

BRIARCREST BANNER

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GROWING SUCCESS

Growing Success is the relatively new Ministry of Education policy on Assessment, Evaluating and Reporting in Ontario Schools Grades 1-12.

On November 14th, Elementary Progress Reports will be sent home with your SK to Grade 5 child. Teachers will be available for interviews during the evening of November 17th and the morning of November 18th. Since many parents work and are unable to come to school during the day, the evening period becomes very heavily scheduled. We would greatly appreciate it if those parents who are able to come during the morning would plan to

do so. This will help us to minimize the waiting time for everyone. During November forms will be sent home indicating parent interview preferences.

The following are some tips to help parents prepare for successful parent-teacher conferences.

1. Talk to your child beforehand to learn about the teacher's expectations, curriculum, and homework policy.
2. Make a list of suggestions that will help the teacher better understand your child, such as interests, hobbies or medical needs.
3. Prepare questions on information you would

like to find out from the teacher, such as services, homework expectations or extra curricular activities.

4. Be on time. If you are unavailable during the interview window, arrange with the teacher for an alternate date and time.

5. If possible, both parents should attend the conference. We strongly recommend that your child attend the conference as well.

6. Follow up with the teacher when appropriate.

(Source: Ontario Principal's Council Communicator)



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Remembrance Day Ceremony

*Please join us on Friday,
November 11th in the
gym at 10:15 a.m. as we
remember those brave
individuals who fought
for peace and freedom
throughout the world.*



LET'S BEAT THE FLU

It is that time of year when free flu shots are available at regional clinics throughout Toronto. For information regarding dates and locations, call 1-877-844-1944 or visit the Toronto Public Health website at www.toronto.ca/health. Information flyers are also posted on the parent / community information bulletin board in the main lobby of the school.

"Protect Yourself. Protect Your Family."

CONGRATULATIONS OCTOBER FUTURE ACES



FUTURE ACES™

All JK/SK Students from Rooms 1 and 4

Room 2— Alexandria A. & Keegan A.

Room 3— Nathan G. & Nicola X.

Room 5— Taylor E.

Room 7— Bekim B.

Room 8— Emily P.

Room 9— Rahim M.

Room 11— Lamiah K.

Room 12— Matthew P.

Room 14— Paige D. & James E.

EVENTS REPORT

BY: MS. SMART

Cross Country

Congratulations Briarcrest Bulldogs! Our athletes looked great in their new Cross Country team shirts. It was easy to spot our Briarcrest boys and girls as they crested the final hill. It was also much easier for the students to spot their cheering teachers in their Briarcrest blue!

We had over sixty-five percent of our Grades One to Five students compete in Cross Country this year. That's the spirit Briarcrest! Way to get involved in the fun.

The following students Qualified for the TDSB Cross Country City Championships.

Shakeera S.

Jalaal S.

Brydon H

Mackenzie H

Heather K.

Hasan A.

Luke K.

Extra special congratulations go out to Shakeera S. in Room 3 who won City Champion in the Grade One Girl's Race.

Remember kids, champions are made in practice!

Baseball Teams

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Baseball Teams who represented Briarcrest at various tournaments this past fall. Although the boys qualified for the semi-finals and

were well prepared, they were unfortunately defeated by a luckier team. Thank you to Mr. Phillips and Madame Goldberg for coaching the teams this year.

Grade Four Mixer

This month, all Grade Four students from our English, Extended French and Special Education classrooms came together to get to know each other better. They participated in an afternoon of exciting ice breakers and get-to-know-you activities. We hope that new friendships were made and that students new to Briarcrest felt our warm welcome. It's great to have you here!



EQAO RESULTS

In October, the Education Quality and Accountability Office released the 2010/11 results for grade 3's and 6's in reading, writing, and mathematics.

The following percentages indicate grade 3 students achieving provincial standard (Levels 3 & 4) at Briarcrest.

Reading - 73%

Writing - 100%

Mathematics - 73%

We are very proud of our students and applaud their success.

Using the EQAO data and various other indicators, staff begin to develop their yearly School Improvement Plans focused on improving student achievement. Focuses this year are the continued development and implementation of multi-

step problem-solving in mathematics and reading comprehension strategies from Kindergarten to Grade 5.

A detailed outline of these plans is shared at School Council meetings and is posted on the TDSB web.

Parents interested in a more detailed breakdown of the EQAO data can visit www.eqao.com

“WHILE WE TRY TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN ALL ABOUT LIFE, OUR CHILDREN TEACH US WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT.”

SAFETY PATROLLERS

Briarcrest is proud of their new safety patrollers for this year! In order to be a safety patroller, these students had to participate in a special training session with a police officer. They even had to take a written test to ensure their knowledge of



street safety.

These responsible students include: Erica R., Daniel L., George and Perry N., Robert L., Tabitha J., Lilly C., Aidan S., Nicolas P., and Bekim B.

All parents and students are asked to be respectful of these students when they are carrying out their important responsibilities. Thank you safety patrollers for keeping us safe.

SAFETY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY HERE AT BRIARCREST

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

School Advisory Council meetings are planned for Mondays on the following dates: November 21st, January 23rd, February 27th, April 23rd, May 28th, and June 18th. All meetings occur between 6:30—8:00 p.m. in the gym. All parents are welcome to attend!

The following committees are planning various events and activities for the Briarcrest community: Parent Outreach, A.S.A.P. (After-School Activities Programs), Fundraising, and Eco Schools. If you are interested in joining one of these committees, please contact the school office.

The fundraising committee has started to plan for the 2011/12 school year. This fall, the Terra Cotta Cookie Dough and Samko fundraisers are planned. Information will be sent home shortly. As well, the first meal day is planned for November 16th. Future meal days are scheduled for Dec. 7th, Jan. 25th, Feb. 8th and 22nd, Mar. 28th, April 18th, May 16th and 30th, and June 13th .