



# BURFORD DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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## Important Dates

June 1- McMaster Trip (Best, Severs/Walker, Schonbacher)  
June 4- W. Ross MacDonald Trip (Schonbacher)  
June 5- London Children's Museum (Grondin & Malott)  
June 6- Nature Olympics (Taylor & Mesley)  
June 7- Harry Potter Day, Nature Olympics (Barlas & Kinrade)  
June 8- PA Day (no school)  
June 11- Regional Track Meet, Gr. 2 & 6 Apps Mill (Tanaszczuk, Coates, Zondag, MacGregor)  
June 12- Gr. 3 Swim to Survive, Gr. 2 & 4 Apps Mill (  
June 13- Fun Fair, Gr. 7 Swim to Survive, Safety Village (Best, Schonbacher)  
June 14- Gr. 7 Swim to Survive  
June 15- Build a Birdhouse (Kindergarten), Gr. 7 Swim to Survive, Knights of Valour (Schonbacher, Oakley, Caldwell)  
June 18- Student Volunteer Appreciation  
June 19- County Track Meet, Gr. 3 Swim to Survive  
June 21- London Children's Museum (Woodburn & Coates)  
June 20-21- Gr. 7/8 Trip  
June 22- Kindergarten Grad Picnic  
June 25- Grade 8 Graduation  
June 26- Gr. 3 Swim to Survive  
June 28- Last day of School

## Message from the Administrators' Desks . . .

June is always an exciting time at school. We are finishing up our grade-level curriculum, going on lots of trips, and looking forward to Summer Vacation. Teachers are busy writing report cards, which will be sent home on June 25th, and our Grade 8s are getting ready for their Graduation, also on June 25th.

We have had a successful year with our Health Snack Program this year thanks to our fabulous Program Coordinators, Jessica Howells and Bettina Gillis. The creativity and hard work of our Program Coordinators and other volunteers has provided our students with nutritious and delicious snacks. Thankfully, they have agreed to continue in this role for next school year. If you would be willing to volunteer to prepare snacks next school year (1 hour commitment on each day), please contact the main office or our Program Coordinators. We would also like to thank all community members who have volunteered their time and talents to school activities this school year. Your involvement enriches the lives of our students.

We would also like to wish Ms. Shay all the happiness in the world in her retirement. She has invested 49 years into improving the lives of students in Grand Erie and deserves extra time with her loved ones, doing the things that she loves. Our new principal will be Janie Senko-Driedger. Ms. Senko-Driedger is excited to meet all of the students, staff and families of the Burford Bobcat community.

With the number of trips going on and the excitement of summer approaching, it will be important for students and their families to stay organized. Please update your calendars with all trip dates and consider volunteering to accompany your child's class on a trip if you are available and have a valid police check. If you would like to get a police check now in preparation for next year, please pick up a form from the main office to beat the September rush.

Finally, the Transportation Department will contact families with bussing information for September in July. If you have not heard from them by the end of July, please contact them directly.

## CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

### Alexander Street Rejuvenation Project

Construction will begin to replace the asphalt, storm sewers and sidewalks on the west side of the street sometime in June. Notices have been sent to residents advising them of the details of the project. When construction begins, the sidewalk on the east side of the street will remain open, but students who walk to school should avoid travelling on Alexander Street where possible. More directions to walkers will follow before construction begins.



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## Thank You, Thank You, THANK YOU!!!

TK Liquidation has once again provided us with a generous donation for our Fun Fair raffle. They have supported us in the past and, this year, have donated over \$1000 in prizes. This year's prizes include: a child's mountain bike, a rain barrel, Fit Bits, a COACH purse, a utility wagon and much more. Thank you to TK Liquidation for your ongoing generosity.



### BDES Dress Code

Students, staff and volunteers are required to wear attire that allows for learning to take place in a variety of public settings.

Hats must be removed when inside the school, unless for a specified activity.

Safe footwear must be worn at all times, both inside and outside. Inside shoes are required.

Clothing must be appropriate to a school setting:

- ♦ Shirts must be at least waist length and overlap pants during all activities.
- ♦ Appropriate undergarments are necessary and must not be visible.
- ♦ Necklines, shorts and skirts should allow for participation in classroom and outdoor DPA and fit appropriately.

Clothing with inappropriate language/graphics or messages are unacceptable at all times. (e. g. profanity, promoting drugs, tobacco, alcohol or violence.)

Please label all of your children's clothing, gym outfits and personal belongings.

### Lost and Found Items

As the school year winds down, we have accumulated a large amount of clothing that has been left behind from previous seasons. If you are missing any items, please visit the school and check the Lost and Found located outside the gym.

Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.

### Burford Kid Zone (County of Brant) Pre-Registration for Next Year

Registration for the County of Brant Kid Zone after school program will be Monday, June 19th starting at 8:30. After School Care will be hosted at the Burford Community Center starting in September. Register early to guarantee your spot. Visit <https://www.brant.ca/en/live-and-discover/kids-zone-after-school.aspx> for more information. The County will be running a full program next year, including Kindergarten.

