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Message from the Administrators' Desks . . .

September is over and activities at the school are in full swing. Our Terry Fox Run and Orange Shirt Day as well as trips to fall fairs and submissions to the Burford Fair by some students has shown that BDES staff and students are strongly connected to the local and global community. We will continue to provide opportunities for students to connect with, and give back to, the community throughout the school year.

A motivated group of parents met and elected this year's School Council. Names of School Council members are listed on the left hand side of this page. This group will plan events, provide input into school activities and raise funds to make Burford District Elementary all that it can be for our students and the community. If you are interested in participating in School Council, meetings are always open to you. We thank those that came out to the September meeting and hope to see even more new faces as the year goes on.

Our Junior and Intermediate Baseball Teams competed in their tournaments in the past few weeks. We are proud of the skill and determination that they showed and

how they represented BDES. Soccer teams have started practicing and will have tournaments soon.

Our new UV system is now installed and water has tested clean for drinking. Thank you to all students who brought reusable water bottles. We will be expanding our recycling program at the school in the next couple of weeks. Watch for more information.

FREE Triple P Seminar For all Parents of Children age 0-12

**The Power of Positive Parenting:
Learning tips on how to make parenting
more enjoyable and rewarding**

Burford Public Library

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm October 24, 2018

Refreshments and snacks provided

To register please go to <https://www.triplep-parenting.ca/ont-en/find-help/find-a-session/> and select Burford Library Session.

Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser



Time is ticking down to place your orders for our Fresh from the Farm fundraiser. Order forms were sent home with students and School Cash Online is now accepting payments. Cash or cheques will also be accepted. Simply choose between the Apples or Fresh Produce options, place your order, and it will be delivered to the school sometime in November (date to be announced). 40% of the proceeds come back to the school and all food is locally sourced.

School Photos

Class and individual pictures were taken this week. You can register for FREE photo day notifications directly to your inbox by signing up at www.edgeimaging.ca/photoday. You will also receive email notifications when your proofs are available and when your photos have shipped!

Math at Burford

Burford will continue to focus on improving mathematics teaching and learning this year. Teachers in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be privileged to participate in 3 days of Professional Learning throughout the year. In addition these teachers will be provided with time to co-plan math and implement lessons, collaboratively. The focus of the co-planning and teaching is to make a concerted effort to note how students respond to math concepts and to determine what their next steps for better understanding and success should be. Following co-teaching, teachers will be afforded the time to discuss what they noticed about student thinking and to collaboratively establish next steps for teaching and learning. The teachers involved in this process will share insights and learning with the staff who are not directly involved.



In addition, Burford has a junior level teacher who will assume the role of Lead Teacher in Mathematics. This school lead will attend several workshops throughout the year and will bring learning back to the staff.

We will keep you informed about our school focus on mathematics.

M a t h e m a t i c s

Today's Math Classroom

Students used to spend almost all their time working at their desks, with the teacher at the blackboard and with little discussion. Math classes today look, sound, and feel quite different.

How and Why it's Different

If you peeked inside your child's math class, here are some things you would notice.

students working on their own, in pairs, in small groups, independently and with teacher direction

students engaged in a wide variety of tasks — practising skills, solving problems about real-life situations, playing games, and applying math concepts to design challenges

students using a variety of physical and digital learning tools as they explore math ideas and solve problems

students using a variety of tools, including paper and pencil, chart paper and markers, and digital devices, to write and record their math thinking

students talking about connections they have made personally or exploring new math concepts and skills

students sharing their strategies for solving a problem

Learning math involves understanding concepts and procedures, acquiring skills, and applying math processes. Each of these aspects of learning requires different learning and teaching strategies. As well, individual students learn differently. It's important for students to have opportunities to learn in a variety of way



Taken from: Math Learning Today: produced in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Ontario District School Boards
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Halloween

Halloween is an exciting time in schools. Each year, we celebrate the spookiest night of the year by having students wear their costumes. Each

classroom will have its own set of activities for the day from pumpkin carving to costume parades. We are looking forward to seeing the students letting their imaginations take them to new and exciting places.

Due to the age range of our students and School Board policies, it is important that costumes adhere to the following guidelines:

- No weapons, real or fake, are permitted.
- Masks cannot be worn out for recess or during classroom instruction as they impede vision.
- Costumes must conform to school dress code with respect to covering torsos.
- Costumes should not be "too scary" as we have children as young as 3 years old in the building. Use your best judgement.
- Students must be able to participate in regular school activities (sitting in a desk, gym class, etc.) If costumes impede students' ability to participate, they should be prepared with a change of clothes.

