

GOOD NEWS

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Important Dates in September

First Day of Launch (Full day of classes)	Sept 7
Welcome Back Spirit Week	Sept 7-10
Virtual Open House @ 7PM	Sept 14
First FNS of the Year	Sept 17
Virtual Curriculum Night @ 7	Sept 22

Important Dates in October

Key Goals Planning with Families @ 6-8 PM	Oct 7
Key Goals Planning with Families @ 9-5 PM	Oct 8
Launch Closed for Key Goals Planning	Oct 8
Thanksgiving Day (Launch is closed)	Oct 11



July Birthdays

Spencer LM **July 12**

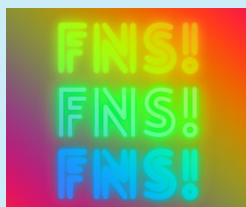
August Birthdays

Paige Lunan **August 12**

Luke Lapas **August 20**

Jason White **August 31**

Friday Night Social Online



Sept 17 - Welcome back to FNS

Sept 24 - Festive Fall

Go to the [Launch website](#) to register



WHAT'S NEW



WORK EXPERIENCE HAS MOVED

Work Experience is now scheduled in the mornings! Due to COVID precautions we will not be going into the workplace in the Fall, but all students will be participating in BizWorks. They will be producing custom art and science supply kits to be used in their classes. There will be other projects as well. We will revisit returning to the work place as restrictions are lifted and it is safe to do so.



PEERS SOCIAL SKILLS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

This evidence-based social skills program was developed at UCLA, specifically for young adults. Raneta is attending a train the trainer program in September and will train the staff in preparation for the beginning the program in Term 2 (February) Some topics that will be covered include:

- * Developing and maintaining friendships
- * Entering and exiting conversations
- * Appropriately use of humour
- * Dating skills
- * Handling direct and indirect bullying
- * Handling disagreements
- * Handling dating pressures



DANCE CLUB

A great opportunity to learn basic dance steps that can be used at Launch dances (when they come back) and family/social events. This class will explore Salsa, line dances and maybe even some TikTok dances!



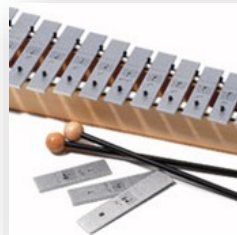
GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE + CURRENT EVENTS

This new class includes information relevant to the lives of students as part of their local community, the country and the wider world. It covers topics such as the environmental, health, political, cultural, historical, natural and geographical issues; and practical life knowledge at a level designed for understanding, conversation and relating to students' own lives. Watch for Virtual Field Trips that link back to this class!



MUSIC CLUB

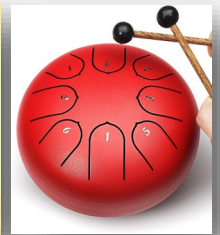
In late June, we asked students which classes they really enjoyed. Music came up quite often. So Music is now an class, scheduled once per week in the 4 - 5 PM block. Launch has invested in some new instruments including:



Glockenspiels



Kalimbas



Tongue Drums



What's Happening

COOKING CLASSES

Cooking is taught once per week for each class. Due to COVID precautions, students will not be cooking for groups. Each student will prepare only their own personal lunch. The other four days of the week, students will need to bring a lunch from home. Check your class schedule to find which day cooking class is in your schedule (last pages of this Newsletter)

LUNCHES FROM HOME

All days that students are not scheduled in a cooking class, requires they bring a lunch from home. These lunches will be stored in their student bin and should not require refrigeration.

WELCOME BACK HOBBY CLUB

Raise your hand if you have missed this class! Hobby Club is designed to teach students not only the rules of social games, but also appropriate ways to participate in those games. Watch for Launch favourites like charades, bingo, trivia contests etc.

ART CLASS (ART CLUB)

This year excited to have Art Class every week. Watch for creative, easy and FUN art projects, most of which will be completed in one class. This is one of the places we will use the kits made in BizWorks.

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

We end the Launch week with a Virtual Field Trip. Each week students will visit a different country, city, event, building or attraction to expand their world.

DIGITAL LITERACY

Students made a lot of progress with their digital skills last year. We will continue to build and develop their knowledge abilities and navigation skills in our digital world!

