

BRIGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Welcome Spring! Things are starting to look brighter at Brighton Public School and I think it is safe to say that we are all thrilled to be able to lift some of the restrictions that have been upon us for the last couple of years. Our students are now at liberty to play on the yard with all of their friends and our co-horting restrictions have ended. Students can work in small groups, move more freely about the school and share toys and equipment. Teachers have more flexibility with the learning activities they choose, and we can see smiles on faces once again. It is lovely to see students focused on their learning, engaged in outdoor play as well as extra-curricular activities.

Our students have done a great job in demonstrating flexibility with all of the changes that have been happening and the safety guidelines that we have all been asked to follow. Rules have changed and continue to change regularly and thank you to all of you for being patient with us as we too do our best to follow guidelines, which at times have been difficult to understand. It is important that sick children stay home and that all families continue to use our [provincial screening tool](#).

This month we have a PA Day on April 8. Our staff will be working together for the day with a focus on our school learning plan. Our opportunities to work together have been few and far between over the last couple of years and thus, we are very happy to be able to come together as a professional learning community once again.



Upcoming Events

April 1- Pizza Day

April 7-Pizza Day

April 8-PA DAY



April 14-Dance Day

-Pizza Day

April 15- Good Friday

April 18-Easter Monday

April 22-Pizza Day

April 26-Vaccination Clinic(a.m)

-School Council Meeting

April 29-Pizza Day

April showers bring May flowers but also leave us with a very muddy yard. If you know your child will be likely to find mud puddles, please make sure to send an extra set of clothes. Rubber boots are best for our yard during this time of year.

Have a lovely Easter weekend!

Andrea Hunt-Schmoll
Principal
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More Important News:

- **COVID Protocols reminder:** With the mask mandate being lifted and the ever changing protocols with regards to illness, 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.
- **Volunteer Police Check Forms:** We are now able to have volunteers back in the school, as well as some classes resuming with class trips. If you are interested in volunteering in our school or on a trip, please contact the school office to get your police check form.

April at a Glance

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				1 Pizza Day
4	5	6	7 Pizza Day	8 P.A. Day
11	12	13	14 Dance Day(during school) Pizza Day Ms. Marchand's class to Goodrich Loomis	
18 Easter Monday (no school)	19	20	21	22 Pizza Day Earth Day
25 Ms de Moura's class to Goodrich Loomis	26 Vaccination Clinic 9:30-12 School Council Meeting	27	28	29 Pizza Day

Upcoming Vaccination Clinic

*Please note that Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPRDHU) will be at the school on **Tuesday April 26, 2022 from 9:30am-12pm**, in the gym, to provide second dose immunizations to the students who returned completed consent forms. If you missed the last clinic and would like to have your child attend our next school clinic to receive first or second dose immunization, please complete and return the attached consent form by Friday April 22, 2022. A student can only be vaccinated at a school-based clinic with a signed parental consent form.*

Please note that all students receiving vaccinations will be required to wear a mask in the clinic setting. A mask will be provided if the student doesn't have one.

As a reminder, here are some ideas to help your child on the day of their vaccine appointment:

- *make sure they eat a good breakfast, and bring a lunch*
- *be sure they wear a loose sleeved shirt*
- *they also have the option to bring something to distract them like music, a book or a game.*
- *If parents choose to be present when their child receives their vaccination, please indicate that on the consent form.*



COVID-19 CONSENT FORM FOR 5 – 11 YEAR OLDS

Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	
		Year	Month Day
Ontario Health Card #	School	Grade	Class or Teacher's Name
Name of Parent / Guardian	Relationship to Student	Home Phone	Work or Cell Phone

Has your child previously received a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine? If YES , provide the date below Date Vaccine was Given (yyyy/mm/dd)

STUDENT HEALTH HISTORY (Check YES or NO for each question)	
Has your child ever had myocarditis or pericarditis before or after receiving a dose of COVID-19 vaccine?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Does your child have today, or has your child recently had new/unexplained shortness of breath or chest pain?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Does your child have a previous history of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIC-C), unrelated to any previous COVID-19 vaccination?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Has your child been sick in the past few days?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Has your child had a serious allergic reaction or a reaction within 4 hours after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Does your child have allergies to polyethylene glycol, tromethamine or polysorbate?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Has your child received another vaccine (not a COVID-19 vaccine) in the past 14 days?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Has your child had a serious allergic reaction to a vaccine or medication?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Does your child have a weakened immune system or taking any medications that can weaken their immune system (e.g., high dose steroids, chemotherapy)?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
If YES , provide details and has your child's doctor recommended that they get the COVID vaccine?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> NO
Does your child have a bleeding disorder or are they taking blood thinning medication?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Has your child ever felt faint or fainted after receiving a vaccine or medical procedure?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Do you wish to be present while your child is getting immunized?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO

