

September 2, 2014

Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year at Bruce P.S., and to Room 5 and 6! We greatly look forward to working with you to help make this year a happy and successful one for your child. The following are some of our school and class routines for your information.

### School/Classroom Rules

In addition to the Tribes agreements (Mutual Respect, Attentive Listening, No Putdowns, and Participation/Right to Pass), together we will be discussing the responsibilities/rules that will help to keep a positive and safe learning environment in the classroom and school. We will also be discussing the school board's character trait of the month. In the event of serious or frequent misbehaviours, a note or phone call home will be made to facilitate discussion between you and your child and help promote consistency between home and school.

### Our Schedule

We will be following a Day 1 to Day 5 (not Monday to Friday) schedule. Please refer to the Toronto District School Board Elementary School Year Calendar 2014-2015 to determine which particular Day it is. As we settle into the first few days/weeks into the new school year, a weekly class schedule will be finalized and sent home for your information.

### Indoors and Outdoors

Morning and Afternoon Recess (10:20 - 10:35 a.m. and 2:05 - 2:20 p.m., respectively):

Please ensure your child is dressed for outdoor play everyday.

Gym (Room 5: Day 1, 2, 3, and 5; Room 6: Day 1, 2, 3, and 4): Please ensure that your child wears appropriate footwear/clothing for participation in Physical Education classes.

Rainy/Snowy weather: In order to keep our classroom carpet and floor clean and dry, please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes to wear in the classroom and hallways. This may be stored at school in your child's shared cubby space. You may choose to label your child's shoes in order to prevent mix-ups.

### Homework

Homework will often take the form of reading (we suggest 20 minutes daily for Grade 2 students and 30 minutes daily for Grade 3 students), playing a variety of games, having discussions and interactive activities such as building and cooking with the family.

### Water Containers

Students are suggested to bring reusable containers (BPA free) filled with water to school. This will help save time and reduce distractions of going to the water fountain during class time and after gym periods.

### Snacks

Students are provided with a healthy snack each morning. Your monthly contributions (\$5.00 /month is recommended) will ensure that our school's snack program continues successfully. If you wish to send snacks from home with your child, please avoid sending unhealthy foods such as chips and candy, as we wish to promote healthy eating throughout our school. If you or your child would like to bring in a snack to be shared with the class during the year, please check with us in advance, as some students have food allergies/restrictions. Please ensure that food brought to school contains no nuts or traces of nuts.

Thank you in advance for your support, and we look forward to meeting you during our school's Potluck and Curriculum Night, which will be held on Thursday, September 25 (more details will be sent home from school at a later date). In addition, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us anytime during the school year.

We look forward to an enjoyable and successful school year together!

Sincerely,

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