

# Brookdale Elementary School

## 2020-2021 Community Report



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### *Our Mission*

The students, parents, and teachers of Brookdale School believe that education should provide challenging and lifelong opportunities. In understanding that all students have unique abilities and learning styles, teachers will encourage each student to set personal goals, accept responsibility, and become productive citizens within our changing community.

### **About Brookdale Elementary School**

- We believe that through a caring community climate, our students will be challenged to take responsibility for their learning and encourage participation in all school activities thus allowing students to develop student independence, responsibility, and leadership skills.
- We are a K-8 school with a total of 34 students enrolled.
- Our instructional staff consists of two full-time teachers, one full-time and 2 half-time educational assistants. Music and Band is taught by a 0.1 teacher. Divisional clinicians make visits to our school.
- The school is equipped with a computer network, with a 14 station lab with wireless internet access, 2 SMART-boards, 23 I-pads, 12 laptops, 2 portable projector and Apple TV in 2 rooms, a Makerspace including Spheros, BeeBots, Cubelets, Knitting, Lego and, K'nex,

### **2020-2021**

This school year has been unique, testing our resilience, perseverance and flexibility. Staff, parents and students should be proud of themselves for embracing the changes throughout the year that tested these traits.

Academic learning consisted of blended learning, remote learning and in-class learning. Students were quickly versed in new platforms from grades 1 to 8: SeeSaw (grades 1 to 4) and Google Classroom (grades 5 to 8).

There were many successes throughout the year. Activities were adapted to meet public health guidelines. Brookdale's annual Christmas concert was transformed into a Reader's Theatre format presented to families via zoom. Guest readers for I Love to Read Month in February joined us via zoom from all across Canada. Students were introduced to a variety of careers, expertise and experiences. We were able to increase the number of guest readers and the vastness of their expertise. We also continued our annual Science Fair. Students worked in their cohorts and presented their projects to judges over zoom. We had 100% participation at the school level and some students earned the opportunity to move to the regional and national level. Student Led Conferences held virtually in November 2020 and March 2021 had 96% participation. Our Helping Hands initiative this year involved helping each other, being kind, creating and delivering 118 Christmas cards to the Neepawa Care Home and planting the garden boxes for the community to enjoy through the summer.

Adding technology to our building was necessary to facilitate learning. The following are examples that enabled staff to deliver programming and students to learn from home and school:

- 2 Document cameras
- 3 Webcams with tripods
- 1 Portable projector
- 2 Headsets with microphones
- 6 ipads
- Portable Device Charging Station
- 12 laptops
- 2 Mifis

We would like to take this time to thank our board of trustees, senior administration, division office staff working behind the scenes encouraging us, supporting us and making tough decisions at times. We are so grateful to have the tools needed to teach and reach our students. We truly work in a division who cares for people.