

October 2, 2020

To: BRSD Parents and Guardians
From: Rita Marler, Superintendent of Schools
Re: Welcome to October!

Hello everyone.

As we mark the end of our first month of school and move into October – the season of ‘thankfulness’ – I want to express my appreciation.

Thank you: for your commitment to your children’s learning. Whether your family is attending school at-home or in person, we are so glad to have you with us!

Thank you: for your patience as we have all learned new things and done things differently than ever before. There have been a few bumps in the road and we appreciate your understanding.

Thank you: for continuing to be diligent in monitoring your children’s health and wellbeing; for keeping them home when they don’t feel well; and for accessing wellness services from the school division if you feel your children are struggling and need extra support.

Thank you: for ‘bearing with us’ as we continue to plan and respond and try to be ready for wherever 2020 may take us next.

Thank you: to the BRSD staff, in every school, in every department and in every role, for their flexibility, adaptability and willingness to take on all the challenges of this remarkable year.

Taking care of ourselves and each other has never been more important. Thank you for your support. I wish you well in the weeks and months ahead.

Rita Marler

P.S. Do you have any textbooks still kicking around your house from last spring? We seem to be missing quite a few and would appreciate having them returned. Thanks very much for that, too!