



# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN AT JOHN BRANT PUBLIC SCHOOL



## CHILDREN ARE SUPPORTED IN:

### BELONGING AND CONTRIBUTING

Learning how to work together through play and investigation by making decisions and sharing ideas.

Coming to an understanding that their voice has value in the class community and the world around them.

The Kindergarten program is a child centered, developmentally appropriate, integrated program of learning for 4 and 5 year old children. The purpose of the program is to establish a strong foundation for learning in the early years and to do so in a safe and caring play-based environment that promotes the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of all children.

The four frames take an approach that aligns with the way children's learning naturally occurs.

- Kindergarten Program Document 2016

### DEMONSTRATING LITERACY AND MATHEMATICS BEHAVIOURS

Learning about mathematics, language, print, and the world around them through investigation and problem solving, games, dramatic play, singing songs, reading together and talking about their interests and experiences.

### SELF-REGULATION AND WELL-BEING

Learning to understand and manage their emotions and develop skills that will help them make and keep friends.

Willing to try new things and persevere with challenging tasks.

Learning how to stay focused, take care of their bodies and make safe and healthy choices for play and learning.



**"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play, children learn how to learn."**

- O. Fred Donaldson

### PROBLEM-SOLVING AND INNOVATING

Learning to make meaning of their world by asking questions, testing theories, solving problems and using creative thinking in both our indoor and outdoor classrooms.





# OUR PARTNERSHIP IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING EXPERIENCE



## COMMUNICATION

Parents and/or guardians are encouraged to play an active part of their child's education by providing a home connection for class inquiries and engaging in conversations with their child about school.

Our staff will be communicating through a website called D2L. Please check this website regularly for important classroom information and updates. This will provide an opportunity for children to share their experiences with their family.

**Accessing D2L:**  
[www.dsbni.org/elearning](http://www.dsbni.org/elearning)

You will be receiving a username and password for your child in the Fall. You are encouraged to save the information so that you can easily access D2L.

## SCHOOL HOURS (for 2024-25)

8:40 AM - 3:00 PM

Before School Supervision  
begins at 8:25 AM

## REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

DSBN schools use the **SafeArrival** absence reporting system. You can report an absence using any of these convenient methods:

**1. SchoolMessenger App**  
(Apple App store or Google Play Store)

**2. SafeArrival Website**  
(<https://goschoolmessenger.ca>)

**3. Toll-free Number**  
1-866-606-5567

## NUTRITION BREAKS

We promote health and nutrition at John Brant with a morning and afternoon nutrition break.

Children are encouraged to be independent when opening packages and making healthy choices. It's a great idea to practice with reusable containers during the summer. For September, please label all reusable containers.

Please note that we are a nut aware school.

## BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING LIST

- Velcro indoor running shoes
- Lunch bag
- Water bottle
- Backpack (big enough to hold a large book and lunch bag)
- Sunhat
- Rubberboots & Splash pants (for comfort on rainy days as well as puddle and mud play)

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The outdoor classroom is a naturalized space for exploration and discovery. We promote learning from the four frames with natural materials found in that environment, as well as materials that will spark curiosity, creativity, and conversation.

Through experiences in the outdoor classroom, students develop their understanding of the natural world and the need to care for and respect the environment.



## Student Transportation

Niagara student transportation will email bus information in August. Visit [NSTS.ca](http://NSTS.ca) for more information

## SCHOOL CASH

We use an online website called *School Cash* to pay for all school purchases including trips, lunch days, milk, spiritwear and school fundraisers. You will be invited to sign up for this in September and will access this program through the John Brant website.

[www.johnbrant.dsbni.org](http://www.johnbrant.dsbni.org)

Follow us on Instagram at:  
[@johnbrantschoolofficial](https://www.instagram.com/johnbrantschoolofficial)

## CLOTHING AND SHOES

We spend a good portion of our day in our outdoor classroom and we want children to enjoy this learning experience. Please check the weather each day and send your child dressed appropriately for extended times outdoors.

All students are asked to keep a pair of indoor shoes and a change of clothing at school.

Please label everything!



