



Briarcrest Banner

Platinum Eco School Status

Congratulations Briarcrest staff and students for receiving Platinum Eco School Status. This recognition is given to less than 5% of TDSB schools.

Our journey began four years ago when we began implementing our recycling program. Each year following we continued to increase our environmental awareness and advocacy through various programs:

- *litterless lunch
- *food scraps and vermi composting
- *Earth Day clean-up

- *green bin recycling
- *monthly school-wide IWalk
- *environmental literacy initiatives
- *yearly World Wildlife Fundraiser for endangered animals
- *waste reduction to one bag per day
- *reduction in electricity consumption by using timers on photocopiers, efficient lighting, and unplugging appliances not in use
- *gas consumption reduction by moving furniture away from heating sources, closing hallway doors,

and effective use of sunlight
*planting trees in our back school yard, mulching and weeding our trees and gardens each spring, and creating an outdoor classroom

In recognition of this hard work, Briarcrest Junior School has become a TDSB Demonstration Eco School. Only 14 schools across the city have received this status.

Every Day is Earth Day at Briarcrest!



Lunch Lady Date Change

On Friday June 17th, Briarcrest School Council will be having their free annual hot dog lunch for all students. Students will be given hot dogs, a drink and a snack. Order forms

will be sent home in early June.

As a result of this free lunch, the Lunch Lady program which is normally scheduled for Fridays has been changed.

Lunch Lady will be delivering hot lunches on Monday, June 20th instead.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school.



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SHADES OF FUN



Friday, June 3rd

Bring \$2 to support the CNIB and wear your sunglasses in class all day long!

Bulldogs Prevail

Fast Track to Success

The Briarcrest Track and Field team did a wonderful job at the West Region Qualifier on May 24th at Centennial Park. Our school entered every event, taking over 65 athletes to the meet! All



students demonstrated a positive attitude and made Briarcrest proud.

An extra special thank you to Mrs. Hoch and Mrs. Knox who acted as assistant coaches throughout the three months of training. As well, thank you to all those parents who were able to come and help out at the meet. You all helped ensure that our athletes made their way to their events safely.

The grade four and five stu-

dents who finished in the top four in their events will go to the City Qualifier on June 6th at Centennial Park.

Way to go Bulldogs!

Soccer

Congratulations Grade 4 and 5 Girls' and Boys' Soccer Teams! Our Bulldogs played in the West Division Qualifiers on May 27th. While the girls played at Swansee, the boys played at Daystrom. After days of cold, rainy weather and cancelled tournaments, our teams kept up their spirits and played with gusto on muddy fields. Although neither team advances to the



next round, they both represented Briarcrest well!

Folkfest

Since February, our students have been dancing each lunch hour twice a week in preparation for Folkfest. Students have been taught thirteen dances from various nationalities. Folkfest brings together schools throughout the North-West in a celebration of dance. Last year, over 20 schools participated.



This year, Folkfest was to be held on May 25th at Hollycrest Middle School. However, due to the consistent rain, we were unable to use the fields. Folkfest is being coordinated for a later date in June. Details will be available soon.

CYCLING SAFETY

Cycling is a great way to be active and have fun, but it is important for children to know how to ride safely. Falls from cycling can result in serious head injury. Worn correctly, a **certified bike helmet** can save a child's life and reduce the risk of head injury by 83% and brain injury by 88%.

For further information visit www.riskwatch.org or www.toronto.ca/health/injuryprevention



Congratulations May Future Aces

All JK and SK students in Rooms 1 and 4

Matthew and Anes—Room 2

Sara—Room 5

Madison—Room 8

Danny and Aliya—Room 11

Tanya and Rebecca—Room 14

McKenna and Nathan—Room 3

William—Room 7

Rain—Room 9

Abdullahi—Room 12

Michael—Room 20

Sun Safety

June 8th to June 14th is National Sun Awareness Week. Toronto Public Health would like to remind parents that too much sunshine during childhood can cause eye damage, premature skin aging and skin cancers later in life. All skin colours are at risk. Teach your child to be sun safe:

1. Limit the time spent in the sun, especially between 11:00 a.m.—4 p.m.
2. Look for shaded areas under trees, umbrellas, canopies, sides of buildings or create your own.
3. Wear a hat with a wide brim or with a flap to cover the back of the neck.
4. Wear sunglasses with UV protection.
5. Use a sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and with UVA and UVB protection. Don't forget applying sunscreen to lip, ears, and nose.
6. Remember, no sunscreen protects 100 percent so apply sunscreen and then cover up with a hat, long-sleeved shirt, and pants.

For further information visit www.toronto.ca/health/sun/index.htm

Camp Muskoka

On June 1st, our grade 5 students will be boarding a coach to Camp Muskoka in Haliburton. For three days, students will be engaged in activities and events from dawn until dusk. Low rope climbing, nightly fire-side songs and stories, archery, and survival are

just some items on the itinerary. Camp Muskoka is a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop personal independence, collaboration, and social and ecological awareness. We know our students will represent Briarcrest well.



A special thank you to

Mr. Phillips, Madame Guetter, and Ms. Smart for spending three days and two nights away from their families in support of our students.



Doggie Washroom ?

Within the past two months we have noticed a significant increase in the amount of dog waste being left on the back school yard, kindergarten courtyard, and on the outside school walls. We are all dog lovers at Briarcrest, however, we would appreciate you leaving your dogs at home until we

can get some control over this problem.

On weekends, if you notice neighbours using the kindergarten courtyard as a dog's personal playground, we would appreciate it if you asked them to leave. The school yard is considered private property

and appropriate signs have been posted.

Hopefully we can all work together to make our school yards and playground an inviting place for students to use once again.

