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Dates to Remember:

Fri. January 19
Popcorn Day
\$1.00 / bag

January 22 - 26
Kinder Registration
Week

Thurs. January 25
Cake Walk

Fri. January 26
PA Day – no school
for students

Sat. February 10
School Council
running an open gym
night – more info to
come!

Wed. February 14
Report Card Day
Me to We Bake Sale

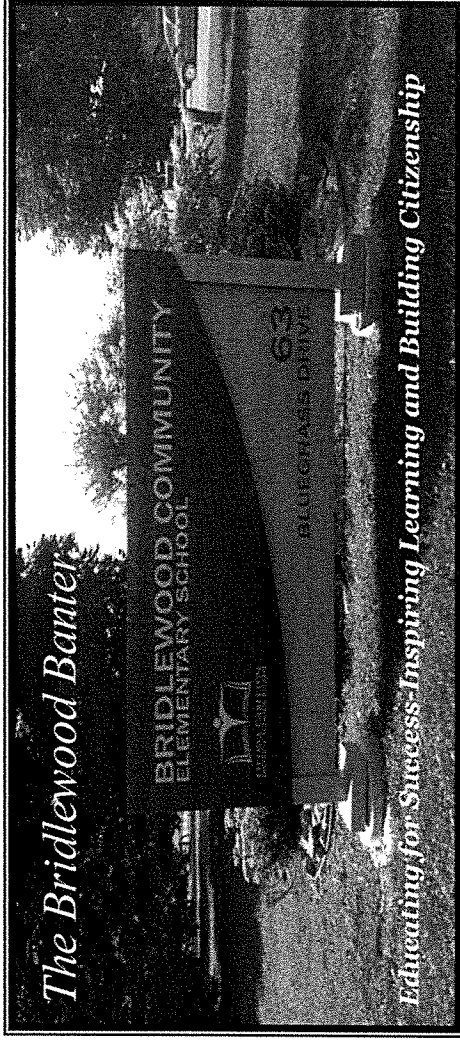
Thurs. February 15
Middle French
Immersion
Information Night
6:00 p.m. in library

Fri. February 16
PD Day

Mon. February 19
Family Day Holiday-
no school for students

Tues. February 20
School Council
Library

Tues. February 27
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January / February 2018

Principal and Vice Principal Message

Happy New Year! Welcome back!

The year is off to a good start with presentations for all students from kinder through grade 6 by Ottawa Hydro. The interactive presentations focused on safety around electricity as well as conservation which are both important topics. The presentations were specific to kinder/grade 1, grade 2/3 and finally grades 4/5/6.

We have some new technology in the school, and you may have heard about it from your children. In the primary grades, we have purchased a few OSMO Genius units which engage students in math, language and geometry activities in a new and fun way. Mrs. Gamwell has had her grade 1 math students using the OSMOs in centers with tangram activities to learn about spatial reasoning and geometry. The students are enjoying it greatly. We have also purchased a few Osobots which introduce students to coding. Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Hill and Ms. Dalrymple have been using the Osobots with the grade 5 and 6 students in math, and the students are very interested in experimenting with them. We are always looking for ways to engage our students, pique their interests and expand their experiences.

You may have heard some discussion at home about "Bronco Bunches". These are groupings of students from kindergarten to grade 6 who are linked to a teacher. Siblings are together in the same "bunch" and these groups will meet several times a year. The Bronco Bunches met once in December, and did activities to build team dynamics and for students to get to know each other. The Bronco Bunches will be getting together several times for short periods over the next few weeks as we run activities related to the Olympics. The teams will compete in friendly competitions spread over several days. We have already seen many positive outcomes, as students develop relationships with students outside of their grade, older students have the opportunity to act as leaders and mentors, and fun activities build positive feelings about school and the community. Go Broncos!

Our Kindergarten Information Night was well attended, and we look forward to welcoming new students and families into our school. The next important date for kindergarten families is May 17th when children will have an opportunity to visit the kinder classrooms.

Welcome to M. Tom Raubic who is teaching EFI $\frac{3}{4}$ behind Mme Shear who is on maternity leave. Mme Shear welcomed her son Mathéo on January 3rd. We are all very happy for her and her family.

Please continue to refer to the school website (type Bridlewood in the browser) for events on the school calendar, twitter feed photos, important links and general information.

Sincerely,

Barb Martinez and Shelley Potvin