



William E. Brown Public School

STUDENTS RETURN TO WEB FOR ANOTHER YEAR!

As students return to school at WEB, I am sure that you all have many questions and we are going to do our best to provide you with timely answers. We appreciate your patience as the WEB staff work through how we are going to ensure the safety of everyone in the building. We will be teaching students how to hand wash/sanitize properly and reminding them to do this throughout the day. We will be helping them learn to maintain 2 meters of physical distancing both in the classroom and when outside. Grade 4-8 students will be learning how to wear a mask throughout the day and to safely take mask breaks. Protocols and routines will be established for students to transfer between classrooms, use the washroom, eat during nutrition breaks and play outside during fitness breaks. There are going to be growing pains with this whole process, but please know that we are doing our best to provide a safe and comfortable return to school. Thank you for your support in discussing all these changes with your child at home.

TEAM WEB

We are excited about the WEB team for the 2020-2021 school year.

Kindergarten 1 - T. DiCostanzo, M. Banford (Mason)

Kindergarten 2 - S. Gruarin, N. Ricica

Grade 1 - L. Carella

Grade 1/2 - C. Fortin

Grade 2/3 - S. Haining

Grade 3 - L. Stuart

Grade 4/5 - D. Cote

Grade 5/6 - V. Hudak

Grade 6/7 - T. Premi

Grade 8 - N. Clarke

FSL - D. Hillhouse

Prep - A. Gooderham

LRT - R. Bronn

Educational Assistants - J. Bartlett, J. Crytes

A. Robins

Youth Counsellor - C. Dobbin

Social Worker - TBD

Secretary - L. Traver

Caretaking - S. Thompson

Lunch Supervisors - M. Dressel, L. Jones, C. Rusica

Principal - J. Tye

The staff is looking forward to working with your child(ren) over the course of the year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - September 23

Our first School Council meeting will be on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 pm .

ORANGE T-SHIRT DAY - September 30

All students are invited to wear orange as we recognize and celebrate Indigenous culture. Students are invited to wear orange and a guest speaker will be coming that day.

THEME FOR 2020-2021

Our grade 8 students have chosen the theme of

Be Brave

Be Strong

Be Kind

for the 2020-2021 school year!

It seems like the perfect choice as many students have been affected by the covid pandemic and we want them to be brave despite their fears and strong in their determination to do their best and, as always, kind to everyone! We are looking forward to a great year.

WEB PROTOCOLS DUE TO COVID

Daily Student Self-Assessment

Parents will be asked to complete an assessment of their child's health before sending her/him to school each day. Parents will be asked to sign a form indicating that they agree to perform this function at home each day and arrange for someone to pick up their child immediately in the event that they are exhibiting Covid-like symptoms. Please do NOT send your child to school with any covid-like symptoms.

School Supplies & Indoor Shoes

As always, WEB will provide all the necessary materials your child(ren) need for learning at school. Students should come with a backpack and lunch bag. However, some parents and children like to bring their own classroom materials to school, you are welcome to do so. Please only allow your child to have one pencil case. It could contain pencils, markers, pencil crayons, glue stick and a small sharpener. It would be extremely helpful if each child could bring their own pencil sharpener to school. Students are also asked to send their child to school with a labelled refillable water bottle. Parents do not have to purchase binders and duotangs. Please ensure that your child has indoor shoes. Please put your child's name on the backpack, lunch bag, pencil case and indoor shoes.

Masks

Students in grades 4-8 are required to wear a mask at school provided by their family and we are asking parents to send a second mask in a Ziploc baggie to school with their child on the first day. Please put your child's name on both masks and the Ziploc baggie. Students will be given opportunities for a mask-break during the day when they are outside and physical distancing. Staff will be wearing masks during indoor instructional time and face shields as required. It is up to the parents to figure a mask system that works for their family which should include washing reusable masks on a daily basis.

If you have a child in junior kindergarten to grade 3 and would like them to wear a mask, please follow the same procedure as above and our staff will attempt to follow the same routine with your child.

