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**Bridlewood Community
Elementary School**

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<http://bridlewoodes.ocdsb.ca/>

Dates to Remember:

Fri. Sept 8

Welcome Back
Assembly

Tues. Sept. 19

7:00 pm School
Council meeting
and elections

Thurs. Sept. 21

4:00 – 5:00 Meet the
Teacher
4:30 – 6:00
Bridlewood Bounce
run by School
Council

Fri. Sept. 22

Terry Fox Assembly

Sun. Sept. 24

Kinder school bus
and pedestrian
safety – further
information in the
newsletter

Fri. Sept. 29

Terry Fox Run
11:15 – 12:15

Fri. Oct 6

P.A. Day – no school
for students



September 2017

Principal and Vice Principal Message

Welcome Back! We are very happy to welcome our returning and new families to Bridlewood Community Elementary School. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and fun.

You will notice that the school looks beautiful! Thank you to Mr. Perkins and his staff for all of their hard work over the summer. You will notice there is new lighting in the hallways and our library has had a major overhaul including new carpets, painted library shelving and a new layout. We have plans to use the library as a learning commons where students can work outside of their classroom.

Our website is updated on a regular basis, and it is a great resource for information about the school, school events, school council, lunch programs as well as a source for the twitter feed if you don't follow the school directly. I encourage you to save our site as a favourite and check it regularly. If you type Bridlewoodes into the search bar, our website should be the first item.

This QR code will take you directly to our Twitter page or look for us at BridlewoodCES@63Bluegrass



Here is the address and QR code for the school website:
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Our school council is a very active and fun group, and we welcome new families to join us for meetings. The first meeting of the year is on Tuesday Sept. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the library; please feel welcome to attend. This initial meeting will finish business from last year and also include elections for the current year.

We welcome the following new staff to our school:

Tania Pecora - Office Assistant
Christina Brind'Amour - $\frac{3}{4}$ Middle French Immersion teacher
Cheryl Lynne Klein - English Kinder teacher
Jeff Peasely - $\frac{3}{4}$ regular program teacher
Samantha Disipio - Educational Assistant (EA)

Please call the attendance line if your child is staying home due to illness or an appointment (613-591-0397). Your phone call saves us from calling you to make sure your child is safe. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

Another important safety procedure is that **the loop at the front of the school is closed to car traffic from 8:15 – 8:30 and 3:00 – 3:15** to ensure that students arriving and departing by bus and school board van transportation are safe. There is a teacher monitored drop off and pick up point near the portables if it is easier than parking in the parking lot in the morning.



The daily schedule is as follows, with supervision on the yard starting at 8:15 a.m.

- 8:30 - 10:30 - First Learning Block
- 10:30 - 11:15 - First Nutrition Break and Outdoor Recess
- 11:15 - 1:15 - Second Learning Block
- 1:15 - 2:00 - Second Nutrition Break and Outdoor Recess
- 2:00 - 3:00 - Third Learning Block
- 3:10 - Busses and vans depart school

Please note **that all outside doors will be locked from 8:15 - 3:00 p.m.** All visitors must enter through the front doors and check in at the office. Thank you for your cooperation as this keeps our students safe throughout the school day.

Mme Labelle is going to start a puzzle club for our primary students and is looking for gently used **puzzle donations**. If you have a donation, it can be dropped off in the office.

Bus / Van Information

Please contact the OSTA directly if you have any concerns or a late bus 613-224-8800. Delays can also be checked at ottawaschoolbus.ca and parents can subscribe for email notifications of service delays, cancellations and other messages. You can also follow OSTA on Twitter and Facebook.

School Bus and Pedestrian Safety Day! – **NEW!!** KG parents can register online for the upcoming *School Bus and Pedestrian Safety Day* on **Sunday September 24 2017**. There are 8 locations available throughout the city. This is an important learning opportunity for KG students and their parents!

Empty Seats/Courtesy Seating

A reminder that OSTA is handling all empty seat/courtesy seating applications for OCDSB schools. These will be reviewed **after October 1**, once load balancing has been completed. All applications are to be made online at ottawaschoolbus.ca

Student Accident Insurance

Creating a caring and safe environment for our students is our top priority. Unfortunately, despite all reasonable precautions being taken, accidents can still happen. Some injuries may result in medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employee group plans. As a parent/guardian, you may become responsible for these expenses.

Student accident insurance is available for purchase, on a voluntary basis, through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Parents may apply online at www.insuremykids.com forms may be downloaded at www.binks.ca or hard copies may be picked up from the school office.

The OCDSB encourages all parents/guardians to consider purchasing this insurance. If your child is involved in school related sports activities or is participating in any field trips out of the province you may wish to seriously consider the coverage options, which range from \$13.00/year to #33.00/year. This coverage is for the entire calendar year and also applies outside of school hours. If you have any questions, please call Binks Insurance Brokers directly at 613-226-1350.

Welcome! We look forward to a wonderful year ahead.

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