

# BURFORD DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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## Important Dates

Sept. 13– Meet the Teacher

Sept. 14– PA Day

Sept. 26– School Council (6:30)

Oct. 2– PA Day

## Message from the Administrators' Desks . . .

Welcome back to school, Bobcats. All of the BDES teachers and staff are looking forward to a year full of learning and community.

We look forward to welcoming families back into the school and continuing to work together to help the students in the BDES community grow. If you are interested in volunteering in the school or on class trips, a valid police check from the police service in the area that you live is required. Police checks are free of charge and valid for 3 years. Police check forms are available at the office and can be sent home with your child if you require them.

You will undoubtedly notice some bussing delays in the first few weeks of school as students become

accustomed to boarding the bus. Please be patient as school staff work to ensure student safety by teaching students routines. To help expedite this process, please inform the school if your child has changes to their regular after school routine (ie. being picked up instead of riding the bus). This can be done in the form of a note to the classroom teacher or a call to the office. Also, if your child is leaving the school for lunch but usually stays, a note is required each time they are to leave. Students from Grade 7-8 are permitted to leave for lunch with a note from parents/guardians.

Our Healthy Snack Program will begin in the next couple of weeks and we are looking for volunteers to support this program (see below). In the past we have also offered hot lunches for purchase (pizza and pitas). This will begin in October and can be ordered using School Cash Online.

We look forward to opportunities to collaborate with members of the Burford community in our shared goal of enriching the lives of the students of Burford District Elementary.

## Strong Start Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering to help our primary students work on letters and sounds by participating in the **Strong Start** program. Volunteers work directly with students to complete assessments and implement 4 programs that help our students improve their reading. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Soenen.



## Join us at . . .

**MEET THE  
TEACHER**

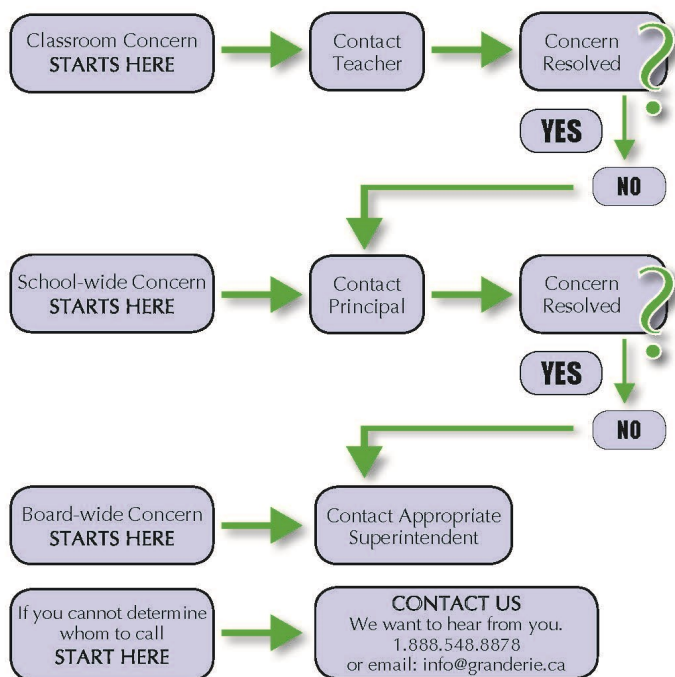
Thursday, September 13  
from 5:00-6:00. Families are invited to come out and meet the school staff that work with their children. We look forward to seeing you.



For many years, BDES has run a healthy snack program that gives all students access to nutritious snacks a number of times each week. This program is able to run thanks to the generous support of Brant Food for Thought and volunteers from the community. We are lucky to have fabulous Program Coordinators and volunteers, but “many hands make for light work.” Please consider volunteering to help. A commitment of a few hours a week makes a big difference! If interested in this position, please contact the office.



## HOW TO GET HELP WITH A CONCERN



YOUR TRUSTEE CAN GUIDE YOU THROUGH THIS PROCESS.  
Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at [granderie.ca](http://granderie.ca)

## SUCCESS for Every Student

### Grand Erie District School Board: Focus on Equity in 2018-19

In 2016, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work that the school board is doing. At the center of this Multi-Year Plan is *Success for Every Student*. Grand Erie will achieve *Success for Every Student* through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The six indicators that support Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan are: Achievement, Well-Being, Equity, Environment, Technology and Community.

This year, to demonstrate the embodiment of the Multi-Year Plan, Grand Erie has created a video series focusing on Equity, one of the six indicators. Equity is a part of everything Grand Erie does, from the supports provided to students and staff, to the events and activities the board honours and celebrates. Equity is a guiding force. These videos tell just four of the many stories of students and staff embracing Equity.

This first video highlights Matt Peaire, a Simcoe Composite School student who came out as transgender in Grade 11, and found support in his Guidance Teacher Jason Dale.

Watch Matt's Story here <https://bit.ly/2C1RZa5>

For more info on the Multi-Year Plan visit <https://bit.ly/2or827z>

### A Note from The Public Health Nurse At Your School...

#### Is your child up to date with their immunizations?

Getting immunized protects children from many serious diseases that spread quickly and easily in schools.

To attend school, children need to have proof of immunization against:

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| - Tetanus    | - Pertussis  | - Measles |
| - Diphtheria | - Meningitis | - Mumps   |
| - Polio      | - Varicella* | - Rubella |

\*Required for children born in 2010 and later

Children who are not fully immunized or have not reported their immunization(s) to the health unit may be suspended from school.

#### What you need to do

Check with your doctor to make sure your child has all the immunizations needed to attend school. If your child has followed [Ontario's Immunization Schedule](#) then they will not be suspended. Your doctor is not required to report your child's immunizations to the health unit. Reporting to the health unit is the parent's responsibility.

#### Grade 7 students

Grade 7 boys and girls will be offered three free vaccines at school clinics that protect them against the following diseases:

1. Meningitis\*
2. Hepatitis B
3. Human Papillomavirus

\*Required for school for students in grade 7 and older

In September, immunization consent forms will be sent home with all grade 7 students. Please complete and return the consent forms as soon as possible. School clinics will be held in October and May.

For more information, [www.bchu.org](http://www.bchu.org) or call us at 519 753-4937 ext. 451.



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