



MUSIC @ BRIGADOON P.S.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It is with great excitement that we are now able to share the plan for musical extra-curricular activities at Brigadoon Public School. Please review the attached infographic for a visual representation of what is available for students. Here are a few highlights...

- The focus of the plan remains on authenticity and accessibility for all kids! We intend to focus less on “the performance” and have choirs be more about a student’s sense of belonging at Brigadoon. Choirs, as they are presented in the plan, present an opportunity to build positive relationships between peers, foster an increased sense of community, and ultimately are there for students to have a lot of fun in the musical process.
- Five “pop-up choirs” will be available for students’ participation: Body Percussion, Male, Massive, Kazoo, and Bucket Drumming.
- Choirs are only open for students in grades two through six. No auditions will be required. Practices will occur at nutrition breaks and therefore do not require a permission form to be signed.
- For both student and staff wellness, students may be involved in a maximum of two choirs. This will allow for students to be outside at more nutrition breaks.
- One choir began this week (Massive on Thursday), with the majority of choirs beginning the week of November 6th. Students have been encouraged to listen to announcements for the exact dates, times, and locations of the choirs they wish to join. Each choir will rehearse once every two weeks, again, allowing your kids more time to be outside!
- Choirs will NOT perform at the Holiday concert and there will be no Spring concert. Instead, focusing on celebrating in-time learning, “pop-up” concerts will occur when students are ready to perform, beginning in the Spring. These may happen at nutrition breaks out on the playground, at special events, or whole-school assemblies. Students have loved the playful and surprise nature of these concerts as they have been told about them this week and we love the idea too! We are hoping to showcase choirs in some small way at the Spring Fair for parents to watch!
- HOLIDAY CONCERT CHANGE: Every class at Brigadoon will perform a song at the holiday concert. The focus will not be on the choirs. Therefore, every student will have the opportunity to perform.
- **There will be NO EVENING CONCERT this year, instead, two daytime concerts, as follows:**
 - **K, 1, and 2 Classes = Dec 14, 10:00am**
 - **2/3+ Classes = Dec 14, 12:30pm**
- Preparation for your child’s holiday concert has already begun in some music classes. For those unable to get time off of work to attend, we are looking into the possibility for live-streaming and recording for viewing after.
- The Brigadoon Variety Show will proceed as it has in the past on June 26th, first block.
- “Black Light” will be available for grade six students to participate in this year. As a graduating class, they will have the opportunity to work together on this special, coveted project. We’re looking forward to what they will present at the year-end assembly (June 28), their “swan song” of sorts as Brigabears!

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Fewkes (aaron_fewkes@wrdsb.ca). We look forward to your support of music at Brigadoon this year!