



BURFORD DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Important Dates

October 3– PD Day

October 4– Grade 4 classes to
Norfolk Fair

October 4– JK-Grade 2 Photos

October 5– Grade 3-8 Photos

October 6– Farm Fresh Orders
Due

October 8– Adopt-a-School
Campaign Ends

October 9– Thanksgiving

October 13– Kindergarten to
Brantwood Farms

October 31– Halloween Walk

November 1-2– Dental
Screening for JK, SK, Grade 2 & 8

November 9– Picture Re-takes

Message from the Administrators' Desks . . .

It is hard to believe that September is already gone! The staff and students have settled into the business of teaching and learning. We would like to thank all of the families that came out to our Meet the Teacher Night. Your involvement in your children's schooling can shape their attitudes towards learning.

The office staff are busy updating student records and contact information. If you have not returned your Current Information Sheet to the school, please do so as we need access to contact and medical information. Also, if you plan to volunteer in the school or on field trips, we must have a current Police Check on file in the office. Police Checks are valid for 3 years. If you are planning on driving students on field trips or to sporting events, you must also provide insurance information to the office. Finally, all volunteers in government buildings are now required to complete online accessibility training. This training can be found on www.granderie.ca. Go to Community-> Volunteers-> aoda training video. Watch the video, complete the declaration and bring it to the office for our records.

One of our biggest challenges early this school year has been bussing. We are working towards resolving some of the issues with delays and high noise levels on certain busses. Bus drivers sometimes complete bus reports when there are behavior issues on a bus. This notifies the school and families of issues. Please review behavior expectations on busses with your children. Students are expected to remain in their seats and talk quietly only to students adjacent to them.

We have had a few organizational changes in September. We would like to welcome Christen Grozelle as our new half-time French/Prep teacher and Melissa Howell as our new half-time Grade 4/5 teacher. We would also like to wish Mrs. Bain good luck in her new job at Princess Elizabeth School.

For regular communication between school and home, be sure to check your child's agenda daily.

Peanut-Free "Peanut Butter"



There's a peanut-free soy nut butter product on the market that says it's a peanut butter substitute and safe for schools. Grand Erie District School Board requests that parents/guardians and staff refrain from bringing this product into our peanut-free schools.

If it's peanut-free, then what's the big deal? This product looks, smells, and tastes like peanut butter. The concern is that some children might mistakenly think it is okay to bring peanut butter sandwiches in their lunches when they see their classmates eating the soy product. We simply cannot run the risk of any student or staff member being exposed to peanuts, as this may cause an allergic reaction. The safety and health of our students and staff must come first.

For more information on the Board's response to Anaphylaxis (allergic reactions), please visit www.granderie.ca. Thank you for your cooperation.

Milk Program

The Milk Program begins on October 16th. Order your milk using School Cash Online and it will be delivered to your children in their classrooms. The Milk Program operates daily.



Pizza Days



Pizza Days will begin on October 5th and continue every Thursday. Place your order using School Cash Online. Volunteers will deliver pizza to classrooms on second nutrition break.

BobCat Assembly

October's BobCat Assembly will be held on October 26th during the last instructional block of the day. Teachers will contact the families of award winners prior to the assembly to invite them to attend. We love to honour our students for their positive contributions!

Expectations for Behaviour at BDES Reviewed annually by staff

Here at BDES we have high expectations for behaviour. Students have the right to:

- Be treated with respect, courtesy and kindness
- Learn without interruption
- Be safe at school
- Enjoy their time at school
- Help decide the consequences for unacceptable behaviour
- Receive encouragement and assistance with their work
- Express themselves politely
- Question the things of which they are not certain
- Attend school regularly

Students have the responsibility to:

- Treat others with respect and courtesy
- Work cooperatively in class without disrupting the learning of others
- Solve problems peacefully
- Use appropriate language
- Be punctual
- Come to school with appropriate materials
- Show respect for school property
- Accept the consequences for inappropriate behaviour
- Complete their work to the best of their ability
- Dress appropriately for the weather, activities and safety

A Note From the Public Health Nurse at Your School...Healthy Breakfast

Breakfast is a nutritious and delicious way to start the school day! Children who eat a balanced breakfast will perform better in school and will develop healthier eating habits as they grow older.

Prepare in advance: Prepare the night before. Set the table, cut up any fruit and have cereal all ready to go for the next morning

Wake up earlier: Waking up a little earlier will allow for a more relaxed breakfast

Include everyone: Include children in planning and making breakfast by letting them choose breakfast items and getting them to help you clean up afterwards

Variety is the spice of life: Include foods from at least 3 of the 4 food groups (Canada's Food Guide) and make breakfast an exciting time by trying these quick and easy breakfast ideas:

- Grilled cheese sandwich with melon slices on the side
- Smoothie made with fruit, yogurt, and nut butter
- Scrambled eggs wrapped in a tortilla with milk on the side
- Whole grain cereal or trail mix stirred into yogurt with a piece of fresh fruit
- Whole grain cereal, banana and milk

For more healthy living tips and ideas, visit Eat Right Ontario www.eatrightontario.ca, or speak to the public health nurse at your school.



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Adopt a School

Please consider supporting our Adopt-a-School campaign. Go on the website, select Burford Elementary and write a story about reading. You can also like stories that have been posted by others.

Farm Fresh orders are due October 6. Please use School Cash Online or make cheques payable to Burford Elementary School. Thank you for supporting this fundraising effort. We hope that you enjoy the fresh, local produce.



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school events. To be shown on the page, you must return your Current Information sheet and check "yes" to the Media Consent. Search for @BDElemSchool and follow/like us.

