

BURFORD DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Important Dates

September 14– Meet the
Teacher Night, 5:00-7:00

September 15– PD Day

September 27– School
Council Meeting

Message from the Administrators' Desks . . .

All of the staff at Burford District Elementary School would like to welcome our returning students and new students back to school. We hope that you have all had a restful summer full of adventure and playfulness. We have a year of fun and educational activities ahead of us at BDES, and the staff can't wait to continue with the tradition of excellence that people expect from the Bobcats. This year, we will continue our focus on using Math in new and innovative ways and creating a culture of mindful decision making.

We would like to thank our custodians, Mr. Gilcrest and Mr. Ramsey, who have been busy all summer getting the school ready for us.

This week, you will notice some important paperwork coming home. Please take the time to review all of the paperwork that your child brings home, and return anything that requires your signature. Of particular importance is the Current Information Sheet that provides your contact information to the school. Please be sure to review the Media Consent portion at the bottom of the page as we like to celebrate our students' achievements by posting them on our website, in the local paper, or on our new Facebook page. We can only post pictures of students who provide this consent. **Our school Facebook page can be found by searching for @BDElemSchool.**

Finally, this year, Grand Erie DSB schools will be going cashless. Information on School Cash Online has been sent home to all families. School staff will be available to assist you as we transition towards a cashless system in our school and representatives from School Cash Online will be available to answer questions and get you set up at Meet the Teacher Night on September 14th.

We look forward to another fantastic year for the Bobcats!



Please join us for Meet the Teacher Night on **Thursday, September 14th from 5:00-7:00**. Meet your child's teacher and speak with our Public Health Nurse, Library staff, representatives from School Cash Online, and our School Council.



More than 75% of the students who attend BDES are bussed. For the most up-to-date information about bussing, visit <http://www.stsbhn.ca/>. To contact the GEDSB Transportation Department, call 519-756-6301 and follow the prompts.

Teachers and their Classes

We are pleased to welcome some new teaching staff to the school this year. We believe that parent involvement is important to a child's education. All teachers will set up some sort of communication system for families. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

C. Krepelka and A. Barlas	Kindergarten
G. McLaren and K. Mesley	Kindergarten
M. Anderson and P. Taylor	Kindergarten (FI)
J. Ross and G. Kinrade	Kindergarten (FI)
L. Woodburn	Grade 1
C. Coates	Grade 1/2
A. Baldwin	Grade 1 (FI)
S. Hazaras	Grade ½ (FI)
J. Tanaszczuk	Grade 2 (FI)
V. Grondin	Grade 2/3 (FI)
C. Bouckhuyt	Grade 2/3
T. Oakley	Grade 3/4
C. Malott	Grade 3/4 (FI)
K. Caldwell	Grade 3/4
B. Bain and A. Walker	Grade 4/5
R. Schonbacher	Grade 4/5 (FI)
T. Best	Grade 5
B. MacGregor	Grade 5/6
B. Zondag	Grade 6
S. Mann	Grade 7
M. Schrader	Grade 7/8
S. Wood	Grade 8
M. Mann-Partridge	Prep/LRT
B. Kanter	Prep
B. Davidson	Prep/LRT
R. McGauley	Prep/LRT
C. Scrubb	French/Prep
To Be Determined	French/Prep
R. Meiszingen / B. Soenen	LRT

Agendas

Student agendas will be available for purchase for \$5.00 in September. Families are asked to purchase their agendas using **School Cash Online** and they will be distributed on Fridays. Agendas are important to maintain strong home-school communication and to teach students organizational skills. The front of the agenda also contains important information about Burford District Elementary School. We ask that all students have some form of agenda for daily use.



Our school website is under construction. Continue to check <http://www.granderie.ca/schools/burford> to watch our website develop. You can also find us on Facebook for information about the day to day activities of the school. Search Facebook for @BDElemSchool

Urgent . . . The BDES Healthy Snack Program Needs Your Help!

For many years, BDES has run a healthy snack program that gives all students access to nutritious snacks a number of times each week. This program is able to run thanks to the generous support of Brant Food for Thought and volunteers from the community.



We are in need of a Food Program Coordinator for this year. Responsibilities of the position include: setting the weekly menu, ordering food, and coordinating volunteers for food preparation.

If you are interested in this position, please contact the office.

