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“Learning is the Work”
Administrators’ Message
Ms K. Ford, Principal & Ms C. Torgunrud, Vice-Principal

Dear Families

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year; the staff at Brunskill School is pleased to have the opportunity to work with your children new and returning. We are excited to have you as part of our Brunskill ‘Community of Learners’.

We are committed to providing the best learning experiences possible for your children. Everything we do at Brunskill is based on current research and thus best practices in education. We always appreciate and encourage parent involvement and feedback, so feel free to contact us at any time. Please consider involvement with our School Community Council and/or Home and School Association. Your contributions make us an even stronger community.

We look forward to the year ahead working with all of the great students and families that make up the positive environment at Brunskill School.

Saskatoon Public Schools’ Board Priorities

In fulfilling the intent of the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP), the Board has identified two priority areas to receive greater focus for the school division. These priorities are Literacy for Life and Collegiate Renewal. The Board recently refreshed these priorities to reflect what was learned during the extensive province wide consultation that took place during the development of the ESSP.

Literacy For Life
All K-8 students will achieve at or above level in reading, writing, and mathematics. They will be engaged in their learning and graduate as active participants in lifelong learning and as responsible, caring, culturally responsive citizens in the community, nation, and world. In pursuit of this goal, we will focus intensively on the engagement, achievement and graduation rates of First Nations, Inuit and Métis students.

Collegiate Renewal
All collegiate students will be engaged in their learning so that they graduate as competent, active participants in life-long learning and as responsible, caring, culturally responsive citizens in the community, nation, and world. In pursuit of this goal, we will focus intensively on the engagement, achievement and graduation rates of First Nations, Inuit and Métis students.
School Community Council

The Vision
School Community Councils are an essential feature of educational planning and decision-making. They are part of the school system and are a primary link between home, community and school. Their Vision for School Community Councils guides their formation, initiatives and evaluation.

The Purpose
The purpose of the School Community Council is to develop shared responsibility for the learning success and well-being of all children and youth; and to encourage and facilitate parent and community engagement in school planning and improvement processes.

School Day
Our school day looks like this:

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<td>8:50</td>
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Our school is fortunate to be able to offer a Before and After Care Program which is staffed by the Boys and Girls Club of Saskatoon. Upon dismissal all students must be picked up or placed in the Before and After Care Program (at the expense of the parents). Students need to leave the building within 15 minutes after dismissal unless attending our aftercare program. The school is not responsible for students without supervision after 3:40 p.m.

Supervision of Students
Staff provides supervision for students from 8:35 - 8:50 a.m., and during recesses. Students should arrive at school no sooner than 15 minutes prior to bell time (this includes the lunch hour) unless they are involved in a scheduled activity for which there is supervision. Upon arrival, students may make use of the waiting rooms during inclement weather. Students are expected to go directly home after school unless they are involved in a classroom or school activity with the prior knowledge of their parents/guardians. Students requested by teachers to stay later than 3:40 p.m. will call their parents to inform them of the delay and will be under the supervision of such teachers.

Students should not be dropped off or picked up in the staff parking lot. Please respect parking restrictions around the school and choose safety over convenience. Please pick up your children by dismissal unless they are in our Before and After program or an after school supervised activity.
**Recess/Noon Breaks**

Brunskill School has a "Fresh Air Policy." Students are expected to go outside during recess and noon hour breaks unless the weather is inclement (extremely cold - wind chill factor of -27°C or wet conditions). On these inside days, children will remain indoors. Please ensure that students come dressed appropriately to enjoy the fresh air experience (dress in layers). Students, who for medical reasons cannot go outside, should carry a **dated** exemption note (short term). For long-term exemption, the principal and teacher must be notified by a doctor’s note.

**Attendance**

To ensure student safety please phone the school and leave a message with the secretary or school message manager if your child will be absent. If we don’t hear from you we will call you. We really need students not to leave the school grounds during the school day without first checking in with their teacher - this is also for their safety. Ensure that children are not arriving late. We want to respect the time of others.

