

Brentwood Star Newspaper



École Brentwood Elementary School

*"A family-centered school built on a foundation of excellence
creating boundless learning opportunities."*

The Kids Loved Genius Hour

By Brooklyn Green

I thought that Genius Hour was a great idea, it has kids express their ideas, hopes, dreams and a lot more. There were a lot of kids excited and nervous but the kids did great. The Mayor of Strathmore had come to Brentwood Elementary School to judge the Genius Hour



Mrs. Hoover and Dr. Kandace Jordan, the assistant superintendent of Golden Hills SD, were a couple of judges as well. I sure do bet that the students were scared being in front of the Mayor! The kids were nervous there might be some troubles but in the end it went perfectly. The presentations were held over two days, and after the two days the judges were Mrs. Hoover, Mrs. Friesen and Mr. Mertz

Most of them went up on that Friday. One fellow student said, "I have the ability to express my ideas and be unique". Another student said, "I wanted to make mini houses for the homeless at first but I decided to give them cards for chance and hope". Overall I think that everyone loved Genius Hour and had fun and the teachers had fun too.



Dancing With The Stars

By Rylen Bogusky

On the night of the concert, December 8th, 2016, families and friends piled up in the back of Ecole Brentwood Elementary School's gymnasium to watch the third annual choir Christmas concert.

The back of the gymnasium was decorated beautifully by the students in grades K-6.

Parents and teachers at École Brentwood Elementary, Mrs. Corbeill, commented that her "favourite part was the variety of songs and enjoyed all of them. I think it is important to host these concerts every year to expose kids to more demanding music and perform in front of a big audience, it was an outstanding effort by everyone involved".

Alone all the dancing stars one stood out the most, Sawyer Johnson, and his amazing dance moves caught everyone's eye. "I felt happy making people laugh and it really just came from my heart. It was so tiring after the dance, next time I might do some different move and stick to the beat of the music better," commented Sawyer.

One of the many organizers was Mrs. LeMoine, Mrs. LeMoine was in charge of costumes, lights, decorations and much more. "The new sound system made it such a delight to hear all the beautiful voices. I think it is important to host these events every year to showcase the hard work and talent of our Brentwood students. The students worked so hard it is nice to see them pull it off." said Mrs. LeMoine."



Please turn to page 3 to find out more about the Christmas Play.



Please turn to page 2 to find out more about the Drives

Wishing the friends and families of Brentwood School a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your friends at Boston Pizza Strathmore.

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Christmas Generosity at the École

By Kade Robertson

Multiple drives around École Brentwood Elementary supporting the Strathmore Legion, the Food Bank, and People Without a Coat.



Brentwood collects items to donate to the community and catches the eye of Strathmore.

The first drive that was set up was by Emma Moore to raise food for the Strathmore Legion. The reason Emma set this up is because her grandpa was a veteran and she heard there was no food on the shelves. She started Nov. 1st and ended Dec. 12. She raised 493 pounds of food.

The longest food drive was set up by Ms. Fell and Mrs. Motley to raise food for Christmas hampers in Strathmore. The reason they started this drive was because they had heard the Strathmore Christmas Hamper needed food for Christmas. Mrs. Motley said, "This was the best year for the drive because they had a competition." The drive was hosted at École Brentwood Elementary. The drive started on Dec. 1st and ended Dec. 12th. The food got picked up by The Strathmore Christmas Hamper.

The third drive was set up by Raygan Johnson to collect coats for people in Strathmore without one. The reason she started this drive was, "She felt bad about people without a coat." She started Dec. 1st and ended Dec. 9th. She advertised around École Brentwood Elementary by putting posters up and putting it on the announcements.

To wrap up all of these communal fundraisers they donated all the stuff they raised to the community.

I asked some students and a parents around Brentwood how they felt about the kindness. Raelee Mckay, a grade 6 student said, "I donated to all the drives and I would love to start a drive (myself)." Brody Nelson, also a grade 6 student, explained how he liked that he got to donate to the community. Aidan Harker, "liked the competition in the drives set up by Ms. Fell and Mrs. Motley." Mrs. Nelson, a parent of a Brentwood student, "thinks it's great that these drives help the community."

Concentration is the key

A heart filled donation

By: Jada Macleod, Emma Moore, London VanOostwaard, Tayla McFadyen

This year Ecolé Brentwood Elementary School kindly got a donation of headphones. These headphones are not like normal headphones that play music, they actually block out sound if you need to concentrate on your work.