### Electronics Waste and Clothing Recycling Bin

Once again, we will have an electronics and clothing recycling bin in the staff parking lot for the week of the Fun Fair (June 11-15). Please bring your unwanted electronics and clothing and deposit them in the bin. This project supports our pursuit of EcoSchools Gold Certification and we also receive financial rewards based on the weight of our donations. See below for acceptable items:



## Message from the Transportation Department . . .

*Did you know that the transportation department is around all summer? If you are moving, changing childcare locations or are in need of transportation information, you can contact their staff by calling 519-751-7532 or by emailing [transportation@stsbhn.ca](mailto:transportation@stsbhn.ca). Transportation information is available via the parent portal as of August 15th. Please log in to find the transportation details for the coming school year on or shortly after this date so that any changes in service can be implemented well before the start of the school year!*



### Wheels on Shoes

We have recently seen a resurgence of wheelie shoes. These shoes do not allow for participation in Phys. Ed., and present a number of safety concerns in the classrooms, on stairs and in the halls. In the interest of student safety, no footwear with wheels is allowed at school.

### Fun Fair

The Fun Fair planning team is finalizing preparations for this year's Fun Fair. You can expect AMAZING raffle prizes, games, face painting, archery with Triggers and Bows, food trucks, and much, much more. This year, we are excited to announce the addition of the Bubbleology Show! This should be an amazing event.



Enjoy for free The Bubbleology Show



Join us on **Wednesday, June 13th from 4:30-7:00** at the school. See below for pricing and ticket options.

## A Note From The Public Health Nurse At Your School ... Be Sun Smart This Summer

As summer draws near, it's hard to resist going outside to relax or have fun. While the sun's warm rays may feel good on our skin, too much sun can be harmful!

Keep yourself and your children well protected from the sun's harmful rays by following these tips.

- Avoid the sun between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., when the sun's rays are the strongest
  - Wear long sleeve, loose fitting clothing that will keep you cool and protected from the sun's rays
  - Wear a wide brimmed hat that covers the face, ears and neck
  - Cover your eyes by wearing sunglasses that protect from both UVA and UVB rays
  - Use sunscreen labelled "broad spectrum" and "water resistant" with a SPF of 30 and follow all directions on the bottle regarding re-application.
  - Find shade or bring your own (e.g. an umbrella)
- For more information on sun safety, visit the Canadian Cancer Society website, [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)

### Student Pick-up Procedures

At this time of year, parents often need to make alternate arrangements to have their children picked up from school. Our procedures for picking up students are as follows:

- Students can be picked up by their legal guardians,
- Students can be picked up by anyone who have been listed as emergency contacts for the student,
- In the case where there is shared custody, students can be picked up by the parent identified in the court order,
- In an emergency situation, parents can contact the school and provide the name of a person who will be picking the student up. In this case, we would ask for a photo id.

The list of guardians and contacts that we have at the school may differ from those of After School Programs or Transportation, depending on what the parents have provided. If you have made alternate arrangements for your students to be picked up, please communicate the plan to the school.

#### Game Passports

Play any game, collect prizes or stamp your page to be entered in a draw for huge prizes. Family passports are the best deal for families of 3 children or more.

**Individual: \$15**  
**Family: \$35**

#### Snack/Drink Tickets

Use towards pop, water, ice cream, popcorn or cotton candy. Individual items range from 1-3 tickets.

**\$1 Each**

#### Class Raffle Baskets

Theme baskets vary from Family Movie Night to Perk Me Up!

**10 tickets**  
**for \$5**

#### Special Prizes

Each ticket will allow you to enter a draw for a prize of your choice. Prizes to be revealed soon.

**\$1 Each**



# Lyme Disease

- Infection resulting from a bite from an infected blacklegged (deer) tick

## Where are these ticks found?

- Blacklegged ticks are found in areas of Southern Ontario, including:
  - Long Point Provincial Park
  - Turkey Point Provincial Park



## Signs and Symptoms

If you have these symptoms, call your health care provider.

- A circular red rash around the bite area, 3-30 days after the bite
- This red rash occurs in 70-80% of people who get Lyme disease
- The rash may get larger to form a red ring with a clear centre
- Flu like symptoms
  - Fever and chills
  - Headache and joint pain
  - Feeling tired
  - Stiff neck
  - Swollen glands

## Treatment

- Lyme disease can be treated with antibiotics

## Spread

- Ticks can attach onto people when they are spending time on walking trails or any area with tall grass or bushes
- Transmission of the infectious agent usually does not occur until the tick has been attached to you for 24 hours or more

## Prevention

Dress to stay tick-free:

- Cover feet, arms and legs with closed-toe shoes, and light-coloured long-sleeved shirts and pants
- Tuck pant legs into socks
- Apply bug spray with DEET or Icaridin on skin and clothing (put on bug spray after applying sunscreen)

After you get home from the outdoors, take time to:

- Check yourself, family members, and pets for ticks right away
- Have a shower or bath within two hours

## Tick Removal

If you find a tick on yourself or a family member, follow these steps to remove it and bring it to the local Health Unit to be sent for testing:

1. Remove the attached tick with tweezers (grab the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull straight out.)
2. Wash your hands and apply antiseptic ointment to the bite area.
3. Write down the date and place where tick was most likely picked up and where on your body it bit you.
4. Place the tick in a container and bring it to the local Health Unit