

# Brookside Public School

## January 2020

Dear Families,

We would like to welcome you back. We hope you had a safe and happy holiday season!

2020 brings some changes to Brookside. In December we said, good-bye to Mr. Levy who was promoted to Principal at Wexford Public School. We would like to welcome Mrs. Sirbos as our new Vice Principal!

December was a great month at Brookside! Thank you to Ms. Benta, Ms. Gilbert, Ms. Warren and the entire planning committee for the wonderful Winter Concert! The students did a fabulous job thanks to your leadership and guidance.

Congratulations goes out to the Grade 7 Boys' Volleyball Team and the Grade 7 Girls'

Basketball Team. Under the coaching of Mr. Lyn and Mr. Chu, they both won the Eastern Conference Championship!

A big congratulations goes out to Mr. Spencer, Ms. Lee, Ms. Benta, Mrs. Wilson and the robotics team for competing this past weekend at the East Provincial Championship, where they were presented with the Gracious Professionalism Award!

We know 2020 will be a great year! As a reminder, Parent Council is the first Monday of each month. January's meeting was postponed to Monday, February 3. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

L. Allison, Principal

S. Sirbos, Vice Principal

### What's happening in January?

#### *Tamil Heritage Month*

- Jan 17—P.A. Day
- Jan. 29—Cookie Day
- Jan 31—Graduation Pictures

## IMPORTANT ITEMS

### School Day

As a reminder, the school day begins at 8:35 am. Students who arrive after that time are late. Lunch is from 11:25 am to 12:25 pm. Lunches are to be prepared ahead and brought with the students. We encourage a litter less lunch. Please ensure an adult is there to pick up your child promptly for the 3:15 pm dismissal.

### Pick-up and Drop-off

Please remember, pick-up and drop-off of students is done through their designated entry and exit doors.

The parking lot is for staff parking and is not to be used as a pick-up and/or drop-off zone.

## News From Room 223— Grade 3/4—Ms. Scavuzzo

The Grade 3/4 students in Room 223 have been working on an inquiry project since school began. We are trying to find ways to help the United Nations fulfill their Sustainable Development Goal (SDG #2) of zero hunger. This project is being done in collaboration with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) as part of their goIT programme, run by a former Brookside teacher, Ms. Bahri.

The students showed a great deal of empathy when developing solutions to help figure out a way to provide food for those in need. They came up with the idea of building a community food box where donations could be kept and families who need food could visit. We are also working on developing an app so that donations can be tracked and you can indicate when a food item has been removed from the box.

Our idea was selected as one of the Top 10 projects in the TDSB! This is an incredible accomplishment for such a young group of students, who are working together for the very first time! As a result of their work, TCS is awarding each student with their very own bag of prizes.

I am so proud of the empathy and kindness shown by the students. They are working to make a positive change for families in our area and to show everyone that anyone, no matter how old can make a difference! Congratulations to Ananya, Nima, Ashwinthan, Aahil, Harini, Shajana, Ajenes, Abishan, Shariniha, Taliyah, Sabbresh, Sanojan, Arisha, Heetvi, Arjunan, Ashveka, Vandana, Iniya, Pakeershan, Brennan, Shanan, Arushie, Abisa, and Mahathi.



## From The Global Citizens:

### Battery Drive Year-Long Event

In November, the Global Citizens introduced the Battery Drive that we are coordinating in partnership with a company called Teck. As one of the world's largest producers of zinc, Teck is committed to helping solve the global health issue of zinc deficiency through therapeutic zinc, zinc supplementation, food fortification, crop nutrition, awareness and advocacy. Our Zinc Saves Lives Battery Recycling Campaign gives Brookside families the opportunity to recycle used batteries to help save the lives of children. For every battery recycled, Teck will donate the value of zinc recycled to WE in support of zinc and health programming in Kenya. A battery collection box can be found on the second floor near the staircase to Door 3.



## Extra-Curricular

Brookside has had an active and amazing past few months. Here are some updates on the extra-curricular teams and their journey to victory!

In the fall, over 60 students from Brookside (grades 3-8), participated in TDSB's cross-country meet at Thompson Park. The cold weather proved to be a challenge but students ran a hard race and many moved on to the next meet. There were excellent runners, and Brookside had 4 top finishers in the city - Shanthoish, Sathveegan, Kellon and Shangeeith. Congratulations to all participants!

On December 7th, the robotics team institute traveled to Woburn Collegiate to compete in the First Lego League. The team showed incredible teamwork and supported each other throughout the day. The team remained professional and were able to push through adversity. They made it to the East Provincial Championship, competing at Durham college on January 11, 2020 where they won the **Gracious Professionalism Award!** Way to go, Bulldogs!



## **Extra-Curricular (cont'd)**

The Brookside Intermediate boy's volleyball team had a fantastic season. Through 10 matches the Bulldogs had a perfect 10-0 record. On Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at Churchill C.I they defeated Joseph Howe Sr. Public School in the Semi Finals and Joseph Brant Public School in the finals in straight sets crowning our boys the Scarborough Champions. They went on to compete for the City title at Humber College as representatives from the East and placed 3rd overall. Amazing Job, Brookside!

After winning the East Conference Championships last year and then going on to being crowned Grade 6 City Champions, the girls basketball team defended their title as Scarborough's best by defeating Sir Alexander Mackenzie by a score of 39-23. The girls improved their game in all areas and went undefeated this year. Well Done Team!

What a fantastic way to end off 2019! We look forward to the exciting opportunities 2020 has to offer for students of Brookside! Go Bulldogs!

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