



Belfountain Buzz

Back to School 2018



Principal: Mrs. L. Bristoll
 Office Manager: Mrs. B. Smith
 Superintendent: Mr. M. Logue
 Trustee: Mr. S. Cameron

Belfountain Public School
 17247 Shaws Creek Rd.
 Caledon, ON L7K 0E8
 Phone: 519-927-5212

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to or welcome back to Belfountain! My name is Lynn Bristoll and I am the proud principal of this wonderful school. We have approximately 164 students expected to attend this September.

This is the first and only formal newsletter that will be sent home in print form due to the amount of information to share with parents/guardians at the beginning of the year. Your child's teacher will share with you the best means of communicating with them. For future communication outside of the classroom, please check our school's website at **schools.peelschools.org/1458** as updates are made regularly, particularly to the school's calendar with upcoming dates, minutes of the council meetings in the School Council tab and any new information in the "What's New" section. You can receive automatic updates indicating something has been added to our website by going to the site at schools.peelschools.org/1458 and clicking the tab on the left-hand side that says "subscribe". We also use the email distribution list to send out electronic reminders and information either by email or voice mail. If you are not receiving school messages it could be that you didn't send back the permission form we require to add you to the list. Feel free to call the office so we can include you in our electronic communication.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We will be holding our first School Council meeting on Wednesday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. Please submit a nomination form if you are interested in being a member of the council's executive. These are due on September 17. If an election is required we would hold this at our Open House scheduled for October 4. **All parents are welcome** to this meeting with no obligation to attend any further meetings. Child care is provided by our YMCA supervisor, Karen, and refreshments will be served.

CASHLESS SCHOOLS

Thank you to everyone who signed up for our Cashless School system. This makes a difference to the communication, workload and efficiency of financial transactions. If you have not done so already, please consider registering, as we are aiming for a 100% adoption rate in preparation for future events/excursions and hot lunches. If you need a reminder of the steps involved, visit the school's website (schools.peelschools.org/1458) and click on the icon on the right-hand side of the main page that says "SchoolCashOnline". If you require any assistance during the process feel free to call the company directly at 1-866-961-1803. Thank you in advance.

BELFOUNTAIN SCHOOL HOURS

Disembark Busses:	8:15 a.m.
Morning Entry Bell:	8:25 a.m.
Instructional Day Begins:	8:30 a.m.
(National Anthem/Announcements)	
DPA	8:35 a.m.
First Break:	10:50 a.m.
First Recess:	11:10 a.m.
Second Break:	12:50 p.m.
Second Recess:	1:10 p.m.
Afternoon Dismissal:	2:50 p.m.

Please call **1-855-209-6155** if your child will be absent from or late to school.

DATES TO NOTE

- Sept. 17**
School Council Nomination Forms Due
- Sept. 19**
School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 25**
Reorganization Day (no school for students)
- Sept. 27**
Terry Fox Event
- Oct. 1**
Picture Day
- Oct. 4**
Open House

FORMS/INFO.

- Walking trip permission*
- Media consent form*
- School council nomination form*
- Student accident insurance form*
- Child in need of protection
- STOPR bus information
- Electronic privacy information
- Parent Connect/School Cash Online

Learning for head, heart, and hands in our local built and natural environments.

<http://schools.peelschools.org/1458>



REORGANIZATION

Currently our school has one class at each grade level (1-6) and two kindergarten classes. These classes are tentative until the board collects all schools' data and makes necessary changes according to Ministry caps and board averages. Therefore, please note that your child may have to move classes following our Reorganization Day held this year on September 25. We appreciate your flexibility and support at this time should this be the case.

TRANSPORTATION

Bussing is arranged through the Board's transportation contractor, not the school. Routes and times change annually and sometimes throughout the year. Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) has a website at <http://businfo.stopr.ca>. Parents can access important information about their child's transportation for the school year on this site. You will need your child's OEN # (found on their report card). It is critical that parents communicate any changes to personal information, such as home address, daycare arrangements, etc. to the school as this data is used by STOPR to arrange transportation. Students must be on the driver's roster in order to ride on the bus for security and safety reasons so please keep us informed to avoid delays and disappointment. More information is contained in the contents of this newsletter.



CHANGING BUSES

Because driver's need to abide by their list of riders and because of the time required in tracking alternative arrangements, we cannot accept changes to children's bus routines in order to go on a friend's bus home.

If your child normally rides the bus and instead one day you or a designate comes to pick him/her up from school, it is necessary to sign your child out in the office, even if it is at the end of the school day. Please send in a note to the classroom teacher so he/she is aware of the arrangement.

Please try to avoid calling the office within the last 15 minutes of the day to make changes to your child's transportation plans for the end of the day as this is one of our busiest times. We only have one person answering phones and classes are often outside or in other rooms, therefore your child may not receive the message in time.

