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**Welcome Back!**

Welcome back to an exciting year at William E. Brown! We hope you found your summer fun-filled and relaxing. We have every expectation that this 103rd year at William E. Brown will be another great year to support student learning and achievement.

We have had many families join the WEB community over the summer months. As a result, our enrolment is up and we will be adding on two new classrooms. Inside this newsletter there is important information about class reorganization.

We have already been busy with Breakfast Club starting five days this week, Fall Fair preparations and Cross Country running practices.

Please join us at our Open House on Wednesday, September 21st and a School Advisory Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 28th.

Looking forward to an awesome year!

Mrs. L. Sauer, Principal

**Student Safety**

Just a quick reminder that parents or guardians waiting to pick up students are welcome to wait in our front lobby.

We do ask that you do not go into other parts of the school without checking in at the office first. Hallways become congested and classes can be distracted from their end of day routine if we have extra people in the halls. If

you do want to visit the class, check a child's locker, etc. please wait until after the 3:25 dismissal to enter those areas.

**2016-2017 Bell Times**

8:50 am Supervision begins

9:05 am Entry Bell

9:05 am- Instructional time  
10:45 am (100 minutes)

10:45am- Nutrition & Fitness Break  
11:25 am

11:25am- Instructional time  
1:05pm (100 minutes)

1:05pm- Nutrition & Fitness Break  
1:45 pm (Students may leave this break with permission)

1:45pm- Instructional time  
3:25 pm (100 minutes)

**Student Packages**

Please review the contents of your child's Student Package. Please return the Student Verification and Emergency Forms by Friday, September 16th

Dear Families of William E. Brown Public School

The Ministry of Education caps class sizes in grades K-3. This primary cap on class size provides students with more direct teacher support which is a highly effective strategy to improve student achievement. Every school board in Ontario must comply with this regulation.

School boards meet this regulation by using enrolment projections in June to organize classes for the coming September. However, it is not until September when we know the actual number of students that are enrolled in our school. That is why there are times when we need to make changes to our staff in September.

As we have more students in our primary grades than anticipated, more staff members will be coming to our school. We have reorganized our classes and will be hiring new staff members for the primary division. Our new organization and class size structure is below. We welcome Ms. Hudak from Gordon Public School. A new JK/SK teacher and an afternoon JK/SK teacher will be hired on the Early Release day Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The new class structure at our school:

JK/SK at 21 students with Mrs. Gooderham (am), New Hire (pm) and Mrs. Rიცicia

JK/SK at 13 students with New Hire

Grade 1 at 16 students with Mrs. Gruarin

Grade 2 at 18 students with Ms. Fortin

Grade 3 at 20 students with Mrs. MacDonald

Grade 3/4 at 22 students with Ms. Hudak

**Our Grade 5/6 and 7/8 classes are not impacted by the changes.**

Our Transition Plan:

We have developed a transition plan to assist you and your child with the transitional changes that will

\*Current teacher will prepare class and students for any changes.

\*We will emphasize the positive nature of the moves and of how we will all remain part of the William E. Brown Public School community. Classes will still all have the same breaks and see each other during those times.

\*Our new school reorganization will begin on Monday, September 19th

Our goal is to make the transition as smooth as possible. We believe that the positive long term benefits will outweigh any immediate concerns. Please be assured that we will work as a team to make this a successful year for your child/children.

Sincerely,

Leigh Ann Sauer  
Principal  
William E. Brown Public School

# iMatter



## I Matter.

At the DSBN, we strive to show all students how they matter: as individuals, as learners and as community members. Our students learn about the ideals of good citizenship and how they can become active participants in building a stronger community, locally and globally. We invite you to discover more about I Matter from the website below.



**I Matter  
At DSBN**

**DSBN Strategic Plan 2015-2020**  
[dsbn.org/imatter](http://dsbn.org/imatter) #IMatterAtDSBN

### Ontario's HPV Immunization Program - Expanded to now include Boys

For the past nine years, the HPV vaccine has been offered free of charge in Ontario schools to girls in grade 8 to help protect them from Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection and related cancers.

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the program will expand to offer this cancer fighting vaccine to all boys and girls in grade 7. If you have a son or daughter entering grade 7 this year, they will be offered the HPV vaccine through a school-

based clinic. For the majority of students, this vaccine will be given in a series of two injections, one in the fall and one in the spring.

This will be the last school year that girls in grade 8 will be offered the HPV vaccine because in future years the vaccine will only be offered in grade 7.

The HPV vaccine is considered very safe, and is highly effective.

To learn more about HPV, the HPV vaccine, and catch-up pro-

grams for older children please call:

Niagara Region Public Health at 905-688-8248 ext. 7425 or visit:

[www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health)

[www.ontario.ca/hpv](http://www.ontario.ca/hpv)