Mr. Marvin Hilton along with Mr. Mike Hamilton and Mr. Matthew Laracque teamed up to give us 50 pairs of brand new headphones to help the students concentrate. These are the reasons why they were donated,

- To help students concentrate
- To block out sounds
- To focus when writing a test
- To calm down
- To mute distractions

We had an exclusive interview with Mr. and Mrs. Hilton. We asked them how they convinced the business to donate the headphones. This is what Mr. Hilton had to say, "I asked Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Grainger from Acklands Grainger Inc. if they would be willing to donate some headphones to the school if the school also would help pay for some of them. I explained why the students needed them to help them during class."

After their conversation, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Grainger were very agreeable to help the school and the students. Mr. Hilton knew where to buy the headphones as Agrium purchases them for their employees. The order took only one short email and one phone call from Mr. Hilton We asked Mr. Hilton how much they cost and he replied, "Only \$5.00 and we were able to get different colors and make them adjustable so they would fit all kids."

We spoke with Mrs. MacLeod, a parent at Brentwood school. This is what she had to say about the headphones, "I think it's going to help improve learning and concentration among the students. It will allow them to stay focused on their tasks."

We also talked to Jada MacLeod, a grade 6 student at Brentwood School. We asked her how will the headphones improve on students learning. This is what she said, "I think they will improve on student's learning as it will block out sounds."

We also had a chat with Mrs. Jolly a L.A.C. teacher. This is what she said about the headphones, "I think the headphones are good for children to concentrate."

A big thanks to Mr. Hilton and Acklands Grainger Inc. for the kind donation. They kindly donated all 50 headphones. They will benefit many students.



XMAS TRADITION

BY LUKE VAN EGMOND

École Brentwood presents annual Christmas concert to packed audiences

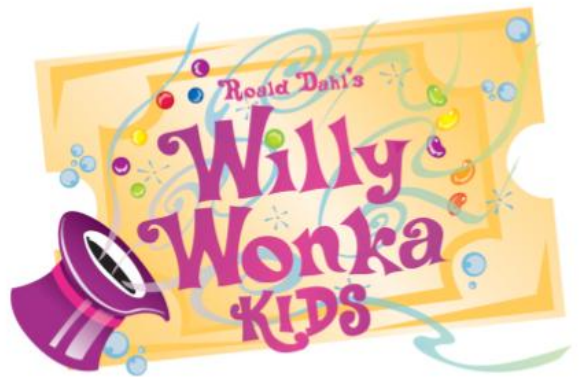
Brentwood Elementary School was host to another Christmas play on December 21, *The North Pole Musical!* The students had a huge job of pulling off the play without a hitch, but Mrs. Steeves had an even bigger job of picking the play, and improvising at the last second.

Mrs. Steeves, the music and choir teacher, organized the play because it's an important Brentwood tradition. The cast for the *North Pole Musical* got a huge standing ovation from all the parents who came to watch the amazing play!

Mrs. Lamoine, Brentwood librarian and play volunteer, said, "It was my favourite Christmas play Brentwood has ever done." "I loved the singing and dancing involved in the songs. And my favourite part was when the snowman did the song, "Chillin".

Mrs. Nancy van Egmond, parent, said, "I think the new sound system at the school made the world of difference. This was the most enjoyable play yet."

Emma Moore, student, said, "I thought that everyone did their part very well. The students worked together to make the play a success."



PEOPLE IN PJ'S PARTYING!

École Brentwood Elementary School Ends 2016 like Christmas

By Brody Nelson

2016 was a fun year for many, but when it all comes to an end, what do you do? Why, throw on your jammies, slip on your slippers, bring a blanket and head off to school!

The students (and teachers) of École Brentwood Elementary all came to school in PJs, Onesies, and whatever else they put on! Robes, snuggys, you name it! I betcha they were comfortable!

I interviewed grade 6A student Luke van Egmond to see how he felt about PJ day, "Awesome," Luke began, "I got to bring a pillow, blanket, and just be lazy all day."

I talked to 6A teacher Mrs. White and I thought she might have a different perspective, but I was wrong, "I loved Pajama day," Mrs. White explained, "When I came to school and found out that all the teachers wore pajamas, too, I was very excited to participate."

Mrs. White also exclaimed to me why PJ day took place, "We have PJ day because the Christmas Concert is the night before and we all stay up late and come back."

Mrs. Nelson, a parent of three Brentwood students, said "My youngest kid loved the idea that they could bring a stuffy to school."

