

BURFORD DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Important Dates

May 1– Intermediate Badminton
@ PDHS, Grades 1-5 @ Sanderson
Centre
May 3– Dress Loud Day
May 4– Star Wars Day
May 7- Burford Has Talent 10:50
May 7-11– Education Week
May 11 – 27– Hot Lunch Orders
Online
May 8- Burford Has Talent 6:00
May 10– Chalk Talk- whole school
May 11– Safety Patroller Day
May 16– Kindergarten Orientation
(9:00-11:00) Mesley/McLaren @
Library
May 17– Track & Field @ Lion's
Park (Grade 4-8)
May 18– Jump Rope for Heart,
Retro Day & Swim Tests (Zondag
& MacGregor)
May 21– Victoria Day (no school)
May 22-25– Grade 6 EQAO
May 23– Vaccination Clinic
May 28-June 31– Grade 3 EQAO
May 29– Kindergarten @ Safety
Village
May 31– Bobcat Assembly
June 8– PD Day



Thank you to all who responded to our call for volunteers for our Annual Fun Fair. Your help is making the Fun Fair possible this year. The Fun Fair is Scheduled for June 13th and any additional volunteers would be welcome.

Message from the Administrators' Desks . . .

The school year is moving along faster than we would have believed and it is now time for us to begin to think about end of year activities. Watch for information coming home with your children about trips, special events and graduations. This year's Grade 8 Graduation will take place on Monday, June 25th.

We would like to remind families that students from Grade 6-8 require a note each time they leave school property to go uptown for lunch. It is as important that we know the whereabouts of all students during the breaks in the instructional day as it is during classroom instruction. We thank you for your cooperation in providing us with a note each time your child is to leave school property.

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 17th 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.

As we continue to honour the diversity and difference in our community, we invite students to dress in bright colours and wacky attire on Thursday, May 3rd to bring awareness to students who are deaf or hard of hearing. "Dress Loud Day" is celebrated around the globe.

This year, Education Week and Mental Health Week are aligned. We have a number of activities planned for the week of May 7th-11th. "Burford's Got Talent" will come to a close with our grand finale performances. The Health Unit will assist us in bringing positive messaging to the school with "Chalk Talk", and our classrooms will be set up to showcase countries from around the world. Classroom conversations throughout the week will focus on the themes of Education and Mental Wellness.



We invite parents to celebrate the talents of BDHS students for the finale of this year's Burford's Got Talent. There will be a daytime performance on May 7th at 10:50 and an evening performance on May 8th at 6:00 to showcase our Top 10 finalists.

CALLING ALL VENDORS!

Are you a local business looking to advertise? Consider booking a table at the BDES Fun Fair. Almost 500 students attend BDES and the Fun Fair is a much-anticipated event. For more information, email questions to Giovanna.kinrade@granderie.ca.

Lock Down Practice

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 **on Monday, May 14th.**



Raffle Basket Donations

We are asking for contributions to themed baskets to be raffled off at the Fun Fair. Please consider supporting our raffle by contributing items to the baskets below:

Tea Time– Mesley/MacLaren	Perk Me Up (Coffee)- Hazaras & Malott
Chocolate Fever– Coates & Sorbara	Little Picasso (Art)- Oalkey & Caldwell
Adult Zen (relaxation)- Best & Schonbacher	Get Up and Move (Sports)- Wood
Bookworm Bonanza (books/puzzles) – Grondin & Tarnaszcuk	Family Night Movie– Kinrade/Ross & Taylor/Anderson
Family Fun Night (board games/puzzles)- Baldwin/Woodburn	How Much is that Doggie in the Window (pet)- Barlas/Krepelka
Happy Camper– Severs/MacGregor	Picnic in the Park– Schrader
A Day at the Beach– Mann	



Use goal-setting to inspire persistence

Researchers have studied successful people in fields from athletics to science to business. What do they have in common? It isn't intelligence or talent. It is *persistence*—the ability to keep going when things get challenging.

If your child is losing motivation to do schoolwork:

- **Remind her that practice** is as crucial for success with reading and math as it is for scoring a winning soccer goal or playing the clarinet.
- **Help her set goals** for what she wants to accomplish before the end of the year. Would she like to improve at solving word problems in math? Get all the way through a challenging book?
- **Ask her to write** her goals down and post them where she will see them every day.
- **Have her imagine** how good it will feel to reach her goals, knowing that she earned her success with her own hard work.

Source: A. Duckworth, *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*, Scribner.

Education Quality and Accountability Office



EQAO is written in six sections over three days. Please find the dates for EQAO testing:

May 22– Grade 6 (Math, Language)

May 24– Grade 6 (Math, Language)

May 25– Grade 6 (Language, Language)

May 29– Grade 3 (Language, Math)

May 30– Grade 3 (Language, Math)

May 31– Grade 3 (Language, Language)

If your child is writing EQAO, please do your best to schedule appointments outside of these times. Help your child to do their best by ensuring that they are well rested and have eaten a healthy breakfast.

We are looking for volunteers to act as scribes for some Grade 3 and 6 students participating in EQAO. If you would be willing to volunteer to assist with scribing or with snack preparation the mornings of testing, please contact Ms. Soenen by email at Brigette.soenen@granderie.ca or by calling the school at (519) 449-2457.

The Seven Mathematical Processes- Representing

Math concepts and procedures can be represented in many different ways. Using a variety of ways to represent a concept or procedure leads to deeper understanding. Math manipulatives (physical objects students can manipulate) are particularly valuable tools to allow students to represent their thinking. They allow students to explore abstract concepts in a hands-on, concrete way. A student's concrete representations can also give the teacher useful insight into the student's thinking.

In your child's math classroom, students:

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$



- use a wide variety of learning tools to explore and represent math concepts
- use graphs, tables, words, physical and digital models, drawings, numeric and algebraic expressions and equations when solving problems

