



Brentwood Elementary School

Newsletter ** May 2011



Brentwood's WEBSITE

www.brentwood-school.com

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Dear Parents,

The school year is flying by. With only six weeks left to go we still have a lot to accomplish and we are already planning for the next school year. This newsletter contains information on staffing for the next school year. The adjustments we have had to make are a reflection of the impact of provincial budget cuts to education funding in Alberta. Our school division has had to make cuts which may translate to higher class sizes and less educational assistant time. Resource fees and transportation fees will be finalized by the School Board on May 26. We are hoping that they will stay the same as last year (see below). Although it will be challenging in some areas, I am confident that we will still be able to meet your child's needs and continue to provide excellent programming. I will be providing more detailed information on all of these items for parents at our next Parent Council meeting on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 PM in the school's library. I hope that lots of parents will turn out to provide some input into our education plan for next year. All parents are welcome and babysitting will be provided. After our Parent Council Meeting, (which will be quite short), the Friends of Brentwood Society will be having their year-end meeting. Parents are welcome to stay and learn about what the Society is planning for the new school year as well. The Society has been responsible for building our new playground and supporting other projects for our school. It will be a nice opportunity to thank them for their hard work!

You will notice that Mrs. Klics, who has been teaching kindergarten in our school this year, is not on our staff list for next year, as at this time we only have enough students for two kindergarten classes. She will be going back to her former position teaching in Rockyford next year.

We are both sad (for us) and happy (for her) to announce the retirement of Mrs. Debbie Taylor. She is looking forward to subbing and having the opportunity to relax and travel with her husband. Her smiling face and excellent teaching skills will be missed by staff, students, and parents.

Near the beginning of June we will begin the task of creating class lists for the next school year. Although parents occasionally 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.

Sincerely,
Laurie Huntley - Principal

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR RESOURCE AND TRANSPORTATION FEES (not officially finalized)

Resource Fees

- Kindergarten \$60.00 Elementary \$105.00
- Junior High \$120.00 Senior High \$130.00
- Family Discount (3 children) \$5.00 each
- Family Discount (4 children) \$10.00 each
- Family Discount (5 children) \$15.00 each
- Family Discount (6 or more children) \$20.00 each

Transportation fees apply to students attending their designated school who live less than 2.4 km from the school and for students attending a school of choice:

- Kindergarten \$100.00 per child
- Grades 1-12 \$250.00 per child

STAFFING FOR THE 2011 – 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Administration:	Laurie Huntley, Principal	Jim Jones, Associate Principal
Kindergarten	Mrs. Last Monday/Wednesday class	Tuesday/Thursday class
Grade 1	Mrs. Miller 1A Mrs. Humen 1B	To Be Hired 1C
Grade 2	Mrs. Lozeron	
Grade 2	Mrs. Smolanski	
Grade 3	Mrs. Hatton	
Grade 4	Mrs. Philie	
Grade 4	Mrs. Anderson & Mrs. Corbiell	
Grade 5	Mrs. Fule	
Grade 6	Mr. Jones 6A Mrs. Bryan 6B	
	Mrs. Steeves – Music/French/SS	
	Mrs. Motley – Special Education	
	Mrs. Humphry – Educational Consultant	

SUPPORT STAFF

Head Secretary	Mrs. Muenchrath	Head Custodian	Michelle Seburn
School Secretary 2	Mrs. Illona Sauve	Custodian	Grace Barrie
Library Technician	Mrs. LeMoine	Custodian	Dana Brindle

*Teaching assignments may change in September depending on student enrollment. Educational Assistant positions are in the process of being finalized.

CURRENT YEAR SCHOOL FEES

This year's school fees are now overdue. We were required to forward unpaid invoices to Golden Hills School Division who then turns them over to a collection service. If your fees are not paid please contact Mrs. Muenchrath to arrange a payment plan so that your credit rating will not be affected. If you have already set up a payment plan and are making payments you will not be forwarded to a collection service.

SUPPLY PACKAGES FOR NEXT YEAR

Back by popular demand we will again offer the opportunity to purchase school supply packages for the upcoming school year. These packages are an excellent cost saving to parents. Order forms were sent home May 10 and were due back to the school by May 19th. If you are still interested in ordering contact Mrs. Muenchrath at 403-934-5013 ASAP.

