/7), Mitchell (Gr. 7/8), Thompson (Gr. 8)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4CA5A72EABFF2-45870039-intermediate>

**Junior Interviews** - Southard (Gr.6), Purves (Gr.4/5), Schaefer (Gr.5/6), Bigras (4/5)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4CA5A72EABFF2-45871059-junior>

**Primary Interviews** - Lewis (Gr. 1), Thomson (Gr. 1/2), Brown (Gr. 2/3), Wilson (Gr. 2/3), Di Bona (Gr. 3/4)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4CA5A72EABFF2-45871675-primary>

**Prep/French Teacher Interviews** – Parsons (French), Verville (Prep), Karnas (French/Grade 4/5), Casselman (Prep)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4CA5A72EABFF2-45872368-prepfrench>

**Kindergarten Interviews** - Griff (FDK100), McDermott (FDK101)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4CA5A72EABFF2-45872008-kindergarten>



## Halloween and October Activities





## Cross Country

A big shout out to all of our Bright's Grove Cross Country runners! During the conference meet, many of our athletes qualified to run in the district finals on October 24. There was some tough competition, but all of our runners showed their Bulldog Spirit and gave it their all on the courses! We are so proud of your teamwork, effort and hard work at the conference and district meets. What a season to be proud of!

**Special congratulations to our top 6 finishers at the District meet!**

**Grant Beasley (4th), Luke Callendar (2nd), Brandon Rawana (6th), Rebekah Odolphy, Ainsley Dobbs, Paige Henderson and Ellie Norgate (1st team in their division!)**

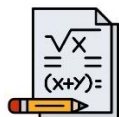


## Caribou Cup Math Contests

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 November 15 and 16. Well done Bulldogs! It is never too late for anyone to sign up and participate!



### Top 5 Finishers



#### GRADE 4

- 1st Place – Gordon Thompson
- 2nd Place – Ian Cousins
- 3rd Place – Arlo Hochstenbach
- 4th Place – Caleb Abram
- 5th Place – Aurora Gu/Noah Odolphy

#### GRADE 7/8

- 1st Place – Luke Reynen
- 2nd Place – Emersen Milne
- 3rd Place – Benjamin Eddie
- 4th Place – Will Reynen
- 5th Place – Matthew Gorgey

#### GRADE 5/6

- 1st Place – Mikael Hussain
- 2nd Place – Aly Lee
- 3rd Place – Rebekah Odolphy
- 4th Place – Katie McEwen
- 5th Place – Grace Beaver

## 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.



## Prail's Greenhouse – Poinsettia Fundraiser

A big thank you to our School Council for organizing this winter holiday fundraiser. **Poinsettias can be purchased online directly from Prail's Greenhouse website.**



**Bright's Grove  
Public School  
Poinsettia Fundraiser**

Support Bright's Grove Public School this year by purchasing a poinsettia online at

**[www.prailsgreenhouse.com](http://www.prailsgreenhouse.com)**

You can order your poinsettias starting October 30 for pick-up or delivery after December 1

For program rules and guidelines, go to [www.prailsgreenhouse.com](http://www.prailsgreenhouse.com), follow link to online store and select Poinsettia Fundraising- Support Your Local Group/Organization

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## Big Box of Cards Fundraiser

Thank you again for all your support! Final orders must be submitted by November 6. If you did not sell any boxes, please return the box to us as soon as possible as it will be used to fill orders to other customers. Thank you again for all your support! We are excited to use the fundraising to kick start clubs and activities for students at the school.



## 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