Administrator of Brentwood Christina Hoover said, "It was great to see all the students relaxed in their pajamas after their hard work on the Christmas Concert."

Brentwood's PJ day party took place on December 22, 2016, the day after the Christmas Concert.

The reason why PJ day exists in our school is, as stated above, the Christmas Concert is the day before PJ day, and we stay up quite late, so we can just come to school in our pajamas!

PJ day isn't PJ day if no one wears pajamas. Thank the creator of PJ day! Pajamas are an exciting thing to both sleep in and celebrate in!

That's all for today, goodday!



Woodturning Artist

Vintage Cedar Fencepost Art

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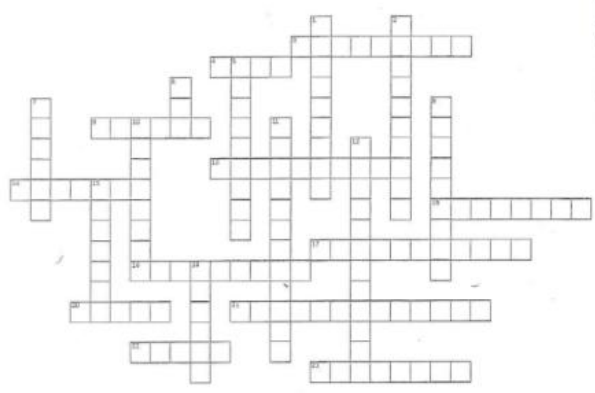
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H.o.m.e.w.o.r.k.= Half Of My Energy Wasted On Random Knowledge.



Student: Teacher, would you get mad at me for something I didn't do.
Teacher: Of course not.
Student: Good because I didn't do my homework

Winter Wonders



- ACROSS**
- 3 snow hills
 - 4 fire
 - 9 tubing
 - 13 carrot nose
 - 14 snowman
 - 16 blizzard
 - 17 snowflake's
 - 18 snowballs
 - 20 igloo
 - 21 snowball fight
 - 22 water
 - 23 sledding
- DOWN**
- 1 snow boots
 - 2 winter gear
 - 5 ice skater
 - 6 fun
 - 7 skiing
 - 8 polar bear
 - 10 blankets
 - 11 marshmallows
 - 12 hot chocolate
 - 15 melting
 - 19 winter

Guess the teacher I'm talking about?

- CLUES**
- She is a female.
 - She went to an elementary school that was so tiny there were only 50 students from grades 1-9.
 - She works at our school Mon - Wed.
 - She has Blonde hair
 - She has worked at Brentwood for 3 years

Winter Vacation

I Go _____ on the snow hills today. I make a warm mug of _____ noun
with marshmallows on top. I stay in the _____ by the fireplace in a cozy blanket.
plural noun

Randy

Winter Vacation
Example
I Go sledding on the snow hills today. I make a warm mug of hot chocolate
noun
with marshmallows on top. I stay in the igloo by the fireplace in a cozy blanket.
plural noun

Brentwood Blast

Rearrange the letters

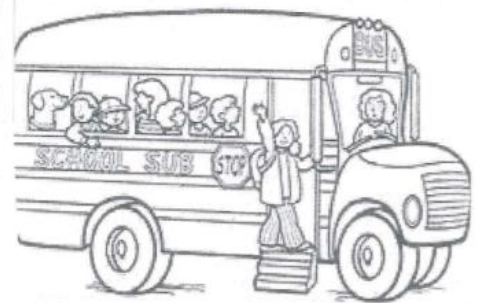
- 1 htnki cooshl si nfu dan wesaoem.
- 2 hte acethsre ehre ear rlyae icen.
- 3 Bilyungi si ton etardelot ni hte cooshl.
- 4 Yast ni cooshl.

Stay in school.
Bullying is not tolerated in the school.
The teachers here are really nice.
I think school is fun and awesome.

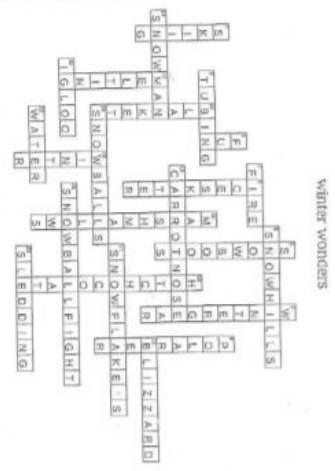
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Can you find all 12 differences between these pictures?



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