STAFF LIST

A warm welcome is extended to all our returning and new staff members. As of now this is who works in the building:

Ms. Brooker	Kindergarten
Mrs. Kinsella	Kindergarten ECE
Ms. Haines	Kindergarten
Mrs. Oldfield	Kindergarten ECE
Mr. Loughnane	Grade 1
Mrs. Vallance	Grade 2
Mrs. McCarthy	Grade 3
Ms. Broersma	Grade 4
Ms. Kerr	Grade 5
Mrs. Rohde	Grade 6
Mr. Mattson	Music (half time)
Mme Laidlaw	French (half time)
Mrs. Caesar	Teacher Librarian (half time)
Mrs. Garcia	Phys-ed (half time)
Mrs. Windrim	Special Education (half time)
Mrs. Dowdall	Teaching Assistant
Ms. Kittle	Teaching Assistant (half time)
Mrs. Smith	Office Manager
Mrs. Martin	Head Custodian
Mrs. Bristoll	Principal

BOOMERANG LUNCHES

In keeping with our eco focus, we are encouraging students to bring their food in reusable containers as much as possible. All food items (uneaten and eaten), as well as all packaging, will be sent home. This allows children to sort and make use of their home compost for food scraps, recycling bins and garbage for waste. This also affords parents/guardians the opportunity to monitor their son/daughter's eating habits to help plan for future lunches.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO.

It is essential that the school have current emergency information for your child. Please inform the office as soon as possible when your telephone number at home or at work changes. If there is a change in day-care provider or emergency contact, please notify the office or send a note with your child. A form verifying your information (OSOR sheet) will be sent home shortly for you to review and return.

Learning for head, heart, and hands in our local built and natural environments.

<http://schools.peelschools.org/1458>

NUT CONSCIOUS & PLANS OF CARE

Please discuss with your child the importance of not sharing snacks and washing their hands before their meals for health reasons. Any uneaten food will be sent back in a child's lunch bag for family monitoring.

It is board policy that all students with anaphylaxis allergies wear their Epi-pen on them at all times. Please call Lynn Bristoll, Principal, if you would like to discuss this further.

If your child has anaphylaxis or any other severe health condition (e.g., epilepsy, asthma, diabetes) it is important for you to inform the office. Information can then be exchanged and the necessary emergency precautions and plans put in place. Commencing this year, the Ministry is mandating plans of care for each child with these conditions.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of a sudden emergency, such as a fire, threatening the safety or welfare of students and staff, everyone will evacuate the building using our Fire Drill procedures. If the conditions are such that the building cannot be re-entered, the students will walk to Belfountain Village Church. Students will remain there until the teachers release them to parents or persons designated by the parents.

We will be holding 3 fire drills this fall to remain in compliance and to ensure students are familiar with our Fire Drill procedures. We will also hold 1 lockdown and bomb threat practice during this time.

HOT LUNCHES RETURN

Great news! We have volunteers willing to oversee and run our hot lunch program. Look out for details to follow but in the interim, please set up a Cash Online account so that you are ready to order once it is ready to start!

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS!

As a staff we know how important birthdays are to children. We will recognize each child on the announcements and each class has their own way of celebrating this special day with their peers in the class. If you feel you want to send in something we would ask that it not be a food product. We strive to model and endorse a healthy lifestyle and minimize what's in our garbage cans, therefore pencils, stickers or other small token would be appreciated if you're sending something in. Thank you.

RYAN'S LAW - ASTHMA

As you may be aware, *Ryan's Law*, passed years ago by the Ontario Legislature. This piece of legislation is an important step to support the well-being of students with asthma in Ontario schools.

If your child has asthma, we ask that you contact the office to provide information about your child's asthma medication. With permission, your child will be allowed to carry their medication with them.

The Ministry of Education website has resources on asthma that can be found at:
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools/anaphylaxis.html>

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

A reminder that the school bell rings at 8:25 to enter the school and students are marked late if they arrive after 8:30. Should your child be arriving late or will be absent, please call the attendance line (1-855-209-6155) prior to a call home or to your cell.

Letters to parents are sent from the Principal for students that are absent or late for 10 or more days. A second letter will indicate your child has missed 15 or more days so we ask you to please prioritize your child's regular and prompt attendance.

Should you be picking up your child early, please communicate that to the teacher (electronically, note, agenda) so they can be aware and ready for your arrival.

HOLIDAYS & P.A. DAYS

Labour Day	Sept.3, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Oct. 8, 2018
Winter Break	Dec. 24, 2018-Jan. 4, 2019
Family Day	Feb.18, 2019
Spring Break	Mar.11 - Mar.15, 2019
Good Friday	Apr. 19/2019
Easter Monday	Apr.22, 2019
Victoria Day	May 20, 2019
Canada Day	Jul 1, 2019

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS ~ no school for students

Sept. 25, 2018	Feb. 8, 2019
Oct. 5, 2018	June 10, 2019
Nov. 16, 2018	June 28, 2019
Jan. 21, 2019	

Learning for head, heart, and hands in our local built and natural environments.

<http://schools.peelschools.org/1458>