HEALTHY + SAFETY

Health and Safety is part of the Launch TASC Curriculum. We will be covering different parts of this section of the curriculum with a particular focus on COVID safety precautions. There will be review and practise on correctly donning and doffing masks, proper storage of masks, hand washing, what is a safe distance for social distancing etc.

SHOW US YOUR SUMMER!

Believe it or not, we are already working on September's Newsletter. We would love to include a section where students share their favourite moment of the summer. Send your most favourite photo (just one) from summer activities to Gwen at contactus@brightonlaunch.ca.

WE HAVE NEW NEIGHBOURS!





COVID PRECAUTIONS AT LAUNCH

COVID MITIGATIONS IN PLACE

Launch staff and students will be:

- Social Distancing
- Sitting behind individual “windshields” on desks
- Masking when not sitting behind the windshields
- Deep cleaning
- Enjoying enhanced air quality in classrooms

SHOPPING LIST

COVID precautions mean we are not sharing personal items again this year. This means there is some shopping for **YOU** to do prior to students returning to Launch. Returning students probably already still have some of these items from last year.

- Hard cover pencil case
- 2 Pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil Crayons (24)
- Markers (no more than 36)
- Pencil sharpener
- Scissors
- Glue Stick (or white glue)
- Resistance (band for exercise may have from last year)
- Water bottle (**PLEASE LABEL**)
- Single hole punch (for Art Class)
- Box of Kleenex
- Small bottle of hand sanitizer

2 LOCATIONS OF LAUNCH

This year we wanted to have all of our students be able to attend Launch full time rather than alternating weeks.

To accomplish this, we have rented the “Old Brighton School” location with two separate, large classrooms. Students and staff who are assigned to the Old School location will have the use of the full kitchen and other facilities

Group S (for Stacey) and Group M (for Matt)

will be at 40 Wynford Dr, Unit 202 (known as Launch)

Group B (for Ben) and Group T (for Tania)

will be at 240 The Donway West (the “old Brighton School” location)

You will receive an individual email from Gwen letting you know which class and location your student will be assigned to.

DAILY SCREENING EMAILS

We are doing everything we can to keep students safe while they are attending Launch and that includes completing COVID screening forms prior to attendance each morning.

Screening forms will be sent to parents each morning at 7 AM. We ask that it be completed and submitted by 8:30 AM.

Students will not be able to enter Launch, in either location, if we have not received the form for that day.





REAL ECONOMY EXPLAINED

Touchless Real Economy continues for the 2021 - 2022 Launch year. Every student should have a working debit card or credit card when they start the year. Please set it up so it will be ready to “tap” and does not need the PIN number.

It is recommended to have the card stay at Launch in the student’s bin, that way students will be sure to have the card on Real Economy day. But if your student already has a card they safely carry with them at all times, we can work with that. Parents must ensure the bank account has enough money available in it to pay Real Economy fees each week. The Real Economy learning process of paying for expenses is devalued if a student is not successful in paying their expenses.

Expenses are different, depending on which program (FT, MWF or TWTh) your family has chosen. Look for your option below.

Full Time Real Economy \$25/week

Students will pay \$25/week for these essentials:

- Art / Science Supply Kits: \$10
- Lunch: \$10
- Baking Class \$5

Additionally we recommend allocating another \$10 - \$20 per week for discretionary expenses such as:

- Snacks ordered online
- Optional items purchased online from Amazon, etc.
- Uber Eats, Pizza orders etc.

Part Time (M,W,F) RE \$15/week

Students will pay \$20/week for these essentials:

- Science supply kit: \$5
- Lunch: (Groups Ben & Stacey) \$10
- Baking Class \$5

Additionally we recommend allocating another \$10 - \$20 per week for discretionary expenses such as:

- Snacks ordered online
- Optional items purchased online from Amazon, etc.
- Uber Eats, Pizza orders etc.

Part Time (T,W,Th) RE \$15/week

Students will pay \$15/week for these essentials:

- Art Supply Kit: \$5
- Lunch: (Groups Tania & Matt) \$10

Additionally we recommend allocating another \$10 - \$20 per week for discretionary expenses such as:

- Snacks ordered online
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- Uber Eats, Pizza orders etc.

