Principals Website message

Hello, Belleisle Regional High School community. Summer is finally here! I wanted to reach out to you to say thank you for all the great work you have done to support your child (ren) throughout these challenging times. We were having a wonderful year with all our grade 9 students doing well on their English Language Proficiency Assessment results scoring a 95% success rate. That is 20% high than the district average and 22% high than the provincial average. Our grade 6 Math results were higher than both the district and the provincial averages as well. In grade 10 our Science Literacy scores were 10% higher than the distract and provincial average. We were well on our way to one of the most successful academic years that we have had in a long time. I am grateful for BRHS teachers and their passion and dedication to the students and the Belleisle Community.

The 49th annual Harvest Auction took place at the school on the 19th of October and I have to say that it is like a fine wine that just keeps getting better with age! I am in awe and am overwhelmed by the generosity of the Belleisle Community. You never cease to amaze me with all the time and effort that you give freely to the auction with is the biggest fund raiser for the BRHS/BES Home and School Committee. Money from this annual auction goes to the both schools and in the past has purchased books for the classroom libraries that we have established and books for our main library, along with new furniture for our learning commons. Money has gone towards paying for busses to take BRHS kids on field trips and to bring guest speakers to the school. These are just a few things that the Home and School has purchased for the school.

We had a national election this past fall and BRHS students had the chance to cast their own vote. It was a very well-run student vote, and all went smoothly, with the polling students acting very professionally. It was a learning opportunity for all our students. Around the same time as the student vote the bottom floor of the school flooded and there was unrepairable damage done to the gym floor.  Lots of experts gave their opinion on how to fix the floor but in the end, we got a new gym floor and bleachers. The week before Christmas break some of our skills trade’s students helped the men from the flooring company take up the old floor and dismantle the bleachers. They were able to salvage much of the wood, as we used it in the shop.

In November we had a few teachers organize a Coffee House. It made $200.00 at the door and that means that there were close to 100 people there. It was a time for the kids to show off their musical talents and we even had a guest performer! Mrs. McFadden, BRHS’s own vice principal performed the song Ice, Ice Baby. She nailed it. That is one of the many things I love about the school. We are not afraid to take risks and step out of our comfort zone for the good of the kids.

Right around the same time that the gym floor and bleachers were being removed from the gym, the middle school students were performing in A Fairy Tale Christmas Carol. BRHS is blessed with an abundance of talent and a performing culture. The play was wonderful and really kicked off the Christmas season, that lead into a Christmas theme week organized by the high school leaders in the school. Theme days are my favorite as I get to wear my PJ’s to school on PJ day!

On the pitch and on the hard court our sports teams played with a never quit attitude. Our high school girls’ soccer team had a number of injuries all season but came together when they needed to making it all the way to the provincial championships losing in a shoot out, after playing a full game that went into double over time. Had to be the best soccer game I have seen in my lifetime. The middle school boys’ and girls’ team both made it into the playoffs and ended with a good outcome. The outcomes were reversed on the hard court with the boy’s team winning three tournaments during their season. The boys ended their season coming up one win short of going to the final 12 held at Harbour Station. Both middle school basketball teams also made it into the playoff rounds. Great season had by all our teams!

Currently, we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Debbie Graham who has been a main stay in the BRHS library for the past 19 years. Mrs. Graham will be sorely missed by all staff and students. She was a guiding light and a huge advocate for student reading. We are also saying goodbye to the following teachers, Miss. McDermott who is leaving us for a full time Art position at Bayside Middle school. She is very excited about this new opportunity as she gets to pursue her passion in art. Mrs. Burley-Driscoll, Mr. Murray and Mr. Bendixen are also moving on after spending the past year with us and we wish them luck in their future positions. Mrs. Colman one of our E.A.’s is leaving for the year as well, but she will be back as she is having a baby! Congratulations to her and we wish her the best as she spends the first year of her new son’s life making memories with him! I want to share with you that we are welcoming Mrs. Adair Thompson back to the school. She taught at BRHS back in 2014 and is very excited to be back in the beautiful Belleisle, where I always say, “it is worth the drive”.

I hope you all have the best summer ever and as the New Brunswick bubble grows to include the rest of the Maritimes you get the opportunity to spend time with friends and family that you may not have been able to see for the last three months.

Belleisle Regional High School truly is “the best school in the world, with the best kids in the world being taught by the best teachers in the world”