

BURLEIGH HILL BUZZ

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Burleigh Hill School's Monthly Newsletter

November 2008

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The year is moving quickly, as always, and there is much excitement in the air as we continue to make plans for strengthening student literacy. We are currently working on a detailed whole school plan to improve our students' writing abilities. Newsletters to that effect will be coming home from every grade. We have set our target date to start the school-wide initiative for November 10. As the principal I have to admit that I'm kind of "tickled" by the enthusiasm the teachers have shown. They are asking to start sooner, so for some grades you will already be getting notices about our plan.

This year we are not doing an Interim Report, but we will be in touch with parents when we have concerns and successes to share. Our major focus continues to be "student success" and we continue to work toward that end.

Preparation for Term 1 Provincial Report Cards will be underway soon. They will go home on Wednesday, December 3rd and Parent Interviews will be scheduled on Thursday, December 4th after school and during the morning of Friday, December 5th. We hope to see all parents at the interviews and we look forward to working closely with you to help your child achieve success.

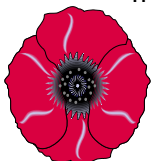
Please consider the Burleigh Hill Book Fair as your place to shop for holiday books (wonderful books for all ages) when you are at the school for Interviews.

In closing, a special Thank You for your continued support.

*Educationally Yours
Mr. G. Vanden Beukel*

Remembrance Day Poppies

Poppies provided by the Royal Canadian Legion, Merritton Branch 138 will be distributed to the students. Proceeds from the poppy campaign goes to the veterans and their families who need assistance so please consider sending in a small contribution with your child.



STUDENT RECOGNITION

Our Student Achievement Assembly highlighted student achievement for initiative in the month of October. Initiative can best be described as the ability to see what needs to be done next. In school that looks a lot like self starting in an established routine. For example, the students come in from fitness break and go to class quietly, sit down, prepare for the next event in the daily routine, or continue to strengthen their reading skills when all other work is completed. Here is the list of all those students who demonstrated excellent abilities over the past month.

The Learning Skill, "Conflict Resolution" will be the focus for our next recognition assembly.

Congratulations to our October award winners!

The following students received awards:

JSD1; Renee McIntyre, Tanner Godard, Jenna Williams

JSD2; Benjamin Corner, Dale Wallace, Kieran Smith

Grade 1; Ahmad Abu Al Hayjaa, Alexander Frank, Gabriel Wayland

Grade 1/2; Christine Janzen, Katelyn Auger, Zachary Webb

Grade 3; Faryall Sheikh, Matthew Estrada

Grade 4; Jimmy Loney, Kiani Cecil, Talon Snow

Grade 5/6; Ashley Shale, Hassan Baryal, Sarah McDougall

Grade 6/7; Skye Finlay-Sellman, Justin MacBride, Jared Dumanski

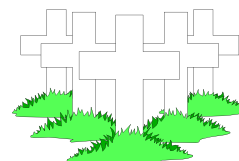
Grade 7/8; Gregor Sayliss, Courtney Wilson, Taylor Wakulich, Ashawi Henry

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE CLASS; Brandon Hamilton, Matthew Roberts

LRT/ISP; Stephanie Clark

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

"Lest we Forget". Every year on Remembrance Day we celebrate, honour, remember and teach our youth about the contributions and sacrifices our Veterans made to provide us with a free country to live in. A special ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 11th from 10:30 - approx. 11:15 a.m. The nutrition break will be re-scheduled accordingly. Students, teachers and parents will assemble in the gym to honour the veterans who served our country. This will be a very special ceremony to honour our veterans. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A Scholastic Book Fair is arriving on Monday Nov. 24th. The Fair will be set up for previewing on Tues. November 25th. Classes are welcome to visit and fill out a book wish list. The fair will be open for sales on Wed. Nov. 26 9:00 am-3:30 pm, Thurs. Nov. 27 9:00-3:30, Fri. Nov. 28 9:00-12:00. Our school library can earn up to 50% of sales in free books for our library. Please keep us in mind for Christmas gifts. All students will receive a family draw ballot to enter to win \$25 in free books for their family and \$25 in free books for their classroom. All purchases will receive ballots for a chance to win the display posters. Mrs. Carfagnini's goal is to earn free books for our school library for **all to enjoy**. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.



