



21st Century Learning

Brentwood Elementary School is focused on meeting the needs of our 21st century learners. When touring our school you might see grade one students creating digital stories in our fully equipped computer lab or a class of budding grade three geologists testing rocks and hypotheses. You might encounter a grade six crime scene where students are using forensic techniques to solve a mystery. Each of our wireless K-6 classrooms is equipped with an Activboard and students have access to carts of wireless netbooks to use when needed in the classrooms. Our video conferencing center allows teachers to connect their students globally for virtual fieldtrips or face to face sessions with experts such as NASA astronauts. Fieldtrips outside the school provide opportunities for students to create real world connections with what they are studying in school. Technology allows our students to demonstrate their learning in a wide variety of fun and engaging ways such as digital storytelling, moviemaking, or writing their own music. An inquiry approach is used by teachers and students to identify the important learning goals and form strategies to achieve them. The world we live in today requires our children to be thinkers, possess people skills, be problem-solvers, demonstrate creativity, and work as a member of a team. We strive to create a learning environment that promotes all of those attributes.

Brentwood Elementary School provides Preschool to Grade Six programming. We have a proud tradition of high academic success for all learners. Our experienced and innovative teachers design and implement programs to meet the needs of all students, from those who are academically challenged and requiring significant levels of support, to those who benefit from extra challenge and enrichment. We provide Early Literacy Intervention programs for students in grades one and two who require literacy support. Our on-site Learning Strategist and Family School Resource Worker provide support to students, teachers, and parents. We have access to Golden Hills School Division professionals including Instructional Coaches, Clinical Psychologists, Family/School Resource Workers, our Connections Program (with the Alberta Children’s Hospital) and various local agencies. Students are encouraged to eat lunch at school at no cost in order to take part in a wide variety of noon hour activities.

Programs and Opportunities

Healthy Active Living - Run Club, Heart Healthy Hikers, House Leagues, Swimming Lessons, Healthy Bodies Nutrition Program

Citizenship – AMA Safety Patrol, Student Leadership, Classroom Buddies Program, Community Service Projects, Bullying and Smoking/Alcohol/Drug Awareness Programs

Academic – Full Day Kindergarten, Early Literacy Intervention Program, Learning Assistance Center, Accelerated Readers’ Program, Leveled Multi-Media Library, Book Clubs, “Little Explorers” Preschool, Project H.O.P.E.

Golden Hills School Division offers free busing from all areas to our school. If you are interested in learning more about our programs or would like to tour our school please contact us.

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Educational research overwhelmingly supports the belief that study and participation in fine arts programs is a key component in improving learning throughout all academic areas. The arts promote the understanding and sharing of culture. They promote social skills that enhance the awareness and respect of others. The arts enhance perceptual and cognitive learning skills. Under the guidance of our music specialist, students acquire a strong musical foundation and exposure to a variety of musical instruments and experiences. The teachers in our school provide leadership in the areas of art, drama, and movement. Brentwood students have many opportunities to share their learning and talents through performances, published work, digital story-telling, making movies, and other multi-media presentations. We have an on-site kiln, portable staging, and a state of the art sound system. With the support of our active Parent Council and the Friends of Brentwood Society we provide a wide variety of opportunities for our students as they move through our school.



Music Program – Primary Choir (Gr.1), Junior Choir (Gr. 2/3) and Senior Choir (Gr. 4-6), Glee Club, Melody Chime, Guitar, and Djembe (African Drum) Groups

Performance Opportunities- Calgary Kiwanis, Drumheller and Provincial Music Festivals, Alberta Children’s Choir, School Concerts, Talent/Art Shows, and Musicals

Seasonal and Cultural Events

Visiting Arts Performances and Field Trips



Arts Integration is an **APPROACH** to **TEACHING** in which students construct and demonstrate **UNDERSTANDING** through an **ART FORM.**

Students engage in a **CREATIVE PROCESS** which **CONNECTS** an art form and another subject area and meets **EVOLVING OBJECTIVES** in both.

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