Please Note:

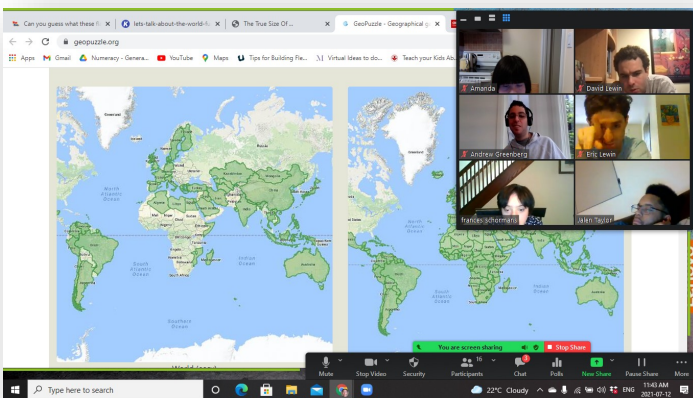
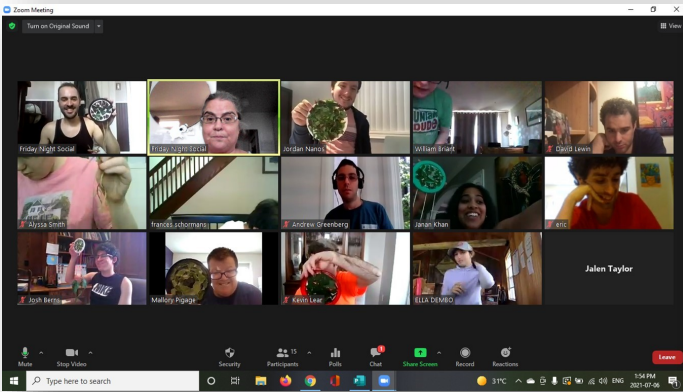
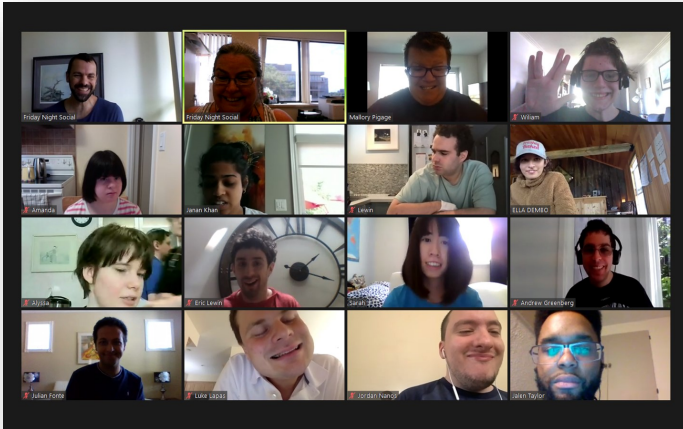
Real Economy fees this year are less than our regular Real Economy fees due to COVID restrictions. At least for the first term, we will not be travelling in the community or doing External Work Experience.

As soon as restrictions are lifted and we are able to safely add back in our External Work Experience, TTC, field trips and additional lunches, the Real Economy fee will increase. Families will be notified when we are returning to our regular Real Economy program.





LAUNCH VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP



Group B & Group T: 2021 / 2022

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Housekeeping	Housekeeping	Housekeeping	Housekeeping	Housekeeping
9:30	MMM	Work Experience-Internal: BizWorks	Language & Literacy	Work Experience-Internal: BizWorks	Language & Literacy
10:30	Group B: Food & Nutrition / Cooking	(Work Experience - External: TBA)	Group T: Food & Nutrition / Cooking	(Work Experience - External: TBA)	Global Knowledge & Current Events
11:30	Group T: BLC		Group B: BLC		BizWorks Career Planning Digital Literacy Cooking Snacks
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30	Language & Literacy	Language & Literacy	Social Ed	Real Economy / Budgeting	Social Ed
2:15	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness
3:00	Science	T1: Health Care & Safety T2: Sexuality & Relationships	Home Ec BizWorks	Language & Literacy	T1: Community Skills T2: Citizenship
4:00	Music Club	Dance Club	Hobby Club	Art Club	Virtual Field Trip
5:00	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

Group M & Group S: 2021 / 2022

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Housekeeping	Housekeeping	Housekeeping	Housekeeping	Housekeeping
9:30	MMM	Work Experience-Internal: BizWorks (Work Experience - External: TBA)	Language & Literacy	Work Experience-Internal: BizWorks (Work Experience - External: TBA)	Language & Literacy
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