Consent for vaccination: I have read the information about COVID-19 vaccine. I understand the benefits, side effects and risks. Please check YES if you consent your child to get COVID-19 vaccine. This consent is valid until the series is completed. I understand that I can withdraw my consent at any time as well as ask any questions about immunization by calling the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5020.

I CONSENT FOR THE HKPR DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT TO ADMINISTER COVID-19 VACCINE (Pediatric Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine)
 YES NO

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____ yyyy/mm/dd

This information is being collected pursuant to the Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.7 and will be retained, used, disclosed and disposed of in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.56, the Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004, S.O.c.3 and all applicable federal and provincial legislation and regulations governing the collection, retention, use, disclosure and disposal of information. This information may be shared with other health care providers

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.

Important Notice About Fire Safety

Due to an increase in fires across Ontario, the Fire Services of Northumberland County are asking for your help. In normal times, we routinely meet with students face to face to teach them about fire safety. In current times and for optimal impact, we are urging all parents, guardians and caregivers to regularly review the principles of fire safety with all children in your care and implement the basics of Fire Prevention, Detection and Home Escape Planning within your home.

PREVENTION

Please discuss the following educational safety messages to children and all members of your household:

- Practice safety in the kitchen by never leaving the kitchen while cooking. Unattended cooking is the number one cause of fires throughout Ontario. If a fire occurs on a stove top pan or pot, safely slide a lid or baking tray over the fire to smother it.
- When charging electronic devices, charge them on non-combustible surfaces, rather than surfaces such as beds or under bed sheets.
- Candles should ideally be battery operated but if using traditional candles, they must only be lit by an adult. The candle should be in a container that doesn't tip easily; once lit, must be kept away from anything that can burn and remember to blow them out before anyone leaves the room.
- Space heaters and other heating equipment should be plugged directly into a wall, placed away from combustible items, and don't leave unattended.

DETECTION

Only working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms save lives. Demonstrate and discuss the importance of knowing the sound of smoke and CO alarms to all members of your household.

- A working smoke alarm must be located on every story of the home and a CO alarm should be installed on all sleeping levels of the home. Ideally, every bedroom should be equipped with a smoke alarm and all smoke alarms should be interconnected.
- Test these life saving devices monthly and replace by the date that's shown on the side or back of the alarm (usually, 8-10 years from the date of manufacture for smoke alarms and 5-7-10 years for CO alarms). If you have a fire emergency in your home, a working alarm will give you the time your family and pets need to get out safely.

ESCAPE

A well practiced home escape plan will support your family's safe evacuation from the home in the event of an emergency.

- Discuss and prepare a home escape plan with all members of your household.
- Practice it twice a year and we encourage you to practice this by sounding a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm with your pets nearby, gathering all members of your household who may need assistance to evacuate.
- Choose a predetermined meeting place outside in front of your home and educate all family members to never go back inside for anything.

- In case of a fire emergency in an apartment/condo building, it is important to remember to sound the building's fire alarm system if it is equipped to alert other occupants and call 911.
- If unable to evacuate your home, gather your family in a room with large window, close and seal the door behind you, call 911 and provide your address and location. All scenarios should be discussed and practiced ahead of time.

The Fire Services of Northumberland County serve urban areas and large rural areas. We respond as quickly as possible to emergencies, but we need your help if there is a fire in your home. Every second counts. Smoke and fire travel quickly and despite their best efforts, firefighters may not be able to rescue you or your family. You need to be out of your house when firefighters arrive.

For additional information and contact details, please visit our local Fire Department's website by clicking our crests below. We are happy to answer any questions you or your dependents may have.

We encourage you and your children to visit [Sparky The Fire Dog](#) website for educational and fun fire safety information and activities.

Thank you for being fire safe and reviewing these important fire safety messages with the children in your care. Please take the time now to sit with all members of your family and make fire safety a priority within your home.

Yours in Fire Safety,