BOOK FAIR HOURS

Tuesday, November 25th Preview 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 26th 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 27th 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday, November 28th 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Please keep us in mind for Christmas gifts. There will be lots of stocking stuffers! There will be a draw for door prizes.

INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL

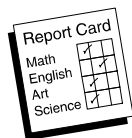
The Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team finished the season with the best record in recent memory for Burleigh Hill - 5 WINS, 4 Losses. Consolation playoffs will be held the week of October 27th. WAY TO GO BULLDOGS!!! Thank you to the following parents for making the volleyball season possible by driving to our many away games: Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Wakulich, Mrs. Sayliss and Ms. Bourdages.



Team Members: Wes Gouthro, Ben Sayliss, Greg Sayliss, Amir Bukhari, Alex Oberlein, Taylor Wakulich, Nick White and Nikita Pogensky.

REPORT CARDS - TERM 1

Term 1 report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, December 3rd. Attendance on the report cards is for the time period from September 4th to November 28th, inclusive.



PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Friday, December 5th has been designated for Parent-Teacher interviews. There is no school for students. Interviews will take place Thursday, December 4th after 3:30 p.m. and during the day on Friday, December 5th. Appointment sheets for parent-teacher interviews will be sent home soon, please let your child's teacher know if a change in time or date needs to be made.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 6th

6:30 p.m.

All parents are invited
and encouraged to attend.

MORNING SUPERVISION

Supervision of students begins at 8:40 a.m., whether it be inside the school or on the school yard. Students are being dropped off as early as 8:00 a.m. Parents are asked to not drop their child(ren) off at school prior to 8:40 a.m. We cannot be responsible for students prior to that time. Often staff have meetings in the morning, could be calling parents or be in the library or staff prep room. The safety of your child is our concern. Your cooperation in this very important matter is greatly appreciated.

SUESSICAL

We are very excited about taking our students to the Suessical performance on December 19th, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to mark the date! We have been granted major subsidy so the cost will only be \$12.00. Parents are invited to attend, however, we are not able to include pre-school children or students attending other schools. Thank you in advance for your understanding! More information to follow.

DRESS UP AND DANCE 2008

Everyone had a howling good time at this year's Halloween Dance-A-Thon. The costumes were very interesting and creative. The music was fabulous! Everyone enjoyed dancing off some extra energy to various renditions of the Cha Cha Slide, Macarena and The Conga! Each student received a Treat Bag. Congratulations Bulldogs! We collected \$976.25 in pledges. The profit earned after expenses is \$926.25. Congratulations to all students and families for a job well done. The following students were the winners of the prizes for collecting the most pledges:

Dance-a-thon Winners:

Top Winner: Denver Jones (Seasons Pass for Falcons)

Classroom Winners (Ice Dogs Tickets)

JK/SK	Sidney Parks
JK/SK	Gracie Wood
Gr. 1	Susie Tiner
Gr. 2	Riley Humaniski
Gr. 3	Matthew Estrada
Gr. 4	B.C. Price
Gr. 5/6	Riley Mannell
Gr. 6/7	Jordyn Burt
Gr. 7/8	Samantha Capell

Costume Winners:

Ben Sayliss - Gr. 8
Alex Mowbray - Gr. 6
Jennifer Pentland - Gr. 2
Emily Williams - Gr. 3
Abigail Frank - JK/SK

Top Class:

Grade 5/6

We would like to thank Mrs. Cryer for her help. A special thanks to Mr. Cliff Sayliss for setting up the sound system equipment and arranging for our D.J. from Sir Winston Churchill.

Thank you to all students and parents who worked hard to collect pledges for our Dance-A-Thon.

COMMUNITY CARE

Our school Community Care collection of Canadian Tire money and loose change will commence Monday November 17th, 2008 and will end at 9:00 am on Thursday December 6th, 2008. This is a Burleigh Hill tradition and we have become known throughout our community as "The little School with a Big Heart". Together we can make a difference! Because of our students' efforts, many children will be very happy on Christmas morning. Students can keep track of the school's progress while it is displayed in the foyer. We will be working together as a team to make this year our best yet! Please consider sending in loose change and Canadian Tire money with your student to contribute. Every penny counts! Each student who contributes will receive a ballot for a draw to go shopping for the Community Care gifts. Each class will be sending two representatives with Miss Kondo to purchase the gifts for less fortunate children. A Community Care gift presentation will be taking place at an assembly which will be announced at a later date.

