



# BYRON SOMERSET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## **Newsletter #10 Principal's Message...**

**June 1, 2019**

Once again we find ourselves in the month of June!! The staff at Byron Somerset P.S. wish to extend their thanks and appreciation for all your support this past year. They continue to be very proud of the academic, social, athletic and artistic accomplishments of our students!!

### **Somerset is GROWING!!**

As many of you are aware, we have been allocated 4 additional classes for next year. Somerset has been designated the receiving school for ALL new residential development in both the Wickerson and Riverbend areas, which are located just West of London. With the addition of these new classes, it is our collective hope (school & board), that we are able to avoid any school / class re-organizations come the fall. Fingers crossed!

With growth comes the opportunity to welcome new, amazing staff to our school! I am presently conducting many, many interviews in order to fill new positions, both for teaching and ECEs.

I am very confident that all of our new staff will love our school community which includes a great staff, awesome students and very supportive parents!

We look forward to lots of new faces come the fall; staff, students and parents!!

**Meet the Teacher** has been tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 p.m.**

### **School Organization for 2019-2020:**

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Gr. 1  
Gr. 1/2  
Gr. 2  
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Gr. 4/5            Portable #1  
Gr. 4/5            Portable #2  
Gr. 5/6  
Gr. 6

Gr. 7/8  
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**ASD (Self Contained Class)**

As always, **this organization is tentative** depending on how many students move in and move out, of our school boundary area during the summer months.

**Please inform the SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP, if you are planning to move – thank you.**

Additionally, 'split or combined' classes are a typical form of school organizations these days in all schools. Students will be programmed based on their grade level, no matter which 'side' of the split they are on. My own girls have been in numerous splits in their elementary school career, and I believe they are better for it. Sometimes decisions to have 'split or combined' classes are mandated to schools through Ministry of Education guidelines and sometimes, as in the case of our two Gr. 4/5 classes and our three Gr. 7/8 classes, our in-school staffing committee, with my support and approval, choose to support this configuration. Some reasons being: providing equity and consistency to all students for curriculum programming, providing school administration more opportunities to place new registrants, especially if a large number of one grade level happens to register, and providing greater opportunity to split up certain students or groups of students, so as to create the most productive learning environment for all. Additionally, staff teaching assignments can and do, vary from year to year. It is my educational belief that there is great merit in having a classroom teacher for two consecutive years whenever possible, however, for similar reasons I do not support students having the same teacher for three consecutive years. As indicated in my April newsletter, our staff goes to great length organizing classes for the fall. We do this in an unbiased manner, looking at the needs of EACH student through the 'school lens'. We know your children best in the school environment and we only want the greatest success for each of them.

#### **FIRST DAY PROCEDURES 2019-2020: (Best laid plans . . . ☺)**

At the bell, students **GOING INTO Grades 7 & 8** will be called into their new classes **from the yard outside of the intermediate doors**. They will then proceed from the yard, directly to their new classroom with their new teacher.

Students **GOING INTO Grades 1 to 6** will **line up with their class from LAST YEAR** when the entry bell rings. All staff will be on the yard prior to the entry bell and will assist students in lining up with the appropriate class. No matter which teacher they see at the door when the bell rings, students WILL line up with last year's class. Teachers will accompany last year's class to the gym and sit in their typical "Gotcha" assembly areas, where they will be called to their new classes by their new teacher.

SK students who are moving into Gr. 1 will do the same, by lining up with last year's class and proceeding into the Kindergarten classroom, where they will be gathered by classroom staff and brought to the gym where they will be called to their new Gr. 1 class.

**We know the first day of school is a VERY exciting time for everyone, but we do ask that ONLY STUDENTS proceed into the school when the entry bell rings. Parents are to remain outside, please. (You'll have to wait until noon hour or the end of the day to hear all about your child's first day of school, who their teacher is and who is in their class! ☺)**

**As you can imagine, this is a VERY BUSY time and it can also be somewhat of an emotional time for some students. The sooner we can get our students into their new classrooms, to start learning routines, the better off they will be and the quicker they will settle and begin to develop their independence and comfort.**

Students who are new to the school but have previously registered will be asked to report to the office upon arrival, where they will be escorted to our lunch room with their parents (if they so desire) and wait to be called by various support staff and then taken to their classroom.

Students who are new to the school and who have not yet registered will remain in the office to do so, and then escorted to their classroom once all paperwork has been completed and they have been assigned to a class by the principal.

Returning K2 students (K1 this year) will line up at the Kindergarten door and enter as they did last year. New K1 students will be sent an invitation from our Kindergarten staff in July, indicating an interview time and official 'start day' for the first week of school.

As indicated in our April newsletter, it is just not possible to consider parent requests for class/teacher 'changes'. As you can imagine, many factors are considered in each student's placement and one 'simple switch' can often result in a domino effect for both your child's placement as well as other students. As a staff, we very much try to 'get it right the first time' for everyone! Once again, thank you for your trust as we strive to place your child appropriately, to ensure their greatest academic and social success.

