



Bridgeport P.S. School Council

**Welcome to the 2023-24 School Year from
the Bridgeport School Council!**

School Council would like to welcome all new and returning staff, teachers and students, and new and returning School Council members. We look forward to another great year of engagement and collaboration.

Bridgeport School Council is a great way for parents/guardians to connect with other parents, the school and community. We welcome all parents/guardians and staff to join our school council meetings at any time. Meetings take place the second Tuesday of each month (except March) in the school library or online from 7:00-8:30pm. If you would like to be included on our communications email list, or have feedback to share with us, please send an email to Bridgeport.school.council@gmail.com. There are still a few open council positions including Co-Chair, Secretary, WRAPSC Representative and Grant Representative. If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please feel free to reach out to the school council mailbox. We are happy to answer any of your questions!

**Future Council Meeting Dates: Dec 12,
Jan 9, Feb 13, Apr 9, May 14, June 11**

WHAT'S IN THIS TERM'S ISSUE:

Welcome from Chair Melissa Coleman
School Updates
Upcoming Events
Fundraising Update

Agendas and past minutes can be found here: <https://brp.wrdsb.ca/school-council/>
If you need a meeting link or have any questions please email:
bridgeport.school.council@gmail.com

Welcome to our Council Members for 2023-2024

Tony Beckberger (*Treasurer*)

Melissa Coleman (*Chair*)

Samir Dhanvantari

Mark Gallas

Heather Lobsinger (*Co-Fundraising*)

Kendra Seymour

Chau Truong-Wood (*Co-Fundraising*)

Meghan Wentworth (*Communications*)

Brittany Terziano (*Staff Rep*)

Murray Crewson (*Principal*)



SCHOOL UPDATES:

PALS (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools) is up and running at Bridgeport Public School and we couldn't be more excited! PALS is an amazing leadership opportunity for Grade 4 participants. PALS head out every second break to run cooperative games for the primary students to play! This opportunity helps build relationships, promotes physical activity and brings joy for those that get involved!

Way to go Grade 4 PAL leaders!

Koaldy Choir

The Kodaly Choral Festival is celebrating its return to the Centre in the Square this May! We are excited to offer the students at Bridgeport the opportunity to participate in this vibrant musical enrichment. The repertoire draws from all over the world and includes challenging arrangements. Our choir is open to all junior students (grades 4, 5 and 6). Rehearsals are held during 1st nutrition break on Days 2 and 4. If you have questions, please contact Alexandra Snyder at alexandra_snyder@wrdsb.ca or through the school office. We will perform our first piece, "I am a Small Part of the World" at our Remembrance Day assembly.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Junglesport

From November 27 - December 1, Junglesport will be coming to Bridgeport School. It is a mobile gym set-up that turns the gym into an action-packed, climbing jungle-gym. Junglesport instructors lead programs for the entire school for the whole week. They offer an all-inclusive program with activities for students of all needs and abilities.

Poinsettia Pick-Up

On December 7, poinsettia orders will be available for pick-up in the school gym from 3-6pm.

STAY CONNECTED:

To receive regular updates on school happenings, please be sure you are signed up for School Day and Twitter @brpwrdsb

Questions, suggestions or feedback to share with the school?

Reach out to us at bridgeport.school.council@gmail.com

"Bridgeport School Council's mission is to advocate for our students, families and educators to support our children's holistic learning and development. We value connecting the school and community, building collaborative relationships, providing resources and sharing information."



FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

BRANTVIEW FUNDRAISER:

We partnered again with Brantview Farms for our fall fundraiser. In total, \$531.45 was raised. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward outdoor and physical health equipment for the school.



Full-Year Fundraisers



Mabels Labels has many options for personalized labels so that you can label your childrens' clothing (the lost and found bin will thank you too!). Anytime throughout the year, orders placed through Mabel's Labels can support Bridgeport P.S when you follow these steps:

- *Go to www.mabelslabels.com
- *Click on 'Support a Fundraiser' button
- *Choose 'Bridgeport PS (Kitchener)' on school drop-down list
- *Place your order



If you're looking to purchase any physical gift cards, our school has an account set up with FundScrip for gift cards that are mailed directly to your house within 2-7 business days. The list of participating retailers is huge, including popular ones like Tim Horton's, Starbucks, Sport Chek, Toys R Us and even Conestoga Mall. This is a great idea for any holidays, teacher's gifts or any upcoming birthday parties. For any gift cards purchased, a percentage goes directly to our school. To get started:

- Go to www.fundscrip.com
- Click on 'Support a Group' and enter our invitation code MJLLJG and place your order



The school earns cash back on every purchase you make all year long! All you have to do is use their app or website to shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Amazon, Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws. It won't cost you any more than you're already planning to spend on items and it's completely virtual and contactless. You can use it to shop on-line, or to purchase e-gift cards at any time. Join our team now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop:

<https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=KZRL56> or enter this code: KZRL56