

Brookdale Elementary School

2021-2022 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 32 students enrolled.
- Our instructional staff consists of two full-time teachers, two full-time and 1 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, 26 Ipads, 12 laptops, 2 portable projector and Apple TV in 2 rooms, a Makerspace including Spheros, BeeBots,, Cubelets, Knitting, Lego and, K'nex.

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This school year has been busy and fulfilling. From September as one cohort again ,but with public health restrictions, to after December where more activities were gradually introduced and finally from March to June where we saw restrictions lifted. Thank you to our families and staff for their continued support and flexibility during these changes.

Like last year, academic learning consisted of blended learning, remote learning and in-class learning as needed. Teachers used platforms such as See-Saw, Zoom, and Google Classroom to reach and teach students who needed to be away.

There were many successes throughout the year. Being one cohort meant that more connections among students could be made and whole-group activities could be planned. Activities were adapted to meet public health guidelines until March break Terry Fox Run and Halloween parade were held outside for the community. Brookdale students presented their annual Christmas concert to families via zoom. Guest readers for I Love to Read Month in February joined us via zoom from all across Canada. We also held our annual Science Fair in March. Students presented their projects to judges over zoom at the school level. We had 100% participation at the school level and some students earned the opportunity to move to the regional fair in Brandon, MB. Student Led Conferences were held virtually, via phone or zoom, in November 2021 and March 2022 had 96% participation. Our Helping Hands initiative this year involved helping each other, being kind, and creating and delivering Christmas cards and homemade wreaths to the Neepawa Care Home. With the help of Parent Council, our garden boxes were either fixed or replaced in order to plant produce for the community to enjoy. Connecting to community is an important part of being in a small school. In June, students teamed up with community members to plant flowers, participate in an Amazing Race and Tabloid Day to name a few.

Using and infusing technology to facilitate learning helped develop critical skills. S.T.E.A.M. was purposely scheduled into timetables once a cycle to help enhance these skills. Themed challenges for maker stations were a focus.

We would like to take this time to thank our families, our BPSD board and our students for making this year a successful year at Brookdale School.