



BURFORD DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Important Dates

March 30-April 2– Easter
Weekend (no school)

April 3– Chocolate Bar Sales End &
Light Up Blue

April 6– All Chocolate Bar money
to be submitted

April 5– Dress Like a Teacher Day

April 9-22– Hot Lunch orders
available online

April 11– Bite of Brant Trip (Gr. 5)

April 12– Grade 4 & 5 French
Immersion to Paris Central

April 13– PA Day (no school)

April 16– Jump Rope for Heart
Kick-off Assembly & Triple P
Program (5:30-7:00)

April 19– Super Hero Day

April 25– School Council @ 6:30

May 7-11– Mental Health Week

May 7– Burford's Got Talent
(daytime)

May 8– Burford's Got Talent
(evening)

May 18– Jump Rope for Heart

A Note from Transportation Services . . .

We periodically get requests for students to ride a bus that they would not normally ride, particularly at the end of the day. As per Transportation Policy 028, "All requests for students to board a vehicle that they normally would not ride on are to be denied." If your child needs to go to a different location after school, please arrange transportation and inform the school that your child will not be riding the bus. All transportation procedures can be found at <http://www.stsbhn.ca/policies-procedures>.

Message from the Administrators' Desks . . .

Spring is upon us and students are finally able to get outside to enjoy the weather. With better road conditions, our buses have started to arrive earlier and students are able to line up with their classes to enter the school. All students who arrive before the bell (8:30) are to come to the North side of the school to enter with their classes. Students who arrive after the bell should report to the front door and see the secretary to be signed in. No students should enter using the front door if classes are still outside.

We are looking forward to the next session of the Triple P Program (the Power of Positive Parenting) that focuses on dealing with disappointment. This workshop will provide parents with strategies to help their children develop resiliency when they do not get what they want. Information about registration can be found on the next page of the school newsletter.

The front of the school is a busy place during school entry and dismissal. Please be mindful of traffic laws and no parking areas to help us to keep the crosswalks safe. The County bylaw officer will be patrolling the area to help us with parking issues and raise awareness around safety.

A number of events have been held to honour the diversity in our country and our school population. Pink Shirt Day and Crazy Sock Day were a huge success. April is Autism Awareness month, and we ask students to wear blue on Tuesday to raise awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder and to recognize the many contributions of individuals with autism in our society.

URGENT: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our annual Fun Fair is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 13th. We are in need of volunteers in order to plan and run this event. Volunteers are needed for organization and on the day of the event. Some responsibilities may include: running games/activities, recruiting businesses to attend, soliciting raffle prizes, coordinating food, or advertising the event. If sufficient volunteer support is not secured by April 20th, the event, unfortunately, will be cancelled. If you are able to volunteer, please inform the school by phone and indicate what type of responsibilities you would be willing to take on.

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, 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

Small changes,
big differences.



FREE Triple P Seminar For all Parents of Children age 0-12: Raising Confident, Competent Children

Learning tips on how to make parenting more enjoyable and rewarding

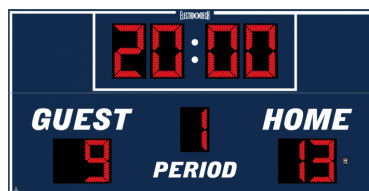
At Burford District Elementary School in the School Library

Monday April 16 5:30-7:00

Refreshments and snacks will be provided

To register, please contact our Public Health Nurse at melanie.leblanc@bchu.org. Indicate if you require child care during the workshop.

Our SCOREBOARD RAFFLE has been completed



and prize winners have been contacted. Thank you to our prize donors and all who contributed to our efforts to raise money for an electronic scoreboard.

Speech Competition Results

Our students' hard work and passion came through during our Junior-Intermediate Speech Competition. The speeches were entertaining, informative and persuasive and their delivery captivated the audience. Our winners

Junior

1. Brooklyn W– My Younger Brothers
2. Chloe L– Why Books are Better Than Movies
3. Ben Z– Sports Superstitions

Intermediate

1. Jessa M– Equity
2. Hudson Z– D-Day
3. Matt S– the Lac Magantic Rail Disaster



Students are asked to wear blue on Tuesday, April 3rd to raise awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder. This event normally takes place on the first Monday of April, but will be celebrated on Tuesday due to the long weekend.

EQAO Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help scribe for students writing EQAO. Testing dates will be during the weeks of May 22-June 1. If you are able to assist, please contact Ms. Soenen at (519) 449-2457.

All Chocolate Bar Sales money needs to be submitted to the office by Friday, April 6th.