REGISTRATION

If you know of any new families who are moving into our area for the 2010-2011 school year please encourage them to register their children right away. The communities of Aspen Creek, Brentwood, Cambridge Glen, Crystal Ridge, Grande Point, Green Meadow, Maplewood, Parkwood, The Ranch, and Thorncliff, are all in the Brentwood School attendance area.

ARE YOU MOVING??

If you are moving or changing schools for next year please contact our school right away as this will assist us with projections for enrolment and staffing.



SAFETY PATROL NEWS

We will be training new patrollers in June so drivers will have to be extra careful and considerate. Congratulations once again to Brentwood's Safety Patrol Team. The 100% we received on our latest evaluation from the Alberta Motor Association has earned us the top mark in our division and another cheque for \$50.

BOOKS FOR BABIES SERVICE PROJECT

Our annual used children's book sale was on May 11th and 12th during school hours and May 13th until 1:00 pm. Books were sold at a very nominal fee at the school. The proceeds from this sale will buy one new book for every baby born within the Wheatland County area through the coming year. The project is done to increase awareness of the importance of early literacy and to involve students in a community service project. Please consider donating your children's **gently** used books if they are no longer wanted in your home.



MUSIC NEWS

PROVINCIALS

Based on their superior results in the Drumheller and District Music Festival the Senior Choir was recommended to compete in the Alberta Music Festival Provincial Choral Finals in Edmonton, at McDougall United Church on Friday May 6th. The choir members worked very hard all year to reach this goal and had a really fun day!! Although our choir didn't place first or second, they sang beautifully and were very proud of their performance. There were 9 choirs from all over Alberta participating. Our choir sang 9th and handled themselves with such professionalism like the seasoned choir members they are. The level of singing was very high with the 9 choir's marks being within a 5 mark range. Our choir received a well deserved rating of **DISTINCTION**. The day ran so smoothly and all the choir members were awesomely well behaved. On the return trip we ate at McDonald's in Edmonton and then travelled on to Red Deer to the Collicutt Centre: Enmax Water Park. Mrs. Steeves, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Corbiell and all the parents that travelled with the choir were so proud of each and every choir member. Special thanks to our wonderful accompanist, Kathie Zakresky, who once again travelled to Edmonton to be with the choir. **HATS OFF TO THE SENIOR CHOIR!**

DONATIONS

This year a total of **\$2795** was donated to the Brentwood School Senior Choir to offset costs to the students for their trip to Provincials!! **WOW! WOW! WOW! Such overwhelming generosity!!** Special thanks to Corbiell Electrical Ltd. for their donation of \$1500 and to the Friends of Brentwood for their \$1000 donation. Special thanks to Mrs. Burkholder, Mrs. Burton and Dr. Clarke for the remaining donations! Words cannot express how grateful the Senior Choir was for these donations! Special thanks to Mrs. Mertz for the very yummy morning muffins!

UPCOMING SENIOR CHOIR EVENTS

The Brentwood Senior Choir will be performing at three community events in the near future. Firstly, they will be performing at Hope Covenant Community Church's **MUSIC NIGHT** on Sunday, May 29th at 7pm. They will also be performing at Retiring Superintendent Dianne McBeth's Retirement Recognition Ceremony afterschool on Thursday, June 9th at the Strathmore Civic Centre. Lastly, they will be performing O Canada in both English and French at noon on July 1st at the Town of Strathmore's Canada Day Celebrations in Kinsman Park. Please come out and support the Senior Choir!!

JUNIOR CHOIR

The Brentwood School Junior Choir is in need of an accompanist for the 2011-2012 school year. If any parent is interested in this extremely rewarding and important volunteer position please contact Mrs. Steeves for more information.

MUSIC MONDAY - May 2

On Monday, May 2nd, at 11:45 am, Brentwood School joined other schools across Canada in the celebration of Music Monday. This was a day to recognize the importance of Music Education in the lives of our students and to celebrate it. Music Students across Canada joined in the singing and or playing of "Tomorrow is Coming", a song composed by Luke Doucet. Our version was awesome!! All three of our choirs, our accompanists, and our instrumentalists were recognized that day as a part of the celebration.