**Emergency Situations and Procedures**

We need to be aware of your emergency arrangements for your children. A situation may occur which necessitates sending a child home. In the event of an emergency, we will try to make contact with parents. If parents are not available, alternative arrangements are necessary. Children also need to know about your arrangements and what your expectations are for them. Please take time to discuss emergency procedures with your children.

Our school has a crisis management plan in place that addresses fire, shelter in place, lock down and evacuation procedures.

Students are required, at all times, to wear shoes. If an emergency occurs where the school must be evacuated, staff will accompany our children to **Luther Tower - 1212 Osler Street (664-0300)**. If it is necessary to evacuate the neighborhood, our students will be bussed to **Walter Murray Collegiate - 1905 Preston Avenue (683-7850)**. You will get a call, text and e-mail from the Everbridge System if we have all your contact information. Updates will also be available on our school website and public media. Do not call us, as we will be trying to reach you. Children will not be sent home unless we can be assured of their safety.

**Before and After School Program**

The Saskatoon Boys’ and Girls’ Club runs a program in Brunskill School. They will look after children starting at 7:30 - 8:50 a.m. and again from 3:25 - 6:00 p.m. Their contact number is 665-1450. They do charge a nominal fee for this service. All children who have to be dropped off at school before 8:30 a.m. and have to be picked up after 3:25 p.m. must use the Before and After School Program. Please no exceptions. **We cannot have unsupervised children just waiting by themselves or with friends or siblings.** This is a very unsafe situation for the children. Please use the program provided to support parent schedules and keep children safe.
Communication Between Home and School

We believe that communication is the cornerstone of building a healthy and happy school and community. If you feel the need or desire to share a concern regarding your children, please call your child’s teacher directly. As always, the principal and vice-principal are available to discuss school related issues, questions or concerns. Please share your thoughts with us.

Newsletters

The Brunskill School newsletter will be sent to you via e-mail. These newsletters will contain important notices and reminders (change of dates, early dismissal times, etc.). Special events, announcements or information that concern just one class, are sent home as the need arises by the classroom teacher.

School Attire

Students are expected to go outside for recesses. Therefore during the cold months students should dress warmly (i.e. hat, mitts and a warm coat). Wet footwear is to be removed upon entry into the school. Students are expected to exercise good taste and to take pride in their personal appearance. As examples - skimpy clothing and t-shirts with inappropriate slogans or advertisements for tobacco or alcohol products should not be worn to school. Students should refrain from wearing muscle shirts, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, tube tops and shorts/skirts that do not reach the tips of their fingers. Students wearing inappropriate clothing will be required to change into something more appropriate or go home to change. We know that we are at odds with some fashion trends but discretion really needs to be practiced in the school and workplace by all.

We expect students to wear proper physical education attire. The wearing of gym shorts (or sweat pants) facilitates easier movement while running shoes provide the necessary traction for safety. Please purchase non-marking gym shoes.

The Saskatoon Public School Division insurance does not cover items belonging to staff or students which are lost or stolen. Please help us by labeling all items that come to school. Students are urged to keep expensive items (cell phones, electronic games, ipods, DS’s, etc), money and trading cards at home. We require your help in developing respect for one’s own and other people’s belongings. Please discuss this topic at home. Lockers and desks remain the property of the school and may be inspected without notice. We invite you to check our “Lost and Found” box by the small gym, junior and senior bootrooms. Unclaimed articles are put on display periodically. Items that are not claimed are donated to an agency in need.
Medical Alert

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to alert their child’s teacher regarding any medical concerns to be aware of. It is very important that medical information is kept current throughout the school year.

Please do not send cough syrup, eardrops or other medications to school with a note asking a teacher to store or to administer these substances. We are not permitted to store or to administer any non-prescription or prescription drugs without a medical release form. To obtain a medical release form, please see the office.

Also, we have students with life-threatening allergies. Classroom teachers will inform you if these conditions exist in your child’s classroom. Please remind your child not to share his/her lunch, but rather enjoy the food that you have sent from home. Brunskill is a "nut alert" school. We encourage all students to leave nut products at home.

