

Brentwood Kindergarten Logos News

Issue 1

September 2017

A warm welcome to Brentwood Kindergarten! What an exciting time for all of us – your child's first year in school and all the excitement that a new school year brings.

Because Brentwood Elementary School is committed to parental involvement and input, you can expect a monthly newsletter. This newsletter is different from the monthly school newsletter in that the kindergarten newsletter will specifically address the kindergarten program, issues and upcoming events.

KINDERGARTEN HOURS:

8:35 a.m. – 3:04 p.m.

Students are asked to remain outside until the bell rings at 8:30 a.m. (In inclement weather, students are encouraged to wait in the bootroom.) At that time, we will be eagerly waiting to greet you.

SCHOOL PICTURES:

Kindergarten picture day is scheduled for Thursday, September 14th.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thurs., Aug. 31 & Fri., Sept. 1 - **Staggered Entry**

Tues, Sept. 5 -**First Day of Kindergarten for All students**

Tues., Sept. 5 -**Bussing begins for Kindergarten bus students.**

Thurs., Sept. 7 -**Kindergarten Parent's Meeting 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Thurs., Sept. 14 – **Picture Day**

EMAIL ADDRESSES:

I am asking for the email addresses of all families as well so that I may send weekly updates on our program.

A SNEAK PREVIEW:

We will be using the thematic approach to teaching. Each month we will indicate the themes for that particular month. The beginning of the year will feature: Me, Apples and Colors. A few of the goals of this unit are to help the children develop a sense of their uniqueness, friendships, a respect for others, their right to be listened to, their right to have turns and their right to their own space. In addition to our monthly themes we will be focusing on a letter of the week. For this month, we will learn about the letter Mm.

We have covered many of the frequently asked questions about Kindergarten in our Kindergarten handbook and we look forward to answering other questions at our Parent Meeting on Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m.

SNACKS:

Parents will provide their child with two daily nutritious snacks and a lunch. Please remember that we are a NUT aware school. Special events and birthdays will be explained at the parent's meeting on September 7th. Please remember that this is a snack to be eaten in about a 10 minute period of time.

Birthdays are a very important occasion in Kindergarten! The birthday child may provide a nut aware snack for the class on that particular day. What you choose to send is up to you. Some suggestions might be mini cupcakes, ice cream treats, cookies, pudding snacks, etc.

STAR OF THE DAY:

Each child will have the opportunity to be the Star of the Day, once every 5 - 6 weeks. You will find your child's special day scheduled on the September kindergarten calendar attached. This person will have the distinct honor of bringing show and tell, helping with the calendar and weather chart, as well as being line leader. Your child is encouraged to bring one show and tell item on their special day.

Please discuss this item with your child prior to their day, so that they are better prepared to share special information, i.e. where they got it? Who gave it to them? Why is it important to them? Etc.



KINDERGARTEN BUSSING:

Bussing for Kindergarten students begins on Tuesday, September 5th.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING:

Our Kindergarten parent's meeting is being held on Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. This meeting will provide you with additional information on the kindergarten program at Brentwood School. It is important that one parent from each family attend this meeting. This meeting is for parents only.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT:

You as parents are your child's first teachers. Now that your child is entering a more formal learning environment, we hope you will remain involved in their education. Beginning in October, there will be a number of ways you can be supportive of our kindergarten program:

- 1. Volunteering in the classroom on your child's special helper day.**
- 2. Supervising field trips and helping on Kindergarten parties and special days.**

When you volunteer in the classroom, be prepared to be busy. Little people think and move quickly. Often we just need another set of hands to help out with some of the activities we have planned. Things you may be expected to do range from helping children with a game, activity or craft; reading to students; supervising them while they work; cleaning the table; or filing and cutting. We greatly appreciate your help!

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL WEBSITE:

Brentwood School has a website which is updated regularly. www.brentwoodelementary.ca. Our class newsletter and calendar will be posted on the Kindergarten page of the website near the beginning of each month. If you happen to lose your paper copy please check the website.



SUPPLIES:

Please send these with your child as soon as possible.

- 2 pkg. of 20 clear plastic **sheet protectors**
- **1 black medium tip permanent felt pen – Sharpie type**
- **1 pkg. 8 large wax triangle crayons**
- **1 pkg. of white cardstock (50)sheets (Michael's sells these)**
- 1 set of **headphones**, labeled with your child's name – not earbuds (these will be returned at the end of the year.)
- **Running shoes** with non-marking soles (Velcro only unless your child can tie laces independently.) These are to be kept at school and they will be worn inside and for gym.
- A **school backpack** large enough for artwork and other goodies to be transported. Please send their bag each day to school and empty each night at home.

LABELING:

Yes, please! All your child's belongings: shoes, boots, backpacks, outer clothing.... Everything that passes through these doors should have your child's name on it. It will save you a trip to the Lost and Found box



SAFETY AND ABSENCES:

If, on any given day, you wish to change the usual arrangements for your child's transportation home, please send a note. Without notice from you, your child will be sent home as previously arranged.

Please keep us up to date on emergency phone numbers. These include home and work numbers for both parents, emergency contact person, as well as babysitters. Also, please notify the school of any change of address.

Please remember to phone the school office (467 – 5591) if your child will be late or absent, so that we are able to account for all students.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB:

Through the Scholastic Book Club, age appropriate catalogues will be sent home each month. You are not obligated to buy any books off of this form but this club offers wonderful books at reduced prices – what a great way to build your home library! The kindergarten program does benefit from free books we receive when we place an order. If you would like to place an order, there are two payment options:

- 1) Please fill out the order form and attach a cheque payable to **Scholastic Canada Ltd.** Return the order in an envelope to the teacher.
- 2) Online - Visit Scholastic Reading Club at parentpay.scholastic.ca. I have an on-line account with Scholastic. Complete your payment and then submit your order to me. We will get credit for your order and the books will be shipped directly to our classroom.

It takes approximately 2-3 weeks for the books to arrive and they will be placed in your child's mailbox.

Order forms will be coming home next week and the deadline for Scholastic Book Orders for the month of September is Tuesday, September 19th.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Star of the Day Calendar