Finally, a reminder that **Term 2 Report Cards, will be sent home on the SECOND LAST day** of school this year; Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Report Cards WILL NOT be available before this date.

Enjoy a wonderful summer! We're looking forward to seeing everyone back in September!!

J. Pratt, Principal

### **French News**

On June 13th from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm there will be a French Cultural Concert for grades 4-8 courtesy of the Bilingual Heritage Grant that Mme. Bhatti has organized for the school. Students will enjoy the production of Educorock singing and celebrating French culture with the help of Etienne and DJ.Delf.

Merci ! Mme. Bhatti



### **Snack Day**

Snack Day will be held on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Student Council**

Thank you to the Somerset Community for their generosity yet again. We were able to take 2 carloads of items to Merrymount Children's Centre from our spring donation drive.



Our final spirit day for the year will be held on Thursday, June 27. Let's celebrate the start of summer with Hawaiian Day!

## Lost & Found Items

Lost and found items will be on display from June 17<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. Any remaining clothes/items after this date will be donated to a charitable organization.



## May Award Winners

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Somerset Star</b>	<b>Mathematicians</b>
Mrs. Brosnan's K2/Gr 1 Class	Raddin S.	Jacob A. Sadie B.
Mrs. Singer's Gr 1/2 Class	Maxim C.	Avery B. Makayla L.
Mrs. Fleming's Gr 1/2 Class	Ailin N.	Fiza A. Grace G.
Mrs. Heyland's Gr 2 Class	Brody K.	Ben B. Parker B.
Mrs. Varey's Gr 3 Class	Peyton L.	Aanya A. Charlie N.
Mrs. Armeniakov's Gr 3/4 Class	Eve G.	Ericka J. Luciana G.
Mr. Bogart's / Mr. Thomson's Grade 4 Class	Elliott R.	Noah F. Bella M.
Ms. Pasko's Gr 5 Class	Keira C.	Ryan D. Liv D. Liam N.
Ms. Kieken's Grade 5/6 Class	Rockwell C.	Ella H. Josh H. Ishita P.
Mr. Dawson's Grade 6 Class	Quinn B.	Charlotte L. Liam H.
Miss Descrochers' Grade 7 Class	Ryan R.	Jackson B. Alexis W. Amanda W.
Mrs. Russell's Grade 8 Class	Hillary H.	Camden S.

## Protect your skin and eyes from the sun

1. **Time of Day:** Limit time in the sun when the UV index is 3 or higher, usually between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
2. **Shade:** Seek shade or make shade using an umbrella or pop up shade shelter.
3. **Cover up:** Wear clothes that cover as much skin as possible or UV protective clothing. Wear a wide brim hat or baseball cap with flaps that cover the head, neck or ears.
4. **Sunscreen:** Apply plenty of sunscreen with SPF 30 or more, labelled "broad spectrum" and "water resistant". Reapply after swimming, sweating or towelling.
5. **Sunglasses:** Wear close fitting/wrap-around sunglasses with UV 400 or 100% UV protection.



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## Free or Low-Cost Activities at Investing in Children's Kids1st Day Friday, June 7, 2019

On the PA Day, Friday, June 7th, enjoy **free or low-cost** activities at **over 50 London locations!**

Choose from **arts, swimming, mini-golf, scavenger hunts, science experiments, a bee show, gardening, indoor and outdoor play parks, museum visits** and more!



View a full list of participating locations, times and activities as well as a list of prizes that can be won at: [www.investinginchildren.on.ca/kids-first-day](http://www.investinginchildren.on.ca/kids-first-day).

*Kids 1st Day, presented by Investing in Children and sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Forest-City London, is a celebration of all the wonderful opportunities available to London families and the committed people, businesses and organizations that make this city great!*

# June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Day 10 Class Pictures 9:00 am	4 Day 11 T & F Valley Finals	5 Day 12 Raindate for T & F Valley Finals	6 Day 13 MLHU Dental Screening JK,SK,Gr 2 & 7  Gr 8 Class to Environmental Centre	7 PA DAY	8
9	10 Day 11 Gr 7/8 Band Trip to Canada's Wonderland	11 Day 12 Raindate for Class Pictures 1:00 pm	12 Day 13 Gr 1/2 & 2 Classes to Clovermead	13 Day 14 Gr 7 Class to Environmental Centre  French Concert Gr 4-8  New JK Open House 4:00-5:00 pm	14 Day 15 Snack Day 	15
16	17 Day 16 Ottawa – Gr 8s	18 Day 17 Ottawa – Gr 8s  Gr 3 Safety Presentation	19 Day 18 Ottawa – Gr 8s  Fleetway – Gr 3s  Sports Western Gr 4-6	20 Day 19	21 Day 20 Kustermans K2K2 & K2/Gr 1 Classes	22
23	24 Day 21	25 Day 22 Fanshawe Conservation Gr 1/2 Classes	26 Day 23 Report Cards Go Home  Graduation 6:00 pm 	27 Day 24 Hawaiian Day   Last Day Of School	28 PA DAY	29 