

Brown Junior Public School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 6

Interesting Feature

ECO SCHOOL

Brown has been a TDSB Gold-accredited Eco School since 2008, and in 2010 we earned Platinum status. Our Green Committee comprised of parents, students and staff work together on many environmental initiatives. We provide leadership and educate students about the importance of the environment and what they can do to contribute to a healthier planet. We are proud to have Eco clubs for both primary and junior students. Some of our initiatives include ABC days (Anything But Car), recycling, waste and energy reduction and litterless lunches. We are proud to say "Brown is Green!"

Brown school is situated on Avenue Road just south of St. Clair Avenue. The first school was built in 1910 and was replaced with a new building in 1972. Brown celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2010. For a century, Brown School has had a tradition of strong academic achievement and close relationships with our families and community. Our staff is a team of dedicated teachers and support staff who bring unique talents to our classrooms, along with many co-curricular activities. Each child is encouraged to strive for academic excellence while also adding balance to the day by pursuing an interest or talent from an extensive number of activities that are offered.

LITERACY

We offer a Balanced Literacy program in both English and French Immersion classrooms. There are opportunities for Read Aloud, Shared Reading, Guided and Independent Reading. We have established a school wide Writing Plan following First Steps Writing Program. There is Modelled Writing, Shared and Interactive Writing and opportunities for Independent Writing. We have new and consistent language materials including fiction and non-fiction. New Core French materials have also been added to update and enhance this program. Our library resource centre has been extensively updated and offers a wide selection of English and French materials.





NUMERACY

All classrooms from K-6 are well equipped with manipulative math materials. Students are encouraged to explain their thinking in writing using appropriate math vocabulary. English and French storybooks that feature math concepts are available. Our teachers have been inserviced in the Cathy Fosnot Literacy Approach to Mathematics.



SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Students enjoy field trips into the community to complement classroom learning, i.e. Queens Park, Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, Science Centre, Toronto Renewable Energy Cooperative. All classes benefit from hands-on Science activities with the Scientists in the School program. Social Studies and Science curriculum are integrated into our new language materials for Grades 3-6.



MUSIC AND THE ARTS

All students from K-6 enjoy a vocal music program. Our junior choir has over 90 members. Students also benefit from itinerant music programs such as Orff, Strings and Band. School theatre presentations in French and English provide enrichment for all. Visual Arts activities are creatively incorporated into the classroom curriculum with the use of many recycled materials.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

There is a full time Physical Education program as well as opportunities for outdoor exercise, DPA and weekly swim program. We are in year 7 of Toronto Schools on the Move. Brown offers competitive athletic opportunities with a wide variety of school teams, winning many city championships. All students can participate in cross country running and non-competitive sports.



Additional Features

- Safe & caring learning environment
- Library & Computer Lab
- Speech Arts/Concours d'art oratoire
- Outreach - Me to We Team
- Extensive co-curricular programs
- Learning Buddies
- ECO School
- Pythagorus Math Contest



Student Life - Where You Belong

At Brown Public School, students have a variety of opportunities to participate in curricular and leadership activities. Our Outreach committee, comprised of students, parents and staff are engaged in activities to develop Brown students' awareness of the needs of our local and global community. Parents and staff guide students from grades 3-6 to organize food, clothing and book drives. Last year's fundraising initiative for Free the Children raised enough money to build a school in Kenya and support the entire village. The ECO Team promotes recycling and energy conservation. Our children are busy with sports, chess, arts, music and swimming. They balance excellent academic achievement with a significant time commitment to practices, games and club meetings. We are proud of the many awards that our graduates receive for academics, athletics, leadership and environmental stewardship.



What Sets Us Apart

At Brown Public School we have the winning combination of staff, students and parents who work together to do great things. The TDSB Character Attributes are well developed in our school community. There is a sense of pride and a long tradition of positive home-school relations and a climate of high expectations. Our students learn in a safe and orderly environment. Home and school communication is fostered by the electronic communications of our monthly bulletin and our very informative and interactive school website www.brownschool.ca. Our very active School Council provides the parents with a School Handbook. Many social events are planned to welcome and promote parental involvement. There is a true sense of Brown Spirit. It is evident on the smiling faces of our students and the positive comments from our alumni.





Parent and Community Engagement

City Parks and Recreation is well integrated into our school. There are many school visits into the community and we partner with the public library. Unicorn Daycare helps provide a seamless day for many of our students. Our active Parent Council Executive of over 30 help direct fundraising, collaborate on school programming and partner through parent-school issues to ensure the best possible academic/social experience for all of our students. Regular parent volunteers assist on field trips and support school improvements such as school yard greening and a new sports field, After-4 Program, fundraising, pizza lunches and enriched lunch program. A Kiss 'N Ride program, supervised by parent volunteers and student ambassadors each morning, is one aspect of student safety. The Parent Communication committee liaises with the school to provide electronic communications and a Parent Handbook.



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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