WHEEL TO SCHOOL

Wednesday, June 1, 2011 is Wheel to School day. If you bike, skateboard, roller blade or scooter to school wearing your helmets, you will receive 2 punches on your HHH activity card. Be careful and have fun! Be Fit for Life check out this website for some fundamental movement skills for children and adults of all ages – www.canadiansportforlife.ca Try this with a soft ball; catch the ball between your knees, throw the ball with your non-dominant hand, throw the ball underhand as high as possible to someone else.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Mrs. Fule's 5B class has been participating in a money management program where students have been receiving pretend cash as an incentive. An auction has been scheduled for the first week of June to allow students the opportunity to spend the money they have earned. Mrs. Fule and her students are trying to gather garage sale treasures (in new or like new condition), "Dollar Days" items, merchandise or services from local businesses, stickers, books, comics, stuffed animals, posters, jewelry, note pads, school supplies, or any other student-desirable items. If you have any items that you could donate to their auction and help make it a success, please drop them off at the office anytime in May, addressed to Mrs. Fule. Thank you!

Grade 5 and 6 Book Club

The Grade 5/6 Book Club has finished reading the Novel Holes by Louis Sachar. This book was so interesting that most of us couldn't put it down and finished very quickly! Hopefully we will get together to watch the movie as well.

Literacy Tip for the Month of May



Purchase gently used books and magazines at garage sales and second-hand stores, as a cost-effective way to continuously add to your library. You can also visit your local library to discover books that will interest all members of the family.

Early Literacy Team

May 2011 Stops for BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY

Bus #57 Bonnie

Ranch Court & East Ridge Road	8:12 – 3:40
Aspen Circle & Park Lane Drive	8:15 – 3:26
Aspen Landing & Aspen Creek Way (By #11)	8:17 – 3:28
Parklane Drive & Park Road (Green Area)	8:18 – 3:29
Thomas Drive & Thornbriar Green	8:19 – 3:31
Green Meadow Drive (Across from #22)	8:20 – 3:23
Green Meadow Drive (By #75)	8:21 – 3:22
Brentwood School	8:24
Second Bus #681 (S7 in the window) Driver	Sandi Shepherd
Cambridge Glen Dr & Cambrille Cres (South Intersection)	8:10 – 3:22
#59 Cambridge Drive	8:11 – 3:23

SAFETY PATROL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. What is happening when the safety patrollers first arrive at the intersection?
This is a process called 'set-up'. You will hear the lieutenant call SET UP at which time all patroller signs will go up and patrollers will cross to their corners. From the moment the signs are raised, drivers are not to proceed through the intersection at any point.
2. How does a driver know when it is safe to proceed through the intersection?
You will see that the safety patrollers have their signs behind their backs and that their right arm is out to keep the children from crossing the road.
3. How does a driver know when they should stop at the intersection?
At every corner a safety patroller raises their sign to stop traffic approaching their corner. All traffic is expected to stop. **TRAFFIC AT ALL CORNERS MUST STOP WHEN PEOPLE ARE CROSSING THE ROAD AT ANY POINT OF THE INTERSECTION!**
4. What do the whistles mean to me as a driver?
The lieutenant will put out his sign and blow one tweet to indicate his/her intention to close the intersection to drivers. At this time all patrollers will raise their signs. If the lieutenant decides it is safe to proceed, a second tweet will sound and the patrollers will allow the children to cross. The lieutenant CANNOT AND WILL NOT blow the whistle for the patrollers to take their signs down until every pedestrian has safely reached each corner. Once everyone is safe, the lieutenant will tweet the whistle, the safety patrollers will put their signs behind their backs and put their other arm out to stop the children from crossing. It is at this time that drivers can proceed through the intersection. In the event that a driver proceeds through the intersection at any point during this process the lieutenant will shout "CANCEL" and all signs will go down. While this may be confusing to other drivers it must be done to ensure the safety of pedestrians.
5. What do the pylons mean?
The small green pylons are placed in areas where parking is not allowed so that the patrollers can easily see oncoming traffic. The large orange pylons are placed to deter drivers from cutting corners too close to the patrollers and to remind drivers that the patrollers are there.
6. Why must we use the crosswalk?
The safety patrollers are in place at the crosswalk to make sure pedestrians are able to cross the street safely. Jaywalking is illegal and puts pedestrians at risk. Please don't jaywalk!
7. What is happening once the schoolyard is clear and there are no more pedestrians crossing?
This is a process called "take down". The lieutenant will call "TAKE DOWN" and will signal each patroller that this is happening by making a 't' with their hand and sign. Each patroller is expected to let the lieutenant know they have seen his signal by shaking their head. The lieutenant will then blow the whistle and each safety patroller will begin to cross the intersection with their sign raised as they cross. From the moment the signs are raised, drivers are not to proceed through the intersection at any point.

