

Brentwood School

Newsletter, June 15, 2010

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Dear Parents,

In a short time our school year will be over and students and staff will begin a well-deserved break. We have had a very successful year thanks to the dedication of many people.

I would like to start by sincerely thanking our students who have worked hard this year; you have made your parents and your teachers very proud. We also must say a special farewell to our grade sixes. We will miss you. After all these years we have come to know most of you so well. You have been an awesome group of young people to work with. Good luck to all of you in your junior and senior high school years.

I would also like to recognize our entire staff who once again have given so much of themselves. Your enthusiasm for teaching and your desire to make learning fun for our students make this a great place to learn and grow. We are fortunate to have such caring and competent people working in our school.

To our parents and volunteers, we could not do many of the things we do for our students without your assistance. Your support is essential in creating an effective learning environment. We truly view "parents as partners" and your contributions are sincerely appreciated.

June 24th will be a special day for our students, staff and parents. We will be wrapping up our year with a special **Student Recognition Assembly and Birthday Party at 11:15 am**. Students will be recognized for various reasons. If your child is receiving a special award you will be notified by phone or letter. All of our grade six students will be recognized as they prepare to leave our school. At that time we will also be celebrating Brentwood School's 30th birthday. There will be treats and special surprises and the sealing our "time capsule" (to be opened in 2020, and hopefully every ten years thereafter). We encourage families to attend our Recognition Assembly as it will be a special day for our all of us.

At 1:10 PM we hope everyone will join us for the Grade Six Production of "High School Musical". Our grade six students and staff have been working very hard to make this a great production and the bigger the audience they have, the better!

On behalf of the Brentwood Staff I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun summer holiday. We are looking forward to the return of our students on September 1st and to an exciting new school year!

Sincerely,
Laurie Huntley, Principal

REPORT CARDS Report Cards for grades 1 - 6 will be issued on June 28th at the usual dismissal time. The last day of school for grades 1 - 6 is on June 29th (dismissal at 3:15 p.m.). The kindergarten family picnic morning is June 23 and all the students are encouraged to come. In your child's report card you will be notified of the class placement for your child for the 2010-2011 school year.

SUPPLY LIST FOR NEXT YEAR With the year-end report card you will be given a supply list for next year. If you ordered the supply package through Custom School Supplies, your child will receive that package and name labels on the first day of school.

LOST AND FOUND Unclaimed items are disposed of during the summer. Please check the lost and found before the end of the year.

SCHOOL RESOURCE FEES FOR 2010-2011

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PAY THE SCHOOL RESOURCE FEES FOR YOUR CHILDREN IN **SEPTEMBER** -- Gr. 1 – 6 is \$ 105.00 plus a \$7.00 agenda (you will be sent an invoice in September). We realize that September can be an expensive month, with new clothes, school photos, registering for extracurricular activities and other expenses, however, the resource fees provide necessary educational resources for your child. Kindergarten fees were paid in March at registration time.

BUSSING FEE Transportation Fees for Bussing: for those living within the bus boundary area who requested bus service, you will be invoiced in September (there is no cost if the distance is more than 2.4 km as the crow flies). The cost for students in Grades 1 -12 is \$250.00 a year (Kindergarten 2-3 days a week is \$100.00 a year). Thank you for returning the bussing request forms last month.

PRO-ACTIVE LICE PROGRAM Thanks to our team of lice-busters who, under the guidance of Christine Brassard, completed head checks of every student three times this school year. The number of cases were definitely minimized and again proved that our pro-active prevention program is a success. We hope we can count on parent volunteer support for this program again next year.

VOLUNTEERS The ways in which volunteers support our school are too numerous to mention. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our parents and community members who came in to the school to help in any capacity. Please know that we appreciate everything you do for us and we enjoy working with you. Special thanks to our Parent Council and the Friends of Brentwood Society for your financial donations and monumental volunteer support. With your help we have a new playground and things like our hot lunch and phone home programs continue to run smoothly.

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

Grade six students were fortunate to have renowned Dr. Sho Vatukindu visit them to discuss all the things students can do to prepare for their grade six Provincial Achievement Tests. Proper nutrition, adequate sleep, motivation, and goal setting are all part of the recipe for success. The Dr. also met individually with each Gr. 6 student to help students set realistic goals for their Achievement Tests and to make a plan that would enable them to achieve those goals. In addition, all Grade three and six students are being fed breakfast {half a banana (brain food), mini bagel with cream cheese, and a juice box} at school on the days of their exams to help get them off to a good start. Thanks to our parent volunteers for their help with the breakfasts.

