

Bright's Grove Public School

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Message from the Principal

The start of February marks the beginning of Term 2. We have had an amazing first half of the year, with a wonderful balance of engaging curriculum opportunities, school-wide activities, and positive classroom experiences.

In February our Term 1 Report Cards will go home. Along with these report cards will be an attendance awareness letter for students that are missing a significant number of days or are habitually late. We are very understanding of individual circumstances and will work our best with families to improve attendance and help reduce the number of days or lessons missed. Please contact the school if you have any additional concerns.

It is our hope that our school will continue to build on the foundations we have set up in Term 1 and grow as individuals in Term 2. Best of luck to all our students in the second term!

Our school focus for February is kindness.

Sincerely,

Nick

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

February 15

Caribou Math Contests

February 16

Caribou Math Contests Continued

February 19

Family Day – No School for Staff or Students

February 21

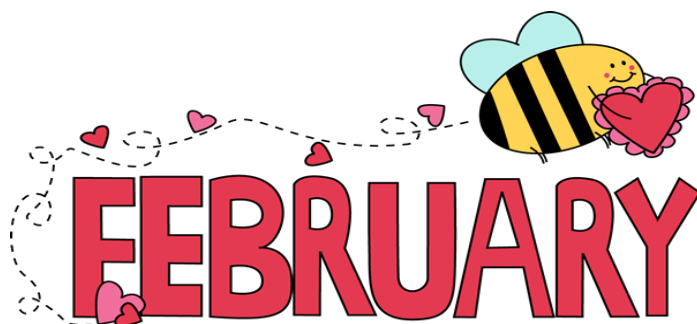
School Council Meeting 5:30 PM

March 11

March Break Begins

March 18

First day back from March Break



Winter Fun!

Our Bulldogs made the most of the few days of snow we had in January!



Important Announcements

COMMUNICATION

Groovin' In The Grove!

Our date has been set! Groovin' in the Grove will take place on Thursday, April 11. Our Student Council Team will be deciding on a theme soon!



Little Caesar's Pizza Kits Available!

www.PizzaKit.ca

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Details in the flyer**





Valentine's Day Cards

Several classes, including our FDK students wrote over one hundred Valentine's Day cards to be delivered to various long-term care facilities in Lambton Kent. They had so much fun with this activity and were excited to make someone's day next week!



Sarnia Sting – Confident Kids and National Anthem

In January we were joined by several Sarnia Sting players who came in to speak to the students about perseverance, healthy choices, and hard work. Many of our younger students were able to get an autograph! A big thank you to the Sting for setting this up for us. The school choir also performed the national anthem at the Sting game on Friday, January 19. Well done everyone! The choir did an amazing job before puck drop and then got a chance to enjoy the game.



Grade 8 Graduation Fundraiser

Little Caesars Pizza Kits are back!! Families can order frozen pizza kits online with credit card. Mini pizzas, crazy bread, and cookies are also available. Check out the link below to see what is available. Share this information with friends and family! Gluten free pizza kits are also available!

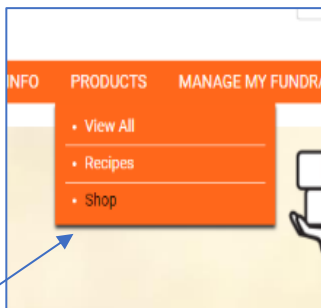
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How:

- Go to www.PizzaKit.ca
- Click on - "Products" then "Shop"
- Select "Ship Order to the Group"
- Create a login if you haven't already and enjoy shopping!



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When:

- **January 24** → Sale start date. Online ordering is open.
- **February 20** → Online ordering closes.
- **March 5** → Delivery of Pizza Kits will take place.

We will keep you informed when we know the time of pickup.

****All funds will be put towards Graduation Costs****

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

Last week, several students from each grade level represented Bright's Grove at the Knight's of Columbus Free Throw Competition. Logan M and Jeffrey S won the competition and will move on the next stage! Brandon R, Claire S, and Sean H all got runner up. Well done to all competitors!



E-sports Club

Among our various activities at the school, this Spring we are excited to introduce an E-sports club for our Intermediate students!



Crossing Guard Program Review

Looking for input from the community

The City of Sarnia is currently reviewing its Crossing Guard Program and is hoping to receive input from Sarnia area schools as part of their public outreach. I have attached the official Media Advisory from the City of Sarnia to this email, and further details regarding the Crossing Guard Program review and a link to the survey can be found, here: <https://www.speakupsarnia.ca/Guards>

Please note the survey conclusion date of February 21st

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 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.

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