

# BURFORD DISTRICT

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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### Important Dates

Feb 1– Intermediate Girls’  
Basketball Tournament

Feb 2– Intermediate Boys’  
Basketball Tournament

Feb 9– French Kindergarten  
Registration Closes

Feb 13 - Chicopee Tubing Trip -NO  
PITAS TODAY DUE TO TRIP

Feb 14– Red and Pink Day

Feb 15– Report Cards go home

Feb 19– Family Day (no classes)

Feb 20 – SK & Grade 8 Grad  
Photos in the morning. (no  
retakes available at this time) &  
Dance-a-Thon Kickoff Assembly

Feb 21– Library Trip (Mesley)

Feb 22– Bobcat Blast

Feb 27 – Chocolate Bars delivered  
to school

Feb 28 – Pink Shirt Day & Library  
Trip (Woodburn)

We have had a couple of recent reports of adults in vehicles approaching our students on the way home from school and asking questions (directions, how is your brother?). We report all suspicious activity to the Police. We have made announcements at the school reminding students not to approach strangers. Please reiterate this message at home and report any suspicious incidents.

### **Message from the Administrators’ Desks:**

January has flown by and teachers are busy preparing Term 1 Report Cards. **Reports are scheduled to come home on February 15th.** We value feedback and goal setting, so be sure to fill out the reflection section at the bottom of the report card and return it to your child’s teacher. There are no interviews with these reports cards. If you have any questions about your child’s progress, please make an appointment with their teacher.

School Council is planning to offer further sessions of Triple-P Parenting. These seminars and discussion sessions offer parents information to help them to deal with some of the challenges of parenting children from 0-12 years of age. Watch for information coming home about these valuable sessions.

Milk, Pita and Pizza orders will now be done for one month at a time. We hope that this makes things easier for families and our clerical staff. Please be sure to complete your online orders by the due date. Go to “schoolcashionline.com” to register your child(ren). No late orders can be accepted. If your student is absent the day of, refunds will not be made. Orders for March will be open on School Cash Online from February 9th-23rd.

We will be hosting a pilot project starting soon through the Brant County Health Unit called “Random Acts of Play”. Our Health Nurse and other volunteers will be providing us with a variety of outdoor equipment for student use once per week on Thursdays. Students will use the equipment independently or in groups to foster creative play. We look forward to seeing our students be inventive with new equipment.

### **Scoreboard Raffle**

We have been selling raffle tickets to raise money for a scoreboard for our gym. This will be an addition to our other recent gym improvements. Books of 5 or 10 tickets can be purchased using School Banking online. You can sell these tickets and return the portion with the contact information to the school. You can also purchase individual tickets at the main office. We have gathered some fantastic prizes and more are being added all the time. The draw takes place on March 8th and winners will be notified in the order that they are drawn and given their choice of prizes.

New Jersey Devils jersey
Los Angeles Kings jersey
Calgary Stampeders jersey
4 golf passes to Otter Creek Golf Club
4 Golf passes to Woodside Greens Golf course
Keg Gift Certificate
Scape Spa Gift Certificate
Brant County one hour ice time rental for 2018-2019 season
Anytime Fitness Package including 1 month trial membership, t-shirt, etc.
2 Toronto FC tickets
Goodlife (1 Year Membership and gym bag)
McMaster Marauders Prize Pack

# BULLYING STOPS HERE



## Pink Shirt Day

On February 28, we are asking students to wear pink to raise awareness of bullying. Teachers will discuss the topic of bullying in their classrooms. Students will learn how to identify and respond to bullying in all of its forms. By raising awareness, we hope to create a culture where everyone feels safe and included.

## Year-Round FundScrip

"FundScrip Gift Cards can now be purchased online throughout the year! By ordering gift cards to pay for those everyday items like groceries and gas, you will be supporting Burford District Elementary School's fundraising initiatives."

Go to [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) and click on

**Support a Group**

Complete the registration process and enter the invitation code

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Consider a payment method other than credit card. Credit card payments reduce the school's profits by 1.99%. Thank you for your support.

## Dance-a-Thon

On March 8th, we will be holding a Dance-a-Thon hosted by the Burford School Council. We are raising money to support our Gym and Library Renewal.



Following our February 20th assembly, pledge forms will be sent home with all students.

Every student from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will participate in the Dance-a-thon. There

will be prize incentives for fundraising. Professor Jamz also runs a Glow Store at the event. Please support this event as it is our largest fundraiser of the year. Our goal is to raise \$20 per student (\$10,000) to complete the matting around the gym and continue the transformation of our Library. Last year the students had a great day dancing. Pledges can be made online by credit card at [www.professorjamz.com/burford](http://www.professorjamz.com/burford). Pledge forms will also be sent home with students on February 20th.

If you are willing to help out on the day of the event, please contact the school.

## Reminder: Check Your Child's Hair

You know the routine— it's that time of year again. Check your children's hair at least twice a week, remind them not to share hair products, hats or scarves, and call the school if you notice a problem. Look for live nits or their eggs. Begin treatment as soon as you notice a problem. Treatment should include bedding and upholstery in the home. It's a time-consuming job, but an important one.



## Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Our chocolate bar fundraiser begins soon. Chocolate bars will be delivered to the school on February 27, but cases can be pre-ordered now. Participating classes are: MacGregor, Zondag, Mann, Schraeder and Wood. Once purchased, the boxes will be sent home with your child. Boxes of chocolate cost \$90. \$45 of this will be put towards your child's year-end trip.

## Kindergarten Registration

Grand Erie's Kindergarten programs help students get off to the best possible start. Children are challenged and encouraged to do their very best and build relationships with caring teachers who are with them every step of the way.



Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten must be four years old by December 31, 2018 in order to register.

Contact Burford District Elementary School at 519 449 2457 or the secretary, Mrs. Homick, [angela.homick@granderie.ca](mailto:angela.homick@granderie.ca) to arrange a visit or to learn more about what's needed to register.

## Popcorn Sales

Starting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the grade 8's will be selling popcorn on Friday's during nutrition breaks as a fundraiser to offset the costs associated with grade 8 graduation. It is peanut free, gluten free, pesticide free and is made from GMO free corn ([some flavours may contain soy or dairy - for those with allergy concerns](#)).

This product is a nice treat that can be used to supplement your child's lunch. Flavours available are: Dill Pickle, White Cheddar, Butter and Salt, Kettle Corn and Sriracha. Please consider giving your child a treat by sending them with \$2 on Fridays, and, in the process, you will be supporting the BDES graduation.