Arrival and Dismissal

Students will arrive off the bus and travel through the main hallway to the back of the school. They will not be able to stop and put their backpack on their hook as we will not be using hooks in the hallway in the foreseeable future.

Parents dropping off their child(ren) at school should have them enter the school through the front doors. Parents are not allowed to enter the school to walk their child to the office or class. Parents wanting to pick up their child(ren) at the end of the day, should meet them **behind the school** on the tarmac. Parents are asked to not linger at the school before or after school to reduce the amount of contact the WEB students have at the school.

Parent Item Drop Off

There are times when parents must drop off items at the school. We ask that you push the buzzer at the front door and speak with our secretary. Items may be accepted at the door to avoid having parents come into the school building.

Nutrition Break

Students will continue to have 2 nutrition breaks during the day. Please ensure that you are sending items to school in containers that your child(ren) can open independently as we want to avoid having any staff touch these containers or your child's food. Also, if any parents are willing to come and pick up their child for nutrition break, this is certainly an option as it may provide some additional mask relief during the school day.

Outdoor Classrooms and Tree Stumps

As often as possible, classes will be held outside this fall to allow for physical distancing during a mask-break. Each class will be assigned an area. As a result of additional time being spent outdoors, please ensure that students have a hat and you have put sunscreen on them before they leave for school. Students are unable to use the gym or library at this time.

Technology

For those families who borrowed a chromebook for the online learning in the spring, please have your child bring it to school on their first day back to class.

RETURN TO SCHOOL PARENT GUIDES

Return to School In-Person Guide

<https://www.dsb.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/elementary-return-parents-guide-2020-21.pdf>

Kindergarten Parent Guide

<https://www.dsb.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/kindergarten-parent-guide.pdf>

BELL TIMES

We have new bell times this year.

Entry	9:05 am
WEB Welcome	9:05 - 9:25 am
Periods 1 and 2	9:25 - 10:45 am
P. 3 Nutrition & Fitness JK/SK, Gr.1, 1/2	10:45 - 11:25 am
P. 4 Nutrition & Fitness Gr. 2 - 8	11:25—12:05 pm
Period 5	12:05 - 12:45 am
P. 6 Nutrition & Fitness JK/SK, Gr.1, 1/2	12:45 - 1:25 pm
P. 7 Nutrition & Fitness Gr. 2 - 8	1:25 - 2:05 pm
Periods 5 and 6	2:05 - 3:25 pm

STUDENT LATES AND ABSENCES

To ensure the safe arrival of your child at school, we take attendance each morning and afternoon. Your child's safety is a priority. When your child is going to be away, please use the Safe Arrival program to report to us your child's full name, homeroom teacher/class, reason for absence & dura-

SCHOOL DOORS

All doors at WEB are locked during the day. Those wishing to drop something off at the school are asked to buzz the office from the front door and the secretary will come and retrieve the items for you. Parents are asked not to come into the school for any reason.

BREAKFAST, MILK AND HOT LUNCHES

Public Health has placed a hold on schools having parents coming to prepare food, milk, lunches for our breakfast program. Students will be able to get pre-packaged food from a food bin in each classroom. We will communicate with families further if there are changes to this policy in the future.

THE ANSWERING MACHINE RECEIVES CALLS 24/7!

Feel free to call and leave a message before or after the school day as we receive messages 24 hours a day.

WELCOME BACK PACKAGES

On the first day of school, each student received a First Day Package. We are asking families to please review the contents and return all necessary items as soon as possible. Anything requiring a purchase should be done through School Cash Online please.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

William E. Brown will continue to use School Cash Online to allow parents to pay for items like school trips, milk, spirit wear, special events and other items. Please contact Mrs. Traver at the office if you are having any issues with SCO or for more information.

SPIRIT WEAR AND GRADE 8 GRADUATION HOODIES AT WEB

On the first day of school, we sent all families information about how to purchase "School Spirit Wear". This is not mandatory, but we know that students often demonstrate their pride about attending WEB by wearing spirit wear. This year we are offering several different T-shirts, a hoodie, and a baseball cap/toque. Be sure to check out our new T-shirt "Be Brave, Be Strong, Be Kind". Grade 8s will have the option to purchase a personalized "Grad Hoodie" later in September.

