

# BURFORD DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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## Important Dates

May 1– Krispy Kreme fundraiser  
begins

May 6– Chalk Talk for whole  
school

May 7– Burford's Got Talent (6  
pm)

May 9– Grade 7 Immunizations

May 10– Track & Field Pep Rally

May 14– Track & Field (Grade 4-  
8) @ Lions' Park

May 15– JK Orientation 8:30-  
10:00, Library Trip (Mesley)

May 16– Swim Test at WGSC  
(Zondag & MacGregor)

May 17– Jump Rope for Heart

May 20– Victoria Day Holiday

May 22– Library Trip (Boukhuyt)

May 24– Krispy Kreme fundraiser  
ends

May 29– Music Makers  
(kindergarten)

May 31– Library Trip (Woodburn)

## Message from the Administrators' Desks . . .

It is hard to believe that May is here. The school year is moving so quickly and we have now started to think about year-end activities. Our Grade 8 Graduation is scheduled for Monday, June 24th. Please watch for information coming home about other year-end celebrations and trips.

Training for Track & Field has begun! If you are around the school, you will see our Junior and Intermediate classes running, jumping and throwing to prepare for our meet on May 14th at Lions' Park in Brantford. We are hoping for good weather, hard work and lots of parents to attend. Please watch for permission forms coming home.

Our School Council has been active organizing Fun Fair and delicious fundraisers. Please consider volunteering to help out at the Fun Fair by running a game or selling tickets. This has always been an amazing event in the past and promises to be an evening of fun for the whole family.

To ensure the safety of our school, we do two lock-down practices per school year. Lock downs and hold and secure states are used to respond to incidents where there is a threat to student safety either in the school or outside, as advised by police. We will be holding our second lock down practice of the year in the next couple of weeks.

Finally, as the weather warms and classes start to enjoy the beautiful outdoor spaces around the school, it is important that we stay mindful of appropriate dress and sun safety. Please review our school dress code on the BDES website and remind your children to take precautions to protect themselves from the sun and drink plenty of water throughout the day.

## Crosswalk Safety



Drivers - including cyclists - must stop and **yield the whole roadway** at pedestrian crossovers, school crossings and other locations where

there is a crossing guard. **Only when pedestrians and school crossing guards have crossed and are safely on the sidewalk can drivers and cyclists proceed.**

A school crossing is any pedestrian crossing where a school crossing guard is present and displaying a school crossing stop sign.

## Drop Off Reminder

If students arrive after the bell has gone, they are to enter through the front doors and sign in at the office. Students who arrive before the bell are to join their classes on the North side of the building to line up and enter the building. Students who attempt to enter the front door before the bell will be directed to the side door to alleviate traffic at the main office.



## A Note From the Public Health Nurse at Your School... Protect Your Brain! Wear a Helmet!

Bicycle riding season is just around the corner! Remember to keep yourself and your children safe on every ride by wearing a bicycle helmet that fits properly and by following the rules of the road. Here are some helpful tips:

- Before buying a helmet for yourself or your child, make sure it meets the correct safety standards and has a safety sticker from one of the following organizations: CPSC, Snell or ASTM
- Make sure that the helmet fits properly! Visit Parachute Canada, [parachutecanada.org/resources](http://parachutecanada.org/resources), for instructions on properly fitting a helmet
- If a helmet has never been in a crash and is not damaged in any way, it needs to be replaced every five years
- If the helmet has been in a crash or is cracked or damaged in any way, it needs to be replaced immediately
- Remember – different activities may need different helmets. If you are unsure whether or not the helmet is safe for the activity, check with the company that made the helmet!



You are your child's best role model. Role model safe behaviours by wearing a properly fitted helmet yourself. You only have one brain. Protect it by wearing a helmet!

For more information about bicycle helmets, safety tips and answers to frequently asked questions, visit Parachute Canada at [www.parachutecanada.org](http://www.parachutecanada.org)

### Provincial Testing (EQAO)



Our EQAO provincial testing will be occurring in the weeks from **May 21st to June 3.**

Grade 6 May 21, 22, 24

Grade 3 May 28, 29, 30

We are looking for volunteers to help with the preparation of simple healthy snacks for the students participating in the testing. If you are available to help out a few mornings, please contact Mrs. Soenen at the school.

This assessment is based on the Ontario Curriculum and provides useful data to the school and to the Ministry of Education. **We would ask that families plan absences from school around these dates to ensure that all students have the best chance at success.**

### Fun Fair Update:

Save the date! Our Fun Fair will take place on Wednesday, June 12th from 4:30-7:00. We will be looking for volunteers to help man tables and run events. Look for sign-up info coming soon!

We still have space available for vendor tables. We will be opening up to the public on May 13th. Please contact Amber at [The.gillens89@gmail.com](mailto:The.gillens89@gmail.com) if you are interested.