M & M SHOP FUNDRAISER

On Friday, November 21, 2008, we will be participating in an M & M Meat Shops fundraiser. This "School Shop Day" will run from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the PENDALE PLAZA location. Please indicate that you are supporting Burleigh Hill School at the time of your purchase and 10% of all purchases will be donated back to the school.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

We take the safety of our children very seriously, and we need your help! When severe weather conditions occur, please help us to keep the phone lines to the school clear by not calling the school. When schools are open during severe weather conditions, the final decision to send your child to school is always yours. **School closings and bus cancellations will be announced on local radio stations by 7:00 a.m. (CKTB - 610 AM, CHSC - 1220 AM, CHTZ - 97.7 FM, SPIRIT/CHOW - 91.7 FM, CHRE - 105.7 FM)**



OUR BULLDOGS HAVE CHARACTER

We are trying hard to develop "positive social interaction" at school, on the playground & in the community. All grades participate in lessons addressing Character Traits. We are reaching out to our families to help us by reinforcing the skills learned at school.

- ✓ Expect polite manners (please, thank you)
- ✓ Expect cooperation (working together to solve issues, compromising)
- ✓ Expect responsibility (put things away, be prepared for school, accept consequences for inappropriate behaviour)
- ✓ Expect kindness (caring about others feelings)
- ✓ Expect personal pride (take care of self, personal hygiene, wearing clean clothing)

The above are just a few ways you can help to reinforce the social skills expected at school.

SUNSWET GREETING CARD ORDER

Congratulations Bulldogs! You did it again! The total sale amount to date is \$2,990.75.

Congratulations to the Grade 1/2 class, who were the highest class sellers with a total of \$743.00. The school top seller, with a sales total of \$540.75, was Jordan Burton in Grade 2. Thank you for your extra effort!

TOP CLASSES

Grade 1/2	\$743.00
Grade JSD1	\$667.00
Grade JSD2	\$528.00

TOP SELLERS

Grade 1/2	\$540.75	Jordan Burton
Grade 7/8	\$281.25	Samantha Capell
Grade JSD1	\$216.50	Brayden Janeway

Way to go Bulldogs! For every \$60.00 in sales, names were entered into a draw for the Card Organizer valued at \$30.00. The draw took place on November 6th. The winner of the draw was Ethan Renette, Grade 1. Congratulations! Thank you again to all who participated in this fundraiser.



Burleigh Hill School Invites You to Join Our:

WINTER CLOTHING EXCHANGE!

How does it work?

On November 21, 2008 visit the school from 9 am - 1 pm and choose outdoor winter clothing for your children for the coming season at no cost.

How can I help?

We are asking that you send any items of outdoor winter clothing you no longer need (boots, snow pants, coats, hats or mittens/gloves) to the school in a plastic bag marked "CLOTHING EXCHANGE". (Please make sure that the

clothing you send is clean and in good repair).

We are also very grateful for donations of stretchy mittens.

Can I come on November 21st even if I didn't have any clothing items to donate?

Absolutely, everyone is welcome.

COME OUT AND CHOOSE WHAT YOU NEED!!!

Niagara Nutrition Partners Benefits of a Breakfast or Snack Program

- ★ Improve the learning abilities of students.
- ★ Decrease disruptive behaviour in the classroom
- ★ Provide an opportunity for students to improve social skills
- ★ Promote a nurturing and caring environment for students
 - ★ Provide volunteer opportunities to show students their community cares
- ★ Provide all students with an opportunity to participate
- ★ Provide a chance for students to learn healthy eating habits for lifelong healthy development
 - ★ Decrease high levels of absenteeism
 - ★ Undernourished children do not concentrate well
 - ★ Decrease low self-esteem
- ★ Provide an opportunity for students to have an equal chance to grow and flourish throughout life

PARKING LOT SAFETY!

Parents are required to park in the lower lot in the area to the left of the gym doors or along the fence.

Please help to insure your child's safety by instructing them to "walk" carefully in the parking lot and when going up the side hill to meet parents.

It is advisable for parents to park and come to the school to meet your child. .

