

Return to School: BPS (2021)

Hello BPS Families!

Welcome back to all of our students and families. Please welcome Kim Wiles as our Vice Principal. Erin Hills is returning as Principal - previous BPS Vice Principal.

Our BPS staff are working hard to get the school and classrooms ready for all of our students starting next week. Here is some information to help as you prepare for the start of school. Please review with your children, many of the routines remain the same, but there are some differences! Your support with this will help as we all adjust to the new rules and routines at school this year.

Breakfast Program

There will be no breakfast program for the beginning of the school year. Once we are settled in a good routine, we will start with individual servings - apples, bananas, granola bars, crackers etc. Snacks will be handed out by staff. Garbage will be sent home in lunch bags.

Change Rooms

Change rooms will be closed for the start of the year.

Entrance/Exit Doors

Students will line up according to class (with social distancing) and brought into the school by their classroom teacher. Please see below and share with your children so that they know the area they will be lining up in the morning and after each recess.

Door Entry (am/recess)	Class
Intermediate door *Line up at the basketball court area	Whiteside A. Ovell Ellis Smith
Primary door * Line up at the glass doors/courtyard area	Fernandez Sickinger Lee N. Ovell Fell
Front door *Line up on tarmac by the playground	Morrison Lourter

area	Bourdon vonKruse
Kindergarten *Kindergarten yard	Brown/Finch Bartley/Horvath

Late arrivals/early pick-ups

Parents will be required to buzz the office from the front door. Office staff will assist students entering the school late and/or leaving early.

Library

Will be opening shortly...stay tuned!

Lockers

Will not be used at this point.

Masks

All students from JK-8 are expected to wear masks inside. Please send extra masks for your child to use throughout the day. Face coverings/masks must fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops, maintain their shape after washing and drying, be made of at least two layers of tightly woven material (such as cotton or linen), and be large enough to completely and comfortably cover the nose and mouth without gaping.

Outdoor Learning

Many classes will be using outdoor spaces for learning. Students should come to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

Staggered start

- Will only be for our JK students. Teachers will communicate the staggered entry plan with families.

Staggered Nutrition Break/Recess

This year, we will have separate kindergarten, primary, junior and intermediate recess times. Students will be encouraged to distance, but will be allowed to interact with other cohorts. Students will not be required to wear masks outside.

Before school: Parents are asked to drop students off at the sidewalk and they can walk back to their area. Talking about this in advance would be appreciated, so that students know where they should be for the first morning. There are always staff to

help, and additional staff will be outside on the first morning. Areas for each division to play before school starts:

- Kindergarten - kindergarten yard
- Primary - playground/upper field
- Junior - lower field
- Intermediate - basketball court/tarmac by shed

School day schedule:

8:20 Supervision on the school yard begins

8:50 Bell rings

3:10 End of day bell, students dismissed

After school pick up:

- Kindergarten teachers will dismiss students from the Kindergarten Yard (parents are to stay outside of the yard).
- Primary teachers will walk their classes to the front door and dismiss to caregivers from the front yard.
- Grades 4-6 teachers will walk students to the **PRIMARY** door and dismiss.
- Grades 7-8 teachers will walk students to the intermediate door and dismiss.

Student belongings

Students are required to take home all belongings at the end of each day. We are asking that students still bring and wear indoor shoes - indoor shoes will be allowed to remain at school. Students should bring a reusable water bottle. Water fountains are closed, but refill stations are open and cleaned regularly. Lockers will not be available for use this year.

Final Notes

Each day, parents/guardians are to use the Ministry of Health's Ontario COVID-19 self-assessment tool to assess their child's health before they go to school. Students who are showing any symptoms are to stay at home.

As in previous years, you will receive a message on Thursday letting you know the classroom teacher for your child.

We look forward to seeing all of our students back in the school starting next week!
BPS Staff