ART PIECES FOR FRAMING

We hope you enjoy viewing the student artwork displayed year round in our hallways and library. Each year staff choose one piece of art from each grade level to be framed and displayed. Many excellent pieces of art were submitted this year and the final selections were difficult to make. The student names of those chosen will be announced at the June 24th assembly at 11:15 am.

Sarah Hicks, Dustin Butler, Lauren Gavey, Katrina Reinwald and Masha Prykhodko are graduating this year from Strathmore High School, and will be given back their framed pictures at our final assembly. Their artwork has been on display at Brentwood since they were students here.

2010-2011 SCHOOL HOURS: It is anticipated that bell times will remain the same as last year.

- School begins 8:45 a.m.
- Lunch 12:25 - 1:10 p.m.
- Dismissal 3:15 p.m.

Brentwood School Office Hours will continue to be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Teachers will be in the school on August 30 and 31 for organizational meetings. Administrators will be in the school prior to this time to prepare for the new school year.

First Day of classes next year for gr. 1 - 6 is Wed. September 1, 2010

Kindergarten will have staggered entries and the first day of regular kindergarten classes will be M/W Sept 8/10 and T/TH Sept 9/10

Brentwood students are asked to gather outside on the asphalt on the south side of the school by 8:40 AM.

Gr. 1, 2, 3 - will be called at the south door

Gr. 4, 5, 6 - will be called at the east door

Teachers will be introduced by administration and teachers will escort students to their homeroom.

In the event of poor weather students will gather in the gymnasium.

STAFF CHANGES

We will have a few changes in staffing for the 2010-2011 school year. We are sad that several staff members will not be returning next year. Mrs. Peters has chosen to retire from her position as Librarian. It is hard to imagine our library without her and she will be sorely missed. As was mentioned in our May newsletter, Ms. Conrad and Mrs. Funk will not be returning due to budget and enrollment issues. Mrs. Agerskov, who has worked as an educational assistant for us, has decided to take on a new business enterprise. We will miss these ladies and thank them for all of the hard work and dedication they have given to Brentwood School.

Due to lower enrollments in grades two, three and four, we will have one class of each grade and one split 2/3 and 4/5. The students going into the split class will be carefully chosen and their parents will be contacted before final decisions are made. Although some parents do make requests for the placement of their children into certain classes we discourage parents from doing so as we cannot guarantee that we can fulfill those requests. We do not want any students set up for disappointment in this area. A lot of work is put into balancing classes taking into account a large number of variables that parents are not necessarily aware of. We ask for your trust in allowing us to decide the best placement for your children.

STAFFING FOR 2009 – 2010

Administration: Laurie Huntley, Principal Jim Jones, Associate Principal

Kindergarten Mrs. Last
Grade 1A Mrs. Miller
Grade 1B Mrs. Humen
Grade 1C Mrs. Taylor
Grade 2 Mrs. Lozeron
Grade 2/3 Mrs. Smolanski
Grade 3 Mrs. Hatton
Grade 4 Mrs. Philie
Grade 4/5 Mrs. Anderson }
 & Mrs. Corbiell }
Grade 5 Mrs. Fule
Grade 6A Mr. Jones
Grade 6B Mrs. Bryan

Mrs. Steeves – Music/French/SS

Mrs. Motley – LAC/RR

Mrs. Humphry

Mrs. McRae

- Education Consultant

- Early Literacy Intervention Teacher

Support Staff

Head Secretary Mrs. Muenchrath

School Secretary 2 Mrs. Illona Sauve

Library Assistant Mrs. LeMoine

Head Custodian Michelle Seburn

Custodians Grace Barrie and Dewey Jongbloed

Educational Assistant positions are in the process of being finalized.

WELCOME BACK (Sept.) FAMILY BBQ – Volunteers are Needed - PLEASE CALL

This event is being planned for Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010 in conjunction with our “Meet the Teacher Evening”. It is always a great way to start our year but we require VOLUNTEERS in order to have this event. Please call the school office if you can help out.

MUSIC NEWS

PROVINCIALS

Based on their superior results in the Drumheller and District Music Festival, the Brentwood School Senior Choir was recommended to compete in the Alberta Music Festival Provincial Choral Finals in Edmonton, at McDougall United Church on Friday, May 7th. The choir members worked very hard to reach this goal and enjoyed the exciting trip! They sang The Gypsy Rover and The Tailor of Gloucester in a very large class of 9 grade 4-6 choirs. Although our choir did not place first or second in their class, they performed extremely well and received a rating of DISTINCTION as well as some wonderful comments from the adjudicator!! The other 8 choirs in the class were from Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Sherwood Park, St. Albert, Wetaskwin, Olds, Medicine Hat, and Calgary.

