



BYRON SOMERSET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Lest We Forget.

Principal's Message

Given everything going on in the world, it has been a wonderful fall at Byron Somerset! Our students and staff continue to follow the Health Unit, Covid-19 Safety Protocols with vigilance. Our students appear happy and well regulated,

with positive mental health. It is so nice to see their smiling 'eyes' throughout the day!

I hope you are also feeling this way!

I can't believe we are now in November, a short six weeks away from Christmas holidays!

A few points of clarity this year around Parent-Teacher Interviews and Remembrance Day.

Progress Report Cards will go home on Friday, November 13th. **Parent-Teacher interviews** like in past years will occur at the request of the teacher OR the parent. Unless mutually agreed upon prior to the interview, all interviews will take place by **phone**. If a 'virtual' call, is preferred by the parent, it must occur through the board's approved platform, Microsoft Teams. Zoom is not permitted. Arrangements must obviously be made ahead of time and scheduled at a mutually arranged time. These virtual calls will also be recorded for the protection of both parent and staff member.

Our upcoming, school **Remembrance Day assembly**, will occur on Wednesday, November 11th. This year, individual homeroom teachers will be leading their class in various Remembrance Day activities and Reflections which have been shared centrally, with all schools. Each class will also be making a wreath as in past years and placing it, at scheduled times occurring prior to 11:00 am, in a visible location within the school. This display of Remembrance will remain in place for all students to see in the days following our school wide recognition.

At approximately, 10:50 am, I will share some school wide words of Remembrance over the PA followed by a recording of the Last Post, two minutes of silence, the Revelry and the playing of O' Canada. The importance of this day remains significant in all our lives. This year will be no different, even though we will recognize it in a slightly modified manner, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

On a final note, we are offering a 'last call' for any families who have yet to contribute \$5.00 for this year's student planner. School Cash Online will remain open until 4:00 pm this Friday.

Thank you for your continued support, your trust and for sharing your beautiful kids with us, everyday!

J. Pratt, Principal

Immunization Clinics

The Middlesex London Health Unit will be offering clinics on the following dates:

Grade 7 Students—Two doses of Hepatitis B and Gardasil-9 Vaccine and one dose of Menactra vaccine.
(December 9th @ 1:00 pm)

(and any Grade 8 students absent last year and have a consent on file)

Spring 2021 – Date TBA – Hep B #2 and Gardasil-9 #2

(and any Grade 8 students absent on previous clinic dates and have signed consent on file)

Information packages have been sent home with all eligible students. Please read over all the information carefully with your child. Signed consents are to be sent back to the school before the date of the first clinic. If you have any questions regarding the school vaccination program, please contact the Middlesex London Health Unit at 519-663-5317 ext. 2330.