We will continue the tradition of participating in a Halloween Walk to participating businesses in the Burford community. Students from Grade 1-4 will be invited on the walk. Kindergarten students will do their walk at the paint factory. More information will come home in the upcoming weeks. If you are able to volunteer to walk with our students, please let your child's teacher know.

There will be a Halloween Dance during the last instructional block for Grade 5-8 students. Admission is free for students wearing a costume, or \$1.00 without a costume. A small concession stand will sell various food items and drinks.

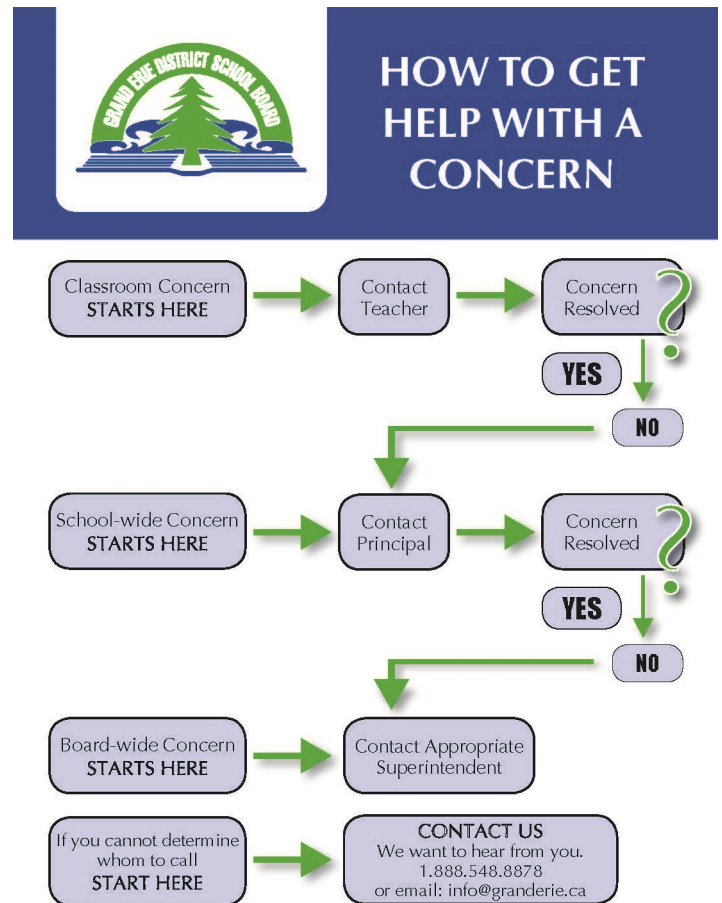
If your child requires alternate arrangements for Halloween, please contact his/her teacher.

Allergies at School



This is a reminder that BDES is a Nut-Free Zone. Grand Erie policies also forbid nut butter replacements, as they can cause confusion. Please be mindful of food policies when packing your child's lunch.

This time of year, bees tend to be active. We are on the lookout for bee hives around the school, but the presence of stinging insects is inevitable until the winter months. There is currently a shortage of EpiPens nationwide. If you have a recently expired EpiPen that you have already replaced, we would ask that you do not dispose of it and consider donating it to the school in case of emergency where another EpiPen is not available.



YOUR TRUSTEE CAN GUIDE YOU THROUGH THIS PROCESS.
Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at granderie.ca

SUCCESS for Every Student

The Legalization of Marijuana

On October 17th, cannabis products will become legal for adults to consume in Ontario. Although it remains illegal for our students to use, adults entering the building are reminded that possession of, or being under the influence of recreational marijuana continues to be illegal on school property.





October 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Orange Shirt Day	2 Norfolk Fair Day – P.A. Day	3 Picture Day	4 Picture Day	5 Grade 7 Immunizations	6	7
8 Thanksgiving Holiday No School Happy Thanksgiving!	9	10	11	12 Hot Lunch Orders available online	13	14
15	16	17 Mrs. Mesley's JK/SK to Burford Library Parent Council meeting 6:30 in Library	18 Mrs. Bouckhuys's class to Luna Adventure Centre	19	20	21
22	23	24 Mrs. Bouckhuys's Class walking to Burford Library	25	26 Mrs. Woodburn's Class walking to Burford Library	27	28 Hot Lunch Orders close online
29	30 Mrs. Caldwell & Oakley's Classes have Dairy Presentations Mrs. Bouckhuys & Grondin's classes to Safety Village	31 Kindergarten Classes on Halloween Walk to Beauti-Tone Paints				