CELL PHONE USAGE

Students are reminded that cell phones are not to be used during the school day unless approved by their teacher during class. Students are to keep their cell phones in their backpack at all times. This includes during fitness and nutrition breaks. Parents are asked to remind their children about this expectation if allowing their child to come to school with a cell.

Student Insurance

DSBN will not longer be providing paper copies of student insurance information. You will be getting more information in the near future.

KINDERGARTEN BUSSING INFORMATION

In the interest of student safety, JK/SK students are NOT permitted to exit the bus without a parent/guardian present at the door of the school bus. If there is no adult to get the child off the bus the student will be returned to school.

If there is an alternate person receiving the student, the parent must contact the school and NSTS (905-326-0920) to advise who the person is, and if the alternate person is getting the student off the bus on a regular basis. This information is then added to the student profile at the NSTS so the driver will know that this is permissible and the parent will then not need to make these arrangements each time. Thank you for working with us to ensure your child's safety when exiting the bus at the end of the day.

BIKES at SCHOOL

Junior and intermediate students may ride bikes to school. Bike racks are located on the north side of the school by the gym. Students must:

- wear a helmet,
- walk (not ride) bikes on school property,
- lock bikes each day .

The school is not responsible for bicycles in terms of damage or theft. **Once a student is on school property, they must wear a mask before and after school.**

PLAYGROUND

Students will not be allowed to bring any toys, balls, equipment from home to play with at school. Each class will be provided with items that they will be able to use while outside during fitness break and when they are having physical education outside as well. These items will be sanitized on a daily basis. Please remind your children about not bringing these items on the bus or to school.

WEB Communication

At WEB, we will be using the following methods of communication with our WEB families:

1. The school website is updated throughout the year.
2. The school newsletter will be posted to the website each month and an email reminder will be sent.
3. Weekly emails to families will contain information about the coming week.
4. Facebook will provide regular updates during the school year.
5. Each class will have their own class website with information about their current learning.
6. Many teachers use DSBN email and phone calls to parents on a regular basis.

TRANSPORTATION

Please contact NSTS directly if you have any questions or concerns about bussing. Their number is 905-346-0290.

ENSURING STUDENT SAFETY

Each year, all DSBN schools engage in several activities to ensure student safety. These consist of fire drills, lockdown drills, shelter in place and hold and secure. The purpose is to ensure a predictable response to emergency situations, practice expectations in various situations and identify problems/weaknesses in plans. All staff are provided with an Emergency Folder that contains an outline of emergency procedures, class lists with emergency contact information, a whistle, flashlight, as well as red and green cards for indicating whether teachers have all their students. Two of these safety measures that we will be addressing in September are outlined below.

School Expectations

Homeroom teachers take time during the first week of school to review student expectations for several areas of the school. These include the classroom (including nutrition breaks), fitness breaks, etc. Classes discuss mutual respect, attentive listening, appreciation statements, and the right to pass. These agreements help guide student actions, no matter where they are in the school.

Fire Drills

Fire drills are conducted three times in the fall and three times in the spring. Teachers review expectations for students during fire drills and reinforce them during the drill. Our first fire drill will be occurring during the month of September. All other drills occur unannounced to staff and students. Once the fire drill is completed, we always reassure our students that we were just practicing and there was not a real fire.

