



Banbury Heights School

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March

Principal

Pete Ashe

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BELL TIMES

8:45 am: Entry Bell

10:45am – 11:25am:
First Nutrition Break

1:25pm – 2:05pm:
Second Nutrition Break

3:05pm: Dismissal

Welcome to March, hopefully soon we will welcome Spring! Staff and students are nicely into term 2 and as a school we continue to focus on maximizing student outcomes. The tasks and activities that students are engaged in provide opportunities for them to hone their skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving – skills that will help them to be successful both in school and beyond.

With Spring right around the corner, it's an exciting time of year for all. Daylight savings begins on March 11th when we turn our clocks forward an hour. As the days get longer and we spend more time outside, this is a good time to remind your children about playing safely in the community. Spring is also an important time to think about safety in our homes. Please check to make sure you have both working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and a fire safety plan for evacuating your family in the event of an emergency. At school, we will be conducting our own emergency preparedness drills (fire, lockdown, shelter in place, evacuation) over the coming months.

Finally, just a reminder that March Break begins on Monday March 12th. I hope everyone has a good week off, and we look forward to students returning on March 19th with refreshed and with rejuvenated minds.

What's Ahead:

Mar 1 – Intermediate Speech Competition (11:45-12:45)

Mar 7, 21 – Pita Days

Mar 6 – Grade 8 Grad Photos

Mar 7 – School Council (6:15-7:30)

Mar 12-16 – MARCH BREAK!!!!!!!

Mar 22 – QSP Cookie Dough Pick-Up

April 19 – “Math in Motion” Family Math Night (More info to come)

Other Important Dates:

Mar 1 – St. David's Day (Welsh); Purim (Judaism)

Mar 8 – International Women's Day

Mar 11 – Daylight Saving's Begins

Mar 17 – St. Patrick's Day

Mar 20 – Vernal Equinox (First Day of Spring)

Mar 25 – Palm Sunday (Christian)

Mar 30 – Good Friday

Apr 2 – Easter Monday

School Council

You are cordially invited to participate in our next Banbury Heights, School Council Meeting, which will be held at 6:15 pm on Wednesday, May 7 in the library.



If your child will be absent or late for school, please call us at **519-751-0142**. Our answering machine will take your call 24-7. **You will notice that our answering system has changed when you call.** The following is a list of options:

- 1 – Attendance**
- 2 – Questions** or help with School Cash (Ms. Hurst)
- 3 – Principal** (Mr. Ashe)
- 4 - Vice Principal** (Mr. Poladian)
- 5 - Learning Resource Teacher** (Mrs. Vrugteman)
- 6 - Child and Youth Worker** (Mrs. Vukelich)
- 7 – Custodian** (Mrs. Hansen)
- 9 – Directory of Teaching Staff** (Where you can leave a message directly to your child's teacher)
- 0 – Reception** (speak directly to the secretary)

Hewitt's Dairy Milk Program



We are continuing to offer the milk program at Banbury. Milk is delivered to classrooms on Tuesday and Thursday each week. Milk must be paid in full for the month. Log on to School Cash Online to order for upcoming months.

Kindness Month



February was kindness month at Banbury. All students were encouraged to go above and beyond in extending kindness to others. Congratulations to Mrs. Matthews grade 7 class for receiving the kindness plaque. They exhibited kindness representative of the Braveheart spirit in the memory of Mrs. Halyk. A donation has been made to the McMaster Children's Hospital in Mrs. Halyk's name on behalf of the grade 7 class.

Technology

Students may bring their own devices to school (e.g., cell phone, ipad) at their own risk. Please keep in mind that the school is not responsible for damaged, stolen or lost devices. If students are not using their device for instructional purposes, we ask students to keep their device locked in their locker. Students are not permitted to be on personal devices during school hours without teacher supervision. Please speak to your child about these routines.



Students need to be dressed adequately to be outdoors for recess. All students are expected to go outdoors for both recesses. It is a good idea for all students to have an extra pair of mitts and socks in their backpacks in case the ones they are wearing become too wet.

Remember that in order for a student to leave for lunch during second nutrition break, the school requires a signed lunch form indicating this, or a phone call to the office if it is a non-regular occurrence.