



# BURLEIGH HILL BUZZ

A Publication of Burleigh Hill School, 15 Burleigh Hill Drive, St. Catharines, Ontario (905-227-6641)

**Burleigh Hill School's Monthly Newsletter**

**October 2008**

## A Message From the Principal...

Our first month of school has gone by very quickly as there were many new and interesting adjustments to make. There were a combined total of 29 new students and staff as well as our newest students in JK.

The reorganization of the school due to the increase in students and staff members has gone extremely well. I want to thank all involved in the process, particularly the parents for being so patient. It has been a smooth transition over all.

Also please welcome Miss Melissa Mousley, who joins us today as our newest staff member. Miss Mousley will be our Educational Assistant (EA) assigned to several areas of need within the school.

Thank you to the many families who participated in our Open House BBQ. We enjoyed having so many families out together having dinner. The staff were very impressed by the overwhelming response!

We are looking forward to many other opportunities to connect with the families at Burleigh Hill School during other social and educational functions throughout this school year. Please show support for your child's learning by participating in these special events.

Sincerely,  
Mr. G. Vanden Beukel



**How is your child feeling about school? Is he/she bringing home a lot of unfinished work from the day? If you are having concerns about your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher.**

### VISITORS AND SAFE SCHOOL PLAN

We ask for your cooperation in helping us to monitor our visitors to the school.

Parents are to park in the lower lot and walk up to the school to meet your child. **PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO DRIVE AROUND THE BUSES AS THIS CREATES A DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR EVERYONE.**

All parents/visitors should check in at the office, whether you are here to drop something off or picking up your child. Your child will be paged to the office. Please do not go to your child's classroom.

Parents picking their children up at the end of the day should wait outside the front doors until their child is dismissed.

Thank you for helping us ensure a safe school environment for everyone!

### STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES 2008 - 2009

- Mrs. Wood: Brooke Parkin, Duncan Rose
- Ms. L'Ecuyer: Zachary Webb, Kelly Butt
- Mrs. Chown: Jesse Finlayson, Hope Chislett
- Mr. Budgell: Kiani Cecil, Jimmy Loney
- Mr. Blanchette: Ashley Shale, Caelen Paddon
- Mrs. Bingham: Caleb Peters, Chantal Wayland
- Mr. Brookson: Ben Hughes, Greg Sayliss
- Ms. Kondo: Brandon Hamilton, Matthew Roberts
- Mrs. Dixon: Stephanie Clark
- Staff advisors - Mrs. Sabourin, Miss Kondo

**OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> IS WASTE REDUCTION WEEK** and Burleigh Hill will be doing its part to reduce waste by encouraging students to bring **LITTERLESS LUNCHESES** for the week. On Wednesday, October 22<sup>ND</sup> we will be having an assembly with an emphasis on Recycling.

## MacMILLAN COOKIE DOUGH

**Back by Popular Demand!**

Order Forms have been sent home.

**Orders due on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Delivery on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> - Pick-Up (2:00 - 5:00).**

**PLEASE WATCH FOR UPDATES IN OUR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER.**

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

- Chairperson - Victoria Gergely
- Treasurer - Karen Capone
- Secretary - Jodi Humaniski
- Community Liaison - Sandy Burns
- Principal - Mr. G. VandenBeukel
- Teaching Member - Mrs. T. Wood

### Literacy at Burleigh Hill



Burleigh Hill School is pleased to be continuing the "Literacy Coach Model" this year. Every other day Mrs. Wood will provide support to our teachers with ideas, modeling lessons, resources and strategies to improve student achievement in Reading, Writing and Oral Communication.





## BULLDOG CORNER

### JUNIOR CO-ED SOCCER 2008



\*This year's team includes: Eric Janzen, Denver Jones, Riley Mannell, Brayden Irwin, Keegan Jones, Liam Jones, Matthew Vanede, Caleb Peters, Brittany Travers, Brittany Penner, Kinnli Steele, Lenna Uhrynuk, Quinn Oberlein, Darcy Mannell and Nyomie Chislett.

We have just finished the season, and all of the students' effort gave us a win! The team has shown improvement and good sportsmanship all season. Way to go Bulldogs!

Mr. Blanchette

### Cross Country

Cross-country has begun. Team members include: Dia Askandrani, Radwan Askandrani, Brandon Finlayson, Jesse Finlayson, Malcolm Godard, Eric Janzen, Denver Jones, Riley Mannell, Steven Price and Brian Tiner.



Runners are still working hard representing Burleigh Hill. A special thank you to coach, Mrs. Raaflaub. A special thank you to our drivers Mr. Mannell, Mrs. Mannell, Ms. Britton and Mr. Jones.

### HEAD LICE AWARENESS

We are always looking for Parent Volunteers to be the "Head Lice Checkers". This is the time of the year when those pesky little critters cause a great deal of frustration. If you would be interested in helping out once a month, please call the school (905-227-6641).

Please be sure to check your child's hair regularly. If your child has nits or lice, please treat your child and contact the school so we can check the class. If lice are found on a child's head at school, we will phone home for someone to pick the child up immediately and take them home to be treated. Information is available in the school office regarding treatment procedures.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS & STUDENTS REGARDING BUSES!!!!!!

It is District School Board of Niagara policy that only those students who qualify for busing are allowed to ride the bus. Students may not take different buses home to go to a friends house. They also are NOT allowed to get off at an alternate stop.

This policy **MUST** be strictly enforced for the safety of all children. Please arrange after school plans at home in advance with your children. Thank you for your understanding.

### WHAT ABOUT HALLOWE'EN?

There will be a Dance-a-Thon in the school gym on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students in Kindergarten through grade 8 are to dress up in the afternoon only. There are to be no inappropriate costumes (i.e., no blood and gore or weapons please). A Costume Parade of students JK-Gr. 4 (led by the Kindergartens) will be held from 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. Parents are invited to join us!



### BLACK & ORANGE SPIRIT DAY

Show your school spirit. Come dressed in black & orange the morning of Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>!

### DRESS UP & DANCE



A Dance-A-Thon will be held on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. JK - Gr. 4 will dance in gym from 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Grades 5 - 8 will dance in the gym from 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. From 3:00 - 3:10 p.m. winning student awards will be given. Proceeds from this event will be used to raise funds to subsidize busing for this year's class trips. By dancing in the gym, students will be engaging in a fun, fitness activity while raising money to contribute to their school.

The student who raises the most money in pledges will win a "REGULAR SEASON'S PASS FOR 4" for the ST. CATHARINES JR. B FALCONS, 2008-2009 HOCKEY SEASON (value \$700.00).

The student in each class with the most money pledged will earn 2 tickets to an upcoming Ice Dogs Hockey Game in November. A pizza party will also be given to the class raising the highest amount of dollars per capita. Prizes will be given out during the Dance-a-thon for the best costumes.

A tax receipt for each pledge of \$15.00 or more will be issued upon request by the District School Board of Niagara. Please make cheques payable to: DSBN - Burleigh Hill School. A special thank you to Parent volunteer, Mr. Cliff Sayliss, and some of his students from Sir Winston for providing the music. We look forward to an active and fun-filled day!

### EQAO

We are pleased to provide you with this report on the Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for Grade 3 and Grade 6. We will be pleased to answer any questions. Please direct them to Mr. VandenBeukel.

