



Bracebridge Public School

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October Newsletter

Principal's Message

It has been an exciting startup at BPS. With the arrival of October, it seems appropriate to focus this month's message on gratitude. On behalf of the staff at BPS, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to our amazing community for so many things. Here are some that come immediately to mind:

1. Your care with our students, making sure that they had the foundation of your support to get into routine and start school successfully.
2. Donations and outpouring of contributions to our Terry Fox Campaign; we had 13 parents volunteer to help out and it was amazing to see so many come out to secure the safety and success of this annual event.
3. Your patience and understanding as we managed the challenges surrounding reorganizing classes in September. Change presents its own series of challenges for many students and having families, encouraging and reinforcing positivity at home is incredibly helpful when these things occur.
4. Our wonderful school council and playground committee who have already started to uncover ways to make life at BPS even more amazing as we encourage our students to "Believe in yourself and thrive in the hive".

We wish everyone in our community a wonderful Thanksgiving Weekend and month of October. We are for ever-grateful for having the privilege to work with your children.

Sincerely,
Tischa Hetherington,
Mike Kirkpatrick

Upcoming Events:

Oct 2 - Terry Fox Run
Oct 5 - Donations Closed
Oct 8 - Evan Luker Run
Oct 9 - Terry Fox Closing Assembly
Oct 12 - Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct 13-16 School Book Fair
Oct 15 - 3-6pm Book Fair open to parents and guardians
Oct 16 - School Picture Day (retakes November 25th)
Oct 20 - Indigenous Family Connection Night - Feast of the Dead - 5:00-7:00
Oct 20 - Parent Council 6-7pm
Oct 23 - Hot Dog Day - Hosted by the playground committee

Mental Health

Did you know?

We all have mental health. Mental health refers to how we feel, think and act. Just like our physical health, taking care of our mental health is important. Positive Mental Health looks different for every person. What is one thing you do each day to take care of your mental health?

For information and ideas on how to support positive mental health check out, School Mental Health Ontario - <https://smho-smso.ca/parents-and-caregivers/>

Jocelyn Suddaby, RSW

Monck, BPS, Muskoka Falls and Beechgrove Elementary Schools

Mental Health Counsellor - TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Important Messages and Reminders

ARRIVAL - Students need to arrive by 8:50am. Parents are to call safe arrival to explain their late arrival or sign them in if they arrive later than 8:50.

Safe Arrival:

Please remember to call the Safe Arrival number, **705-645-3801**, to leave a message before 8:30 a.m. if your child is going to be late or absent. Please provide a brief detail, first and last name, and teacher if possible. You can email this information as well to infobps@tldsbo.on.ca. If your child's after school arrangements change, please contact our office **before 2:00 pm** to ensure safe delivery of the message. Please contact the office **705-645-5209**.

On-line Payment System:

We use School Cash Online exclusively for school activities/initiatives. School Cash Online is a secure, convenient way to pay for your child's school expenses. For more information, visit tldsbc.ca/epayments. You can find step-by-step instructions by clicking the SchoolCash Online link on the Bracebridge Public School website. [Register for School Cash Online here](#)

Volunteers Wanted:

If you are interested in volunteering at the school (breakfast program, supporting in the classroom, class trips, etc.), please email the office and arrange for a free Criminal Reference Check. (infobps@tldsbc.on.ca) NEW* TLDSB has asked all volunteers to renew their vulnerable sector check every 5 years.

Hives:

New this year we are bringing back school Hives. Our first spirit day will be held in October. Friday October 30th - wear black and orange. **Yellow - White -Black - Gold**

BPS Parent Council / Playground Committee**Playground Committee Update**

We are making progress towards our goal! Thank you to the many generous donations that have come in this summer and throughout September.

Follow the Playground Committee on Instagram for Playground Project updates including upcoming events, past successes, and tracking our progress **@bpsplaygroundcommittee**

Questions? Fundraising Ideas? Want to partner or donate supplies or services? Email us: bps.playgroundcommittee@gmail.com

Parent and Teacher Council Update

First Meeting of the School Year took place on September 22 and the New Executive was selected.

Parent Council Chair: Skylar Gostick

Co- Chair: Jackie Saule

Treasurer: Colleen Ormsby

Secretary: Jackie Saule

Upcoming School Fundraisers:

MacMillans is back! Order from October 1st to November 1st. Orders will be delivered on November 30th or December 1st (to be confirmed by MacMillans and shared as soon as possible).

Funds raised from the MacMillans fundraiser will be going towards replacing the school's Audio-Visual (AV) equipment in the gym. The AV equipment is used regularly for assemblies and school events.

See attached flyer for more information about MacMillans; hard copies of brochures and order forms will be sent home in early October.

[CLICK HERE to order online.](#)

When ordering online:

- Select Shop Our Product
- Add items to the cart
- Proceed to checkout
- Select Bracebridge Public School from the dropdown
- Complete all required fields
- You **MUST** make arrangements to pick up products when they come in, or send someone on your behalf.

Interested in attending a Parent & Teacher Council Meeting?

Join us on **Tuesday October 20th from 6 - 7 PM**

Contact Parent Council Executive: bracebridgepspc@gmail.com