Please be patient and considerate of the safety patrollers. We are there to ensure the safety of **your** children and **our** safety is also important. Thank you!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**Brentwood May 2011**

May 25	Last milk order for the year will go home.	
May 25/26	Grade 6 Drug Prevention Fair at Brentwood School	
May 26	Hot Lunch Cheeseburger or Hot Dog Pie & Apple Turnover	
May 27	Crazy Hair/Hat Day	
May 29	Senior Choir sings at Hope Church Music Night	Perform 7:00 pm
June 01	Wheel to School (bike, skateboard, rollerblade or scooter with helmet)	
June 01	FINAL Milk is DUE 9:00 AM – <i>11 days for milk this month</i>	
June 02	Safety Patrol Picnic at Heritage Park	9:00 - 3:00
June 03	NO KINDERGARTEN LIEU DAY FOR ZOO FIELD TRIP	
June 03	Grade 6 Junior High Orientation BBQ	
June 09	Kindergarten Field Trip - all classes to the Zoo	9:00 – 3:00
June 09	NED Show – All Welcome	11:40 -12:20
June 09	Hot Lunch – Pizza and Yogurt Tube	
June 09	Senior Choir sings at Dianne McBeth’s retirement Civic Centre	
June 10	Flex Friday	No School
June 13	Grades 4 and 5A to Glenbow Museum	9:00 – 3:00
June 14	PAT Grade 3 Language Arts Part B	9:00 – 10:00
June 14	PAT Grade 6 Social Studies	9:00 – 10:00
June 15	PAT Grade 6 Language Arts Part B	9:00 – 10:00
June 16	PAT Grade 3 Mathematics	9:00 – 10:00
June 16	PAT Grade 6 Mathematics	9:00 – 10:15
June 16	Hot Lunch – Meat/Cheese Crackers and Fruit Cup	
June 16	Kindergarten Concert for all Kindergarten classes	7:00 pm
June 17	PAT Grade 6 Science	9:00 – 10:00
June 17	Last day of milk	
June 17	Last day of regular classes for Kindergarten for Tues/Thurs	
June 20	Last day of regular classes for Kindergarten for Mon/Wed	
June 21	Hot Lunch - FREE Hot dog and ice cream grades 1-6	
June 22	Kindergarten (picnic) – all classes	
June 23	All Grade 6 students to Calaway Park	9:00 – 3:00
June 24	All Grade 4 and 5A students to Atlas Coalmine	9:00 – 3:00
June 28	Final Assembly and awards	11:45 am
June 28	Final Report Card Home	3:15 dismissal
June 29	Gr. 4, 5, and 6 Swim 10:00 – 11:00 and Grade 2 and 3 Swim	1:00 – 2:00
June 29	Last Day of School for Grades 1-6	
June 30	Staff Professional Development Day	No Students
July 01	Senior Choir performance at Canada Day Kinsment Pk	1:00 pm

CALENDAR for NEXT YEAR approved as follows:

August 31, 2011	Grade 1-12	First day of classes
Dec. 23 – Jan. 08	Christmas Break	Classes resume on Jan. 09
April 06 – Apr. 15	Spring Break	Classes resume on April 16
June 29	Last Day of School for grades 1-6	

The Friends of Brentwood



WE WANT YOU!

**Brentwood Society would like to invite you to join us at the
Brentwood School Library on JUNE 15th @ 6:30 p.m.**

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

WHY, because The Friends of Brentwood.....

- have some executive positions opening soon that need to be filled – it could be something you would love to do!
- needs new ideas, ***your ideas!!***
- welcomes everyone including new parents (K and Grade 1 etc.)
- needs to hear from you on how you would like to see the first funds from our casino money spent

The Friends of Brentwood Society started in order to help finance special programs, activities and projects at Brentwood School that wouldn't normally be financed. We have completed 2 phases of the playground, painted maps and games on the asphalt, and financed a new sound system so everyone can enjoy the beautiful presentations that Brentwood puts on. Please take the first step and attend a Friends of Brentwood meeting at the **Brentwood School Library on June 15th**.

If you are unable to attend and would like more information, please contact Heather Kelly @ 403-934-3082, visit our website @ www.friendsofbrentwood.cfsites.org, or email FOBESS@shaw.ca