Happy New Year!

December was a memorable month here at Braeside. We had many exciting events and activities for our students, right up to the last day of school before winter break!

We began the month with our Quest Theatre residency. Students chose a virtue as a class, and worked with a professional theatre group to determine how to best portray the virtue through a dramatic presentation. Students took pride and ownership in their work, and were happy to show off what they had done at 2 shows on Friday, December 9th.

During the evening performance, we were incredibly excited to unveil our new Braeside School logo! This was the culmination of months’ worth of work and collaboration between students, staff, graphic designers, and artists. A huge thanks to Lorraine for her work creating the logo, and to Tiffany for putting the finishing touches on it and creating the banner for us. All students in the school will receive a new Braeside School shirt with the new logo thanks to School Council. We will be requesting sizes for the order in the New Year.

Our choir had 2 opportunities to sing outside of the school this year. First, they traveled to the local community centre to sing for the seniors. This is an annual tradition that is very much appreciated. Our choir also had the chance to sing at the Core downtown for many people, followed by a skate at Olympic Plaza. Both were great opportunities for our students to perform publicly while spreading some holiday cheer!

On the final Thursday of classes, we held our annual gingerbread house night, which was a huge success. We sold over 100 gingerbread houses for the second year in a row! It was a memorable evening of holiday cheer and community building. Thanks to school council for sponsoring these events.

Happy New Year, and I am looking forward to working with you and your child(ren) in the upcoming months.

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School News

Kindergarten Registration Information
Registration for the 2016/17 school year will begin Monday, January 9th. To be eligible to register, students must be five years of age by March 1st 2018. We ask that you bring your child’s birth certificate or passport and proof of address to complete the application process.

The number of registrations that we have will determine how many classes we have. All students who reside within our boundary areas are guaranteed a placement at the school; however we are not able to guarantee that every parent will receive the ‘time slot’ of choice. For the upcoming year, we are planning on having one or two morning classes, but that could change depending on registration numbers.

We will be hosting a parent information night in May. This evening is an excellent opportunity for you to gain insights into the structure of our Kindergarten program, to tour the school and meet other parents. Further information will follow.

Should you have any questions regarding the program or the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at 777-8470.

January Dance Residency
For five days over a two week span in January, students at Braeside will be taking part in a dance residency with an organization called Play Now. This will be an opportunity for students to learn some new kinesthetic skills, as well as having some fun with something different! Thanks to School Council for supporting us in providing these opportunities for our students.

Staffing Updates
We are thrilled to welcome two new staff members to Braeside School. Ms. Lanette Ballard will be working as an educational assistant in our kindergarten class, and Ms. Brenda Palmer will be working as an Educational Assistant in grade 1 during the morning.

Thanks
Extra special thanks to all of the parents who supported the school in various events throughout the month of December. Between gingerbread night, the winter celebration, and the various other events throughout the month we relied heavily on the support of our parents. We couldn’t do it without you.

We would also like to thank all involved with the staff appreciation lunch. We all feel very thankful to have such a supportive parent group!
Kindergarten registration begins Jan. 9, 2017
 Calgary Board of Education

FRI., JAN. 20, 2017
7:00 PM

CBE NIGHT WITH THE HITMEN

SPECIAL TICKET OFFER
$12.00

SPECIAL OFFER
$2.00 FROM EACH TICKET GOING TO THE FUEL FOR SCHOOL PROGRAM

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE
ENTER OFFER CODE: CBEFUEL

HitmenHockey.com
STUDENT NIGHT

OPEN TO STUDENTS, STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES

$37 TICKET OFFER

FOR EACH TICKET SOLD THE FLAMES WILL DONATE $10.00 BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL!*  
Each student in attendance will be entered into a draw to ride the Zamboni.

3 GAMES TO CHOOSE FROM

NOV. 10 - 7:00 PM  |  JAN. 11 - 7:00 PM  |  FEB. 28 - 7:00 PM

TO PURCHASE TICKETS GO TO CALGARYFLAMES.COM/STUDENTNIGHT

FOR ORDERS OF 20 TICKETS OR MORE PLEASE CONTACT SPENCER LAIRD 403-777-4523 | slaird@calgaryflames.com

*Schools that purchase less than 20 tickets will have their donations pooled and donated to the CBE’s Fuel for School Breakfast Program. While quantities last. Orders will be processed within 48 hours. Seating is in the Press Level on a first come first serve basis.
Pre-Kindergarten Educational Services  
-at Braeside School-  
Pre-Kindergarten - ages 3-5 yrs. (Pre-K)  

Pre-Kindergarten is an early literacy program combining play with learning. Our children play and explore our classroom while gaining valuable social skills which also help prepare them for Kindergarten. Activity centers include math readiness, science, literacy, fine motor work (printing / cutting), art/craft, painting, sand/water, play dough, puzzles, blocks, story corner, and toys. Enrichment activities throughout the year include special visitors who bring music, yoga, and Spanish to the children.  

WINTER SESSION NEWS  
Winter themes are “Winter Wonderland”, “Valentine’s Day”, “Dinosaurs”, and an enhancement of our early literacy journey with “Famous Authors”. We also look forward to a visit from Mad Science this Winter Session.  

REGISTRATION FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN  
Space is available for THIS year!  
Email RegisterPre@gmail.com to Register.  

PRE-REGISTRATION for Fall 2017-2018: January 16 -20, 2017  
Current families, past families, and wait list families  
Come to classroom #104 during this week to register:  
Monday to Friday @ 8:30 or 11:30 am  
M/W/F afternoon registration also available at 12:30 or 3:30 pm  
You can also register by email. RegisterPreK@gmail.com  

OPEN HOUSE for NEW families  
February 2nd:  4:30 – 6:00 pm  

GENERAL REGISTRATION for Fall 2017-2018  
February 15th: 6:00 – 7:30 pm  

Website: www.Pre-KindergartenEd.com  
Registrar: RegisterPreK@gmail.com
Financial supports for school fees and waivers

With the current economic uncertainty some families are telling us they are having difficulty affording the fees we charge. These include fees for services such as transportation and noon supervision as well as instructional supplies and materials.

Public education is about values and choices. After extensive engagement with our communities, the decision was made to keep dollars in the classroom instead of subsidizing fees. This decision allows us to continue to provide a quality public education experience for all learners. Fees are charged only to cover the costs for the services or materials we provide.

Our own statistics reflect what is happening in the community. In 2012-13, waivers made up 6.7 per cent of total fee revenue. In 2015-16, waivers made up 11.8 per cent of fee revenue. For this school year, we are noticing that the waiver rate continues to increase but is beginning to slow.

We provide financial supports and services to assist families in need. Our waivers system ensures that no child is denied the right to public education. We are proud that our waiver process is in place to support all families, no matter how large or small, who need financial support to assist with school fees.

We offer both an income-based waiver and a principal-approved waiver, which means that any family facing economic hardship can receive support, whether or not they meet the provincial low-income threshold.

Our principals approve waivers for families on a case-by-case basis. In addition we offer flexible payment options for all of our fees so that payments can be spread out over time.

Please do not hesitate to ask your school staff about options and assistance should your family need it.

Stay in the loop regarding our budget

We want to make sure you are informed on our budget and the choices we make to ensure students come first.

Please visit cbe.ab.ca/budget to view our budget as well as supporting documents such as the Resource Allocation Method for Schools to learn how our schools are funded. Here you can also find a link to Dollars & Sense, where our chief financial officer responds to comments and questions.

As always, we are happy to hear from you regarding our budget. Please visit our website for links to our budget feedback form and information on all of our system engagement opportunities.

David Stevenson
Chief Superintendent of Schools