### Fundraising update:



Krispy Kreme fundraising is underway. Packages were sent home May 1st and due back May 31st. Payment can be made on School Cash Online, or by cash or cheque made out to Burford District Elementary School. Boxes are available by the dozen for \$10. Donuts will be available for pick up the night of the fun fair!

Don't miss your chance to purchase this much sought-after treat.



Congratulations to Mitchell Reavely who was named the Safety Patroller of the Year by the Brant County OPP at their recent trip to the movies. Mitchell arrives every morning to set up pylons to keep our students safe as they exit their busses. Mitchell deserves this award, and we know that his strong work ethic and helpful attitude will continue to be recognized throughout his life.

## Focus on Math

### The Seven Math Processes

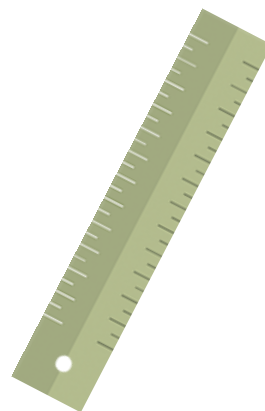
This month's Math Focus concludes our focus on the math processes. Communicating mathematical reasoning and understanding is an important component of math learning.

#### Communicating

Communicating one's thinking and reasoning is an essential part of math. Through communication, students share and develop their understanding. Over time, students learn to use this language precisely and effectively.

#### In your child's math classroom, students:

participate in many conversations with the teacher, and with other students, in which they ask questions, share and clarify ideas, compare strategies, draw conclusions, and explain their reasoning. Everyone's thinking is valued and considered  
communicate their math thinking orally and in writing



The following are samples of questions that support the development of these math processes.

**Problem Solving:** *What is happening in this problem? What am I asked to find?*

*What do I know that I can use to solve this?*

**Reasoning and Proving:** *Why does this make sense? How do I know my solution is right?*

**Reflecting:** *How else could I have solved this problem? What did I learn from doing this work?*

**Selecting Tools and Computational Strategies:** *Which tool could I use to measure...?*

*What strategy could I use to show...?*

**Connecting:** *This concept reminds me of... This problem is similar to...*

**Representing:** *What does this diagram tell me? What equation can I use to show this?*

**Communicating:** *How can I explain my strategy? Here is how I figured this out...*





## Learning Calls Us to Action

Ian Turcott, a JK student in Mme. Hunter's Kindergarten class, insisted that he needed to buy a coffee for a police officer. This came as a shock to his parents, as they had had nothing to do with this idea. They did what any parent would do . . . they started asking questions.

It turns out that Ian's Kindergarten class had been quite disturbed by a recent Amber Alert that happened in the middle of the night. Many of the students expressed that the alert had scared them. Mme. Hunter heard their conversations and saw a teachable moment. She spoke of 9-1-1 as a number that people can call when they need help and made a personal connection to her sister who is a 9-1-1 operator. The class also spoke about the role of police officers in keeping people safe and helping those who are in trouble.

This real life learning experience prompted Ian to want to thank the police for the work that they do. In the end, Ian persisted and went to the Police Station with his parents to present an officer with a Tim Horton's gift card. We are very proud of Ian for his persistence and his self-advocacy. I'm sure that he made this particular police officer's day with his gratitude.



## Legion Contest Winners

We are very proud of all of our students who submitted items to the Legion's Remembrance Day Poster/Essay Contest. Thank you to all of the students and teachers who made submissions.

### Junior Black and White

- 1st Ariel Cormier
- 2nd- Jayla Brown
- 3rd- Erika Elliot

### Junior Colour

- 2nd Eira Feairs
- 3rd Ava Lehmann
- Honourable Mention- Macy Banks

### Intermediate- Black and White

- Honourable Mention: Natalie Pereira

### Intermediate Colour

- 1st KaylInn Flemming

### Essays Intermediate:

- 1st- Olivia Wood
- 2nd Jessa Marr
- 3rd Brie-Ann McAllister



## Jump Rope for Heart

Our school Jump Rope for Heart event will take place on May 17th. All students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will participate. Please consider collecting pledges to support this important initiative.



## Badminton

We are very pleased with the results of both of our badminton teams who competed in tournaments in the past couple of weeks. All players represented our school with dignity and hard work. Our coaches; Mr. Mann, Mrs. Soenen, and Mme. Tanaszczuk; were very proud of all players who competed.

Three players/teams on the Junior team placed: Dylan Kersey (1st place), Brady Marr (2nd place), and Jack Lovelock and Erika Elliott (3rd place). First and second place players move on to the next tournament.

Although none of our Senior players placed, all players and teams put in strong showings and looked good on the court.

Our next school sports are Track and Field and Floor Hockey.