On the return trip they ate at McDonald’s in Edmonton and then journeyed on to Red Deer and had a terrific time at the Collicutt Centre: Enmax Water Park. The behavior of our students was fantastic and they represented Brentwood School and the Drumheller Festival extremely well! It was a joyful day!!

Special thanks to the parents who made generous donations of over \$700 toward this trip. Our appreciation also goes out to our Parent Council for their \$1000.00 donation toward this big event.

Special thanks to all the parents who rode the bus and travelled by car to be with us in Edmonton! A big thank you as well to Kathie Zakresky, our accompanist! A very special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Motley for supervising one of our two buses for the day! We couldn't have done it without you!!

GRADE SIX YEAR END MUSICAL

On Thursday, June 24th, at 1:15 pm, the grade six graduating class of Brentwood School will be presenting the Broadway Junior Disney version of "High School Musical". Rehearsals have been underway for over 2 months at recess and noon hour in preparation for the big day. The cast is very excited to show you what they have been up to! Please come join us for what we hope will be a magical afternoon of music, drama, and dance!!

BOOKS FOR BABIES SALE

Once again our Books for Babies Sale was a great success. The money collected totaled over \$600 and will be used to purchase a new book for each newborn baby in the County of Wheatland. A book plate in the book explains the importance of reading to your baby and that the book is a gift from the students at Brentwood School. A big thanks to our wonderful volunteers: Christine Brassard, Christine Shaw, Pam Seabrook, Lisa Thiessen and Melinda Sander.

LIBRARY CLUB

The Grade 2, 3 and 4 library club was a busy group this year. During January and February we were very interested in the Olympic Games, doing several activities connected with the different sports. The rest of the year we read great books and did related crafts.

BOOK CLUB

Our book club had many dedicated members. The books we read included “Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes”, “Call It Courage”, “Cowboys Don’t Cry”, “The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates” and “The Whipping Boy”. Thanks to all the parents who provided food for our very popular potluck celebrations.

Literacy Tip for the Month of June



Road trips can offer great opportunities to enhance literacy skills. Read signs, billboards and license plates together, and show your children the proper way to read a map. Make reading a part of your summer holiday. Pack reading material as entertainment for long car trips.

Early Literacy Team



M&M MEATSHOPS: Parents/Staff: Shop EVERY Wednesday of the month and ask the person ringing in the sale at M & M to donate 5% of the family purchase to our school. The money returned to our school will go toward our NEW PLAYGROUND Project.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Golden Hills School Division's International Services Program is now taking applications for Homestay Families for 5 to 10 months for the 2010-2011 school year. Remuneration is paid at \$650.00 per month per student (pro-rated for each day of stay). Introduce and share cultures from around the world. Open your home to an incredible experience. Receive \$150.00 for referring a friend to our program (where a student is placed)! Ask us about this promotion. For information or to apply, please contact: 403-934-5121 - Nancy Campbell at extension 2054 or Renate Braun at extension 2050.



Have a safe and happy summer!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Brentwood June 2010

June 17	Hot Lunch LAST ONE THIS YEAR	
June 17	K – Tues/Thur Class - Last regular class day	
June 17	Kindergarten Concert	7:00 PM all welcome
June 18	K – Mon/Wed Class - Last regular class day	
June 18	Last day to have milk	
June 23	Kindergarten (picnic) – all classes - Kinsmen Park	11:00 – 1:00
June 23	Grades Two & Three Swim	2 – 3:00 – (walking)
June 24	Recognition Ceremony & Birthday Party	11:15 – 12:15 all welcome
June 24	High School Musical – production by Grade 6	1:15 – all welcome
June 24	Brentwood School's 30 th Birthday Celebration	5:00 – 8:00 all welcome
June 25	Grade One Swim	1 – 2:00 – (walking)
June 28	Report Cards Home today at 3:15	
June 29	Grades 4, 5 and 6 Swim	1 – 2:00 – (walking)
June 29	Last Day of School for Grades 1-6	
June 30	Staff Professional Development Day	No School

CALENDAR for NEXT YEAR approved as follows:

Sept. 1, 2010	Grades 1-12	First day of classes
Dec. 18 – Jan. 03	Christmas Break	Classes resume on Jan. 04
April 22 – May 01	Easter Break	Classes resume on May 02