Bicycles, Roller blades, Skateboards and Scooters

We encourage families to ensure their children’s safety by instructing them in how to bike, blade and skate properly, to obey the safety rules and to wear proper equipment such as helmets. It is also important to know that the school and the School Division cannot assume responsibility for bikes, blades, boards or scooters that are lost, damaged or stolen during school hours. Should this occur, please call the Saskatoon Police Service.

Upon reaching the school grounds, bicycles should be walked across the playground to be locked to the fences in front of or behind the school. Roller blades, skateboard and scooters, like bicycles, are modes of transportation. They are not to be used on the school grounds during school time. Children should come to the boot rooms to remove their rollerblades.

Lunch Arrangements

Staying at school for lunch is a privilege for students who are unable to go home at noon hour. We believe that children need a break from school routines and should spend time at home in a family setting at noon hour if at all possible.

We believe that everyone has the right to feel safe, comfortable and welcome in our lunchroom. We believe that proper mealtime manners are important.

Please keep the following in mind while enjoying your lunch in our program:

- Get lunch kit and proceed quickly to the lunchroom
- Enter the lunchroom quietly and respectfully
- Stay seated while eating
- Leave hands to self and eat own lunch
- Deposit garbage in the garbage container and recycling in recycling containers
- Stay seated until 12:10. Students will be dismissed when area is clean
- Walk quickly and quietly to locker and put lunch kit away
- Dress appropriately for the weather and head outside
- Everyone should remain outside for the remainder of the lunch period
**Class Trips**

A very important part of the education provided at Brunskill School is the opportunity for out-of-school learning experiences. In the fall, parents or guardians are asked to sign and return to the classroom teacher a letter of permission to allow students to go on class trips. Throughout the year, parents are given advanced written notice through classroom and school newsletters about upcoming trips. Field trips are well-planned experiences, which take advantage of the resources of our city and surrounding area to enrich the regular curriculum. They provide alternative methods that enable staff and students to achieve the educational goals of the school year.

**Resource Program**

The Resource Program is designed to support the instructional needs of students who learn differently due to a variety of exceptionalities in learning styles and strengths. This support may be by direct instruction from the Resource Teacher or through collaborative planning with the classroom teacher or the school team of Education Psychologist, Speech/Language Pathologist, and Counselor. As well, the Resource Teacher may act in conjunction with the classroom teacher and other out-of-school professionals to design an appropriate individual education program for a student requiring different academic support. Our Resource Teachers also provide direct support by co-teaching with our classroom teachers. A process of referral by teacher, parent and other professionals for assessment is part of the protocol of the Resource Teacher. Parents or guardians who have serious concerns regarding their child’s academic progress may request that a referral be made for an academic assessment. Currently, two teachers staff our Resource Program.

**Accident Insurance**

All students subscribe to a basic accident insurance program that provides coverage for injury sustained during the school day or during participation in a school-approved activity. An extended insurance program is also available - which provides coverage 365 days per year, 24 hours per day.

The most commonly accessed coverage under the basic and extended insurance programs include:

1. Dental expense reimbursement.
2. Coverage of costs of ambulance services, prescription drugs, physiotherapy treatment, and rental of crutches associated with accidents.
3. Nominal indemnity for dislocations, fractures, and other miscellaneous injuries.
4. Cost of repair or replacement of eyeglasses up to a maximum of $100 provided that the accident also results in an injury which receives medical attention.

We wish to emphasize to parents that the School Division does not carry any other form of accident insurance to automatically provide coverage to students who may be involved in injuries while at school or who may be involved in school activities outside of school hours. If you are interested in the extended coverage, you are required to make application directly with our insurance agents.
# Saskatoon Public Schools
## 2019-2020 School Year Calendar

Note to Parents and Students: Please check your school’s specific calendar for greater detail.

HOLIDAYS, VACATIONS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS, ETC.
(Schools are open Monday through Friday unless otherwise specified)

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