



BYRON SOMERSET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Dear Families

Thank you so much for the very warm welcome to Byron Somerset! I am looking forward to meeting everyone as the year progresses. Something that has stood out to me in the last couple of weeks, is how kind our students are. I have really enjoyed witnessing how well our students treat each other when they are playing outside at recess. The excellent sportsmanship between students is outstanding!

Speaking of sports, information regarding sports clubs will follow shortly. The TVDSB Sports Council meets this week and we look forward to finding out what opportunities we can offer our students soon.

As you know, we are a growing community and we need more space for all of our students! In the next two weeks, we will be receiving two portables so that we can spread out a bit more. Our grade two students will be able to move out of the lunch room and into a classroom. Some of our Grade 4 students will be moving into one of the portables.

Information regarding any possible reorganization will also be available soon. We do have quite large class sizes, especially in our Kindergarten classes at the moment. Stay tuned for more information...

C. Masterson
Principal



Bell Times for Grades FDK - 8

Morning Entry :	9:00 a.m.
Morning Recess:	10:10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.
Lunch:	11:45 am - 12:45 pm
Afternoon Entry:	12:45 p.m.
Afternoon Recess:	2:05 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.
Dismissal:	3:30 p.m.

NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR

If you or someone you know is interested in working as a noon hour supervisor, please contact the office.

No Dogs on School Property

As a reminder, please keep all dogs at home if you plan on dropping off or picking up your kids during the day. As well, please feel welcome to visit our school in accordance with our Safe Schools Policy

School Cash on Line

ALL parents are asked to sign up for this electronic service if you have not yet done so. All field trips, hot lunch orders, planners, etc. will be paid through this electronic pathway. No cash/cheques are accepted. Please visit <https://tvdsb.schoolcashionline.com> to register.

Planners

Each student from grades 1 to 8 has been given a student planner at a cost of \$5.00. Payment to be made online. Please visit <https://tvdsb.schoolcashionline.com> to register.



Bus Cancellations & Delays

For information on bus cancellations and delays, please use the Student Transportation Service (STS) website at www.mybigyellowbus.ca. Using the student ID#, parents are able to log into the portal and access their student's transportation arrangements.



Orange Shirt Day

On Thursday, September 30, Byron Somerset will take part in Orange Shirt Day. Along with many schools across the Thames Valley School board, students and staff are encouraged to wear orange to honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools. It is also a chance to focus on anti-racism and anti-bullying efforts as the school year kicks off.



Somerset Soup Drive

In support of the Byron Cares Food Bank at Byron United church, we will be collecting cans of soup from October 4th to 8th.

What a great way to help others in our community, as we approach the long Thanksgiving weekend!

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Singer's Grade Two Class

Culture Corner

We wish all our Korean students and families a very happy Chuseok!

Chuseok ("choo-suhk") is one of the biggest holidays in Korea. It is sometimes referred to as "Korean Thanksgiving" because it's a harvest festival and a special time for family and friends. This year Chuseok is celebrated September 20 - 22.

Have a nice Chuseok with your family. 가족들과 함께 즐거운 추석 보내세요.

Mrs. Morton, ESL

School Council News

Just the reminder for interested parents to please return the Parent Council Nomination Forms that were emailed. Our first School Council Meeting is virtual on Monday, October 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Student Accident Insurance

For the 2021-22 school year, families who wish to purchase student accident insurance, please click on links below.

<https://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/>

<https://insuremykids.com>

Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical / Health Conditions in Schools / IPOCS

To ensure children with **potentially life-threatening medical conditions** remain safe while attending school, TVDSB requests Parents/Guardians update the necessary medical information on the Parent Portal so that an Individual Plan of Care (IPOC) for the student can be reviewed by the school's administration.

****Parents who have received electronic notifications of outstanding forms received by the school, please submit these electronically as soon as possible.**

Medical conditions considered potentially life-threatening may include:

1. Asthma
2. Anaphylaxis
3. Epilepsy
4. Type 1 Diabetes
5. Any other potentially life-threatening condition that could result in a medical incident* (discuss with your school administrator)

Parents/Guardians can provide important information about their child's life-threatening or prevalent medical condition by logging into the TVDSB Parent Portal and clicking on the following tab: **Student Medical Information**. Once an Individual Plan of Care is submitted, the school administrator will then review the information. Parents/Guardians may be contacted for further information, if required.

Parents/Guardians who cannot access the Parent Portal on the Internet should contact the school office.

Please note that Parents/Guardians are expected to be active participants in supporting the management of the student's prevalent medical condition(s) while the student is in school. **It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to inform the school of such conditions to ensure the student's safety at school.**

**A medical incident is a circumstance that requires an immediate response and monitoring, since the incident may progress to an emergency requiring contact with Emergency Medical Services – 911.*



Protecting Students with Allergies

The number of life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) is increasing. On January 1, 2006 **Sabrina's Law** came into effect to help protect students from these allergies, the most common being nuts and insect stings. Its goal is education and prevention. The law has implications for stakeholders of Ontario's publically funded boards. It is the parents' responsibility to provide the school with medical information, an emergency plan and an up-to-date supply of epi-pens or prescribed medication. We have students with nut allergies at Byron Somerset. Please refrain from sending items in your children's lunches that are made from nuts. **Ryan's Law** was recently passed by the Ontario Legislature in support of the well-being of students with asthma in our schools. With your permission, your child will be allowed to carry their asthma medication.

Parking Lot and Traffic Safety

In the interest of student safety, parents who pick up or drop off their children are reminded to obey signs in the parking lot and in front of the school. This means refraining from parking in handicap parking spaces, blocking the Fire Route, and obeying the no stopping signs located at the far end of the parking lot near the Day Care entrance. Likewise, on Whisperwood Avenue, parents are to refrain from parking or dropping students off in the bus loading zone. If parents drop off students, they should be careful to do so that the student exits the vehicle on the sidewalk side of Whisperwood. Students are to use the crosswalks at all times. Extra vigilance is needed by drivers and pedestrians at all times but especially in winter months with snowy and slippery conditions.

Footwear - Indoor & Outdoor/Jewellery

Seeing that your child has a pair of indoor shoes at school is appreciated. Running shoes as the indoor shoes are the safest for physical education classes. Reserving one pair of shoes for indoor use keeps them free of mud and grit. Not only does it help keep our school clean, it helps keep our school safer. A clean floor is less slippery and thus safer, particularly in the gym, where students will be running. Whether physical education classes or recess, outside play often involves running, jumping, and skipping. Again, running shoes are best, unless the weather calls for boots. Additionally, exposed jewellery of any kind can not be worn during Physical Education classes and all students will be required to remove such items (e.g. earrings, necklaces, rings, watches, etc.)
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School-level Communication to the Public

The Thames Valley District School Board supports individuals of all abilities. If you require any information provided by the school in an accessible format, please contact the school for assistance.