

# BRIGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

February has come and gone in what felt like a flash, and it is hard to believe that we are now over halfway through the school year. With any luck, March will bring us some much-needed warmer weather and perhaps an end to the not so popular indoor recesses! As many of you have noticed, our yard has been a mess and would in fact make a lovely skating rink. We were blessed for a few weeks with a beautiful winter wonderland and the children had so much fun with our snow village. It does appear that there is light at the end of the tunnel, and we are looking forward to being able to play on our entire yard on a regular basis soon. With that being said, mud will be our next issue. Please consider sending your children to school with rubber boots as soon as things warm up.

With our government's decision to begin relaxing covid restrictions, schools have been able to begin to make some changes. Volunteers are permitted in schools; masks may come off outside (staying apart from one another is still recommended) and also during high intensity sport activities. School trips are able to resume, and our outdoor education center is open for business once again. I personally can't wait to see unmasked faces inside the school too, but we must wait for further direction before we make this step. Thank you for remaining patient with us and for helping us with all of our covid protocols and routines. Screening your children each day and keeping sick children home is key and allows us to maintain healthy classrooms.

With March comes the March Break. Please remember that our school is closed from March 11-18 with classes resuming on March 21. Have a wonderful break and safe travels to those of you who are travelling.

Andrea Hunt-Schmoll  
Principal  
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## Upcoming Events

**March 4-** Pizza Day

**Spirit Week: March 7-10**

**March 7-** BPS Wear/Sportswear Day

**March 8-** Favourite Color Day

**March 9-** Tropical Day

**March 10-** Comfy/PJ Day

-Pizza Day

**March 11-18-** March Break



**March 23-** Little Caesar's Community Fundraiser

**March 25-** Pizza Day

## More Important News:

- **COVID Protocols reminder:** Please ensure that you are completing the [Daily School and Childcare screening](#) each morning before sending your child(ren) to school.
- **Recess Time:** Please ensure that your child(ren) are sent to school each day with the appropriate clothing required to be outside for recesses and some gym classes. If possible, please send extra clothing as well as hat and mitts, especially as we begin to see warmer weather and puddles and muddy playgrounds start to develop.
- **BPS Spirit Wear:** Spirit wear is still available for purchase if you missed out on the last date or would like to purchase additional pieces.

## Travel at March Break: KPR NEWS

### Travel Guidelines

As part of the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the Government of Canada has announced a series of adjustments to the current border measures and requirements for international travel.

As of February 28, 2022, the following changes will take place:

Children under 12 years old, travelling with fully vaccinated adults, will continue to be exempt from quarantine. They are no longer required to wait 14 days before attending school or child care.

All unvaccinated travellers (including children under 12 travelling with unvaccinated adults) will continue to be required to follow federal requirements for testing and quarantining, including not attending school or child care for 14 days.

Changes have also been made to the pre-entry testing requirements. Visit the federal travel website prior to booking any travel arrangements: [COVID-19 vaccinated travellers entering Canada - Travel restrictions in Canada](#).

## March Month at a Glance

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>
	1	2	3	4 Pizza Day
7 BPS/Sportswear Day	8 Favourite Color Day	9 Tropical Day	10 Comfy/PJ Day Pizza Day	11 First Day of March Break
14 March Break	15 March Break	16 March Break	17 March Break	18 Last Day of March Break
21	22	23 Little Caesars Community Fundraiser	24	25 Pizza Day
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# Kindergarten Registration 2022



- [Kindergarten](#) registration is open for the 2022-23 school year. If you or someone you know has someone starting school in September, please register them as soon as possible.



## Inclement Weather Days

Wondering if your child's school bus is running during bad weather?

- ✓ Visit the Student Transportation Services of Ontario website at [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca) and click on "Cancellations & Delays" at the top of the homepage.
- ✓ Listen to your favourite local radio station for bus cancellations.
- ✓ Voluntarily provided email address for direct email notices from STSCO by logging into the "Parent Login", at [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca), with your child's OEN and Birthdate
- ✓ Fill out this handy reminder:

Child's bus company: _____
Route number/name: _____
Child's Ontario Education Number (OEN): _____ (note: OEN is used to access child's bus stop information at <a href="http://www.stsco.ca">www.stsco.ca</a> and to sign-up to receive direct emails from STSCO)

- ✓ Please remember:
  - Schools normally stay open even when buses are cancelled.
  - If buses are cancelled in the morning, they won't run in the afternoon either.
  - If your child rides a school bus and it is cancelled, you don't need to call the school to report the absence.
  - If your child does not ride a school bus, you still need to call the school if he or she is absent, even on an inclement weather day.
  - Please don't call the school to check on buses, as it ties up phone lines needed for possible emergency calls.

**Peterborough City and County (also including Campbellford and area schools):**  
THE WOLF - 101.5 FM  
FRESH RADIO - 100.5 FM  
COUNTRY 105 - 105.1 FM  
ENERGY 99SEVEN - 99.7 FM  
OLDIES - 96.7 FM  
LIFE - 100.3 FM  
FREQ - 90.5 FM

**Clarington (Bowmanville & Courtice) area:**  
DURHAM CLASSIC HTIS - 1580AM, 107.7FM  
THE ROCK - 94.9 FM  
KX 96 FM - 95.9 FM

**Cobourg, Port Hope & Northumberland:**  
CLASSIC ROCK - 107.9 FM  
MY FM - 93.3 FM

**Quinte West (Brighton):**  
CJBQ 800 AM  
MIX 97 - 97.1 FM  
COOL 100 - 100.1 FM  
ROCK 107 - 107.1 FM  
95FIVE HITS FM - 95.5 FM  
OLDIES - 100.9 FM

**Bancroft (Apsley):**  
THE MOOSE - 97.7 FM

**Lindsay:**  
91.9 BOB FM - 91.9 FM

Over the past couple of days many of our administrators have reached out to share the excellent work that staff are engaging in to support students during times of high stress at this time, and in the context of current global conflict. We can expect that for our staff and students, there will be many responses to the current conflict in the world, and that many of our students will be coming to school with heavier backpacks than usual.

When a frightening or traumatic event happens, children and youth may experience and exhibit a range of emotion. In the coming days, there are a number of things that we can do to provide support within our school communities.

***The following tips may be helpful for educators and parents in the coming days and weeks:***

- Do your best to take care of yourself and to maintain your calm. Your students are counting on the adults around them to guide and help them with their reactions.
- Maintain normal routines as much as possible; this helps students to feel secure and to view the world as more predictable.
- Limit the amount of media coverage of current events. Watching these events continually replayed can be overwhelming, especially for children or youth that are prone to worrying.
- Take time for yourself to process your own emotions and concerns. Talk with family, friends and colleagues, and engage in activities that provide you with comfort and a sense of predictability and security.