STUDENTS WITH PREVALENT MEDICAL ISSUES

Each year, DSBN schools compile a list of medical concerns for our students. Last year, DSBN made adjustments to various policies and procedures regarding students with medical concerns in order to be compliant with current legislation. As a result, parents of students suffering from anaphylaxis, diabetes, asthma, epilepsy will need to discuss with school staff to create a Plan of Care for their child at school. A staff member will be reaching out to parents with a phone call the first week of school. Parents are also welcome to contact the school to arrange for a phone call through our school secretary or by emailing Mrs. Tye directly at jen.tye@dsbn.org. This is just one of the many ways we work to keep your children safe at school.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ON HOLD

In the past, we have had many parents volunteering assisting with a breakfast program, reading with students, making crafts, etc. Unfortunately, we will have to pause the involvement of our parents within the school at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

WILLIAM E. BROWN SPIRIT WEAR INFORMATION

Once again this year, we will be offering WEB families the opportunity to purchase Spirit Wear. Please see the options available below. Orders can be made through Buckners Source for Sports in Welland using their WEB online store located at <https://badgers.itemorder.com/>

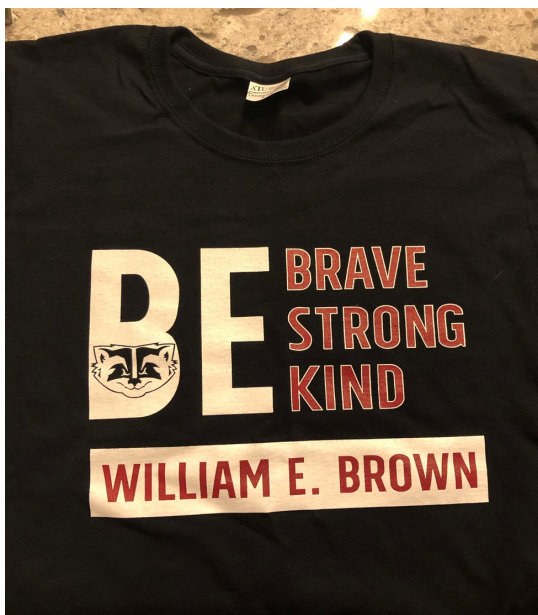
FRONT



BACK



Same design on T-shirt, long sleeve T-shirt and sweatshirt



WEB T-Shirt

- Black and white short sleeve polyester t-shirt with WEB logo on the front
- Cost: \$14.00
- Additional costs: \$5.00 for name and \$5.00 for

WEB Long Sleeve T-Shirt

- Black long sleeve cotton t-shirt with WEB logo on the front
- Cost: \$17.00
- Additional costs: \$5.00 for name and \$5.00 for number on the back of the t-shirt

WEB Hoodie Sweatshirt

- Black long sleeve hoodie sweatshirt with WEB logo on the front
- Cost: \$33.00
- Additional costs: \$5.00 for name and \$5.00 for number on the back of the t-shirt

BE Brave, Strong, Kind T-Shirt

- Red short sleeve t-shirt with “Tomorrow Starts Today” slogan on the front
- Cost: \$14.00
- Additional costs: \$5.00 for name and \$5.00 for

WEB Baseball Cap and Toques

- Black baseball cap and toques with WEB logo on front
- Cost: \$18.00

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Over the past few years, we have been telling you about our partnership with School Cash, an online portal that allows you to pay for any school service, product or event, all online. The system is active and you are asked to register by visiting our school website and clicking on the School Cash Online button. Online is now WEB's preferred method of payment for school items. **Registration should take less than five minutes.**

Register:

Visit www.dsbnschoolcash.org and select "Register Now" and complete the three registration steps.

NOTE: *You must create your profile using **your name** and **not** your children's*

Confirm Your Account:

- You will receive a confirmation email from School Cash Online. Click on the link provided*.
- Sign in to your account using your email and password

Add Student:

- This will connect your children to your account
- Confirm the school board name – DSBN
- Select our school
- Enter your child's name and birth date
- Select continue
- Confirm your child and select continue
- Your child has been added

View Items or Add Another Student

- If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the above steps
- If you wish to view a listing of items available for purchase, click "View Items for Students"

*To ensure the highest level of security, School Cash Online does not support TLS 1.0. Therefore, if you are using Internet Explorer version 9.0 or lower, please refer to the instructions on how to access the link within the confirmation email. Alternatively, you can copy the link and paste in Google Chrome. If you experience any difficulty registering for this service, you can access support and a list of Frequently Asked Questions by visiting www.dsbnschoolcash.org and clicking on "Support."

Thank you for registering for School Cash Online as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.