



At Briarcrest we believe in the right to be safe, learn, and have fun.

Safety Matters!

Safety is our first priority here at Briarcrest. The following routines help ensure that your children are in a safe and secure environment when at school. Parents are asked to please support our safety routines.

PLAYSCAPE

The playscape is closed each morning. During the school day, the playscape is used by Grades JK—5 classes. **After school, the playscape is open to any student who is supervised by a parent. Duty teachers are not responsible for moni-**

toring children on the playscape after school. We ask that parents do not bring younger children to the playscape until after school.

BUS LOOP / PARKING LOT

Each morning and afternoon, the bus loop is used by approximately 10 buses. Parents are asked not to drop off students in the bus loop or parking lot as these areas become congested and unsafe. Often children are walking across the parking lot unsupervised. We thank those parents

who have complied with supervising staff when asked to remove their vehicle.

Briarcrest was granted temporary parking on Rangoon Road. Please use this location when dropping students off and picking them up.

When crossing at the corner of Rangoon and Wellesworth, we ask that you follow the directions of our Safety Patrollers. These students have been trained by Toronto Police Services to ensure the safety of all students and parents.

Safe Schools Committee

Every year Ministry legislation and the Toronto District School Board require that each school establish a Safe Schools Committee. This committee is comprised of staff, parents, students, and community members. The purpose of this committee is to address safe school concerns. Examples of issues that need to be addressed would be: neighbourhood complaints regarding teenagers vandalizing school property at night and on weekends and dog owners using the kindergarten play area as a dog washroom. There are also concerns about our peanut and nut awareness procedures.

At Briarcrest, current members of our Safe Schools Committee are Ms. Korpecki (Room 1), Ms. Smart (Room 20), Mrs. Sidhu (Day Care Supervisor), Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Abeysinghe (parent representatives), and Mrs. Viegandt.

Please contact any one of these committee members if you have a school safety concern.

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 Junior School.

Reading - 73%

Writing - 100%

Mathematics - 73%

We are very proud of our stu-

dents and applaud their success. Thank you to a dedicated staff who work collaboratively from Grades 1– 5 planning curriculum, determining and implementing appropriate teaching strategies, and continually assessing students.

Using the EQAO data and various other indicators, staff begin to develop their yearly School Improvement Plans focused on improving student achievement. One focus this year is the continued analysis of student assess-

ment data in order to inform teaching practice and differentiate instruction.

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

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



Medic Alert

Thousands of TDSB students have potential life-threatening food and medication allergies, while others have serious medical conditions. In 2006, *MedicAlert* began offering schools the No Child Without (NCW) program providing *MedicAlert* bracelets and a medical information service at NO COST to families. The No Child Without program is for all students between four and fourteen years of age.

Briarcrest Junior School is officially registered with NCW. An information brochure is sent home to all new Briarcrest families who indicate their child requires a medical alert during registration. Any parent wishing a brochure is asked to contact the office. A parent choosing to participate in the program contacts *MedicAlert* as directed in the brochure.

Congratulations September Future Aces

All JK and SK student in Rooms 1 and 4

Room 2—Kyra and Trent

Room 5—Alek

Room 8—Stephanie

Room 11—Farah

Room 14—Giselle and Emilia

Room 3—Jay and Shekira

Room 7—Emily

Room 9—Yana

Room 12—Jamie

Room 20—David

**Congratulations to our new School Advisory Council Executive
2011/2012.**

*The following are the election results of Monday, September 26th and
Monday, October 3rd.*

Ms. Judy Palmer was elected Chair.

Mr. Irfan Kamdar was acclaimed Treasurer.

Mrs. Karen Key was acclaimed Secretary.

*We wish to extend a thank you to the parents who are taking on these
roles for offering their time and commitment to Briarcrest. As well,
thank you to all parents who voted during the elections.*

*There is always an opportunity to become involved at school. Please
consider volunteering for one or more of the many events taking
place this school year. We are currently looking for parents to serve
on our EcoSchools, Parent Outreach, School Improvement Plan, and
Fundraising Committees. It is with your support that we grow as a
community. Please call the school for more information.*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
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BRIARCREST BANNER
NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL
PLEASE FORWARD YOUR
EMAIL ADDRESS TO**

<http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/briarcrest>

We're on the web!

Cross Country

We had an amazing 130 students compete in the West Region Qualifier on October 3rd under cloudy skies at Centennial Park. Students ran their hardest and looked great! The following 26 runners qualified for the West Conference Championships on October 11th.

Grade One - Shakeera Siddiqui, Dimitri Broderick, Quinn McIntosh,

Grade Two - Mia Sakota, Matthew Ing, Trent Martin, Aaron Feigenbaum, Quinn Purvis,
Brydon Hutchison

Grade Three - Jalaal Siddiqui, Nolan McDonald

Grade Four - Heather Key, Tanya Yip, Madison McElroy, Virag Olnar, Asia Williams, Luke Kobelak,
Antony Stocker-Sather

Grade Five - Erica Robertson, MacKenzie Hoch, Madison Dempster, Basima Qureshi, Yana Tcher-
kacheninova, Liam Knox, Hasan Adu-Gyamti, Luka Sakota

Way to go team!!

Thank you to all parent volunteers. We couldn't do it without your help! An extra special thank you to Mrs. Hoch who helped train our student athletes each Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the lunch hour.