



BYRON SOMERSET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

With leaves changing colours and cooler weather coming, it's clear that October is here!

As the temporary principal for only two weeks, I'd like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. As of October 12, Mrs. Cindy Kissau will be the temporary

principal during Mrs. Masterson's absence.

Please take care of yourselves and your families and remember, in a world where you can be anything, be kind 😊

Halloween

I have directed staff to encourage **Orange and Black for ALL grade levels, including Kindergarten**, on Friday October 29th. I would ask that you please refrain from sending your little one in a costume, especially since Halloween is on a Sunday. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Kiss n Ride

I would like to first THANK all parents who are using this drop off area SAFELY. Once again, the ONLY area you are permitted to drop your kids off, is up at the front of the school, in between the green turtles, by the flagpole. Parents of primary aged students, please DO NOT drop your kids off at the back end of the parking lot by the garbage dumpsters. We have NO STAFF SUPERVISION in this area; therefore, I cannot ensure student safety. Please do not park in the parking lot, as there aren't enough spots for as many parents.

Additionally, please DO NOT park anywhere on the street directly in front of the school, on either side. We have several special needs vans, as well as four school busses moving in and out of this area, both in the morning and afternoon. We also have a student cross walk area in front of the school. Please help us out here. This area and our school parking lot will only get more dangerous when the snow arrives (hopefully not for a while!!)

We continue to follow Board protocol with regard to Covid, so thanks for your continued used of the "door bell" at the front doors and for sending your children in without you. We do want to limit the number of visitors into our building.

Once again, thank you for all your support. Have a great weekend and a great October!!

Mrs. Shewfelt

Student Accident Insurance

This year there will not be paper copies of the student accident insurance brochures delivered to the schools. Please visit <https://insuremykids.com/> if you wish to purchase.

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear is back by popular demand! The store will be open from October 1st – 14th. Please indicate in the notes which child to send the items with. <https://www.sourceteamworks.com/search?q=Byron+Somerset>

Mrs. Brosnan

School Council

The Byron Somerset School Council has completed our school year election for the 2021-2022 school year.

The role of School Council is to review and address issues related to our children's education at the school, board and ministry of education level. We provide advice to the school principal and, where appropriate to the board. Council also generates and distributes funds to enable school projects that provide many extras, such as, Chromebooks, iPads, library books, supplies for teachers' classes, gym equipment.

School Council raises money in various ways but a large part of our funds have always come from our hot lunch program and snack days – over \$17,000 each year. We are planning Byron Pizza Family nights, which will see \$5 from every family order (see attached flyer) coming back to the school. The first of two such nights will be October 27th.

Also, follow the [Byron Somerset Facebook](#) page for updates and reminders. And as always, please feel free to reach out to the School Council at any time at sc-byronsomerset@tvpic.ca

Kindest regards,
School Council

United Way

After a hiatus last year, Byron Somerset will once again be supporting the United Way of London and Area! Staff will be fundraising by holding a "COVID-safe" luncheon and participating in other activities while the students will get to wear their hats on Friday October 22nd for our annual "Hat Day for United Way". Please check your e-mail for a School Cash Online notice as all donations will be made online. All students are encouraged to wear their craziest hats to support this wonderful charity that helps many people in our community. Thank you in advance for your help.

Planners

Any families who have yet to contribute \$5.00 for this year's student planner are asked to visit school cash online for payment.



Multi-Language Library Books

Many of our Somerset Stars speak and read in different languages at home. We encourage our students to learn in English and in their first languages. To this end, if you have children's or young adult books in your native language at home that you think other children would enjoy reading, please consider donating them to our library. We have many students who speak Arabic, Korean and a wide variety of other languages who might enjoy having the chance to read in their first language at school so please send them in to your child's teacher and we will circulate them. Thank you!

Staffing Update

Based on September's enrollment data and an increase in the number of classes, we now have 21 classes. We have interviewed and hired for the Grade ½ class, and the .4 primary prep positions. We thank Ms. Everest and Ms. Noddle for their time and care with classes for the start of the school year. Our staff for the Grade ½ will now be Ms. Noddle and the .4 prep teacher will be Ms. Groodoyal. They are both ensuring a smooth transition for the students, which we appreciate!

Portables

We received two portables last week, so we now have four! Once electrical, facilities and IT have done their work, and our custodial staff have had two days to clean and wax the floors, we will be able to plan the moves from classrooms. Ms. Kiekens and Mrs. Armeniakos will be moving to the portables once we have the "all clear", which may be another two weeks. After they're moved in, we will schedule the moves from the Learning Commons and lunchroom (Grade ½ Everest/Noddle and Grade 2/3 Crukley) to rooms 168 and 175. We look forward to having students and staff settled and comfortable in their new "homes" for the rest of the school year.

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. **(November 17 @ 1:00 pm)**
(and any Grade 8 students absent last year and have a consent on file)

Spring 2022 – 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.