



Burleigh Hill Buzz

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Burleigh Hill School's Monthly Newsletter

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Message From the Principal's Desk:

Now that second term reports are out we are jumping right into the third term. There were many pleasant surprises from almost all students as their progress indicated general improvements over term one. We are going to capitalize on that momentum and continue to analyze areas where more improvement can be made. Many of our students are on the cusp of moving to a higher level of learning so be prepared for a busy spring of continued learning and practicing skills. Parents, your children will need your infinite patience, wisdom and guidance during this busy time.

Also on the academic front we are preparing for EQAO coming in late May and early June. Since September we have used last years EQAO information to guide our analysis of all the prerequisite skills for success leading up to grades three and six. Grade nine students also write an EQAO assessment in Mathematics, so the grade seven and eight teachers are busy as well in their analysis and instruction to prepare their students for success. Of all the things you as a parent can do, one of the most important is to spend a little time each day reinforcing reading skills. Listen to your child, read 10-15 minutes a day and encourage them with praise and reinforcement, which is so necessary to healthy self-esteem.

Burleigh Hill students will be participating in a fund raising drive for the Poverty in Education Relief Fund (PERF). This foundation provides funding for breakfast clubs and underprivileged students within our school board. Our students will participate in a contest to be Principal for a day. The tickets are a dollar each and each ticket provides a chance to have their name drawn for this privilege. It promises to be fun.

Lets all have a little fun as we work hard learning to read, write and problem solve.

Sincerely,

G. Vanden Beukel on behalf of the Burleigh Hill Staff

Girls/Boys Basketball Teams

Congratulations to the following who have made the team: **Girls:** Jade, Denielle, Brianna, Brittany, Ashley, Emily, Nyomie, Lenna, Talon, Darcy, Kiani and Kate-Lynn. **Boys:** Mcrae, Eric, Denver, Riley, Brian, Travis C., Travis D., Jermaine, Liam, Keegan, Matthew, Brandon and Steven. Good luck to you all on your upcoming games.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration is ongoing. A child who will be four years old by December 31st, 2009, is eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten and a child who will be five years old by December 31st, 2009, is eligible to attend Senior Kindergarten in September 2009. **If you have a child who will be starting school in September, please register them now!**

Requirements for registration are:

- * proof of birth
- * proof of Immunization
- * Ontario Health Card

BREAKFAST CLUB THANK-YOU



A very special THANK-YOU to Sandi Jones for stocking the Breakfast Club food on a regular basis and for ensuring our volunteers are here and ready to serve. Thanks also to those volunteers who serve our students breakfast each morning!

DSBN ROAD RACE

The DSBN Road Race is fast approaching! The race will begin at the DSBN Education Centre on Sunday, April 26th, 2009. There will be a 1km Fun Run and a 5km Road Race as well as a BBQ and Fun Fair. All proceeds will support the Education Foundation of Niagara and Niagara Nutrition Partners. Please try to come out and enjoy the day with us.

Members of the School Council are excited to announce a Burleigh Hill Fun Fair scheduled for Thursday June 11, 2009!

The organizing committee is busy with preparations. We will have games, fun, food and lots of prizes!! In the coming months, we will be asking for donations of baked goods and volunteers to help us make this a great day for our school community.

Small new toys, pencils, gift items, etc. would make great prizes. If they are not being used at home, please send them to school.

A box labeled "Fun Fair Prizes" will be in the office for your convenience. So mark your calendars and watch for further announcements!!

PARENTS AND SAFE SCHOOL PLAN

☛ When picking up or dropping off your child(ren), parents must enter and exit by the front foyer doors. Parents should not be entering or exiting through the primary doors.
☛ **Parents picking up their child(ren)** either at lunch or 3:25 dismissal are **required to wait in the foyer** until their child(ren) are dismissed. This is to ensure the **safe dismissal of all students**.

☛ If you are **picking up your child mid-day**, please **check in at the office**. Your **child will be paged to meet you** in the foyer. Thank you for your consideration.

SUN SAFETY

The spring weather will be bringing "Sunny Days". Please discuss sun safety with your child and suggest that a hat with a visor be worn when playing outside. Sun screen and sunglasses are suggested also and should be part of your child's sun safety plan.



Zehrs Cash Register Receipts:

Please save and bring in all your receipts from Zehrs to the office to help support our breakfast club. Thank you again for all of your ongoing support.

Book Fair Reminder!!

Just a reminder that our Book Fair arrives Monday, March 30, 2009 and previews on the 31st. The sale starts on Wednesday, April 1st, 2009 and continues until 12:55 p.m. on Friday, April 3rd. Hope to see you there!!

Chess Tournament

Congratulations to all of the chess players who advanced to the DSBN Regional

Championship. Out of 14 regional players who are advancing to the DSBN championship, 5 are from Burleigh Hill. Congratulations to Brian T., Denver J., Dakota C., Eric J. and Ben S. Good job guys!!



School Council Meeting:

April 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations from Burleigh Hill School and Mr. Blanchette's Grade 5/6 class to Riley Mannell. Riley created and presented a speech which was delivered with skill and care to the Junior/Intermediate students and teachers. Riley scored well with the judges and moved on to represent Burleigh Hill and compete in the Grantham Optimist Public Speaking Competition. We are proud of your accomplishment.

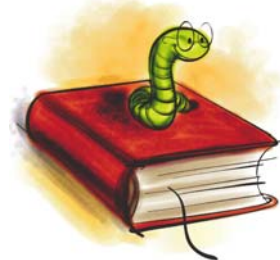
Education Week Open House

April 30th, 2009 is Burleigh Hill Education Week Open House. Come and visit the school during the school day and see your child/children in action. Be a small part of our day today.

This is not an opportunity to interview about your child's progress, rather it is a day to observe kids and teachers in action. It is also a time to reflect and compare your school days with today school days. Come and enjoy the energy and high spirits of kids in action.
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

A Spring Scholastic Book Fair

We are having our second Scholastic Book Fair for the year to earn free books for our school. We earn 60% of our sales back in free books for the library for **all** to enjoy.



Please return the family ballot form found in the flyer for your chance to win \$25 in free books for your family and \$25 in free books for your classroom teacher. All purchases will receive a ballot for a chance to win the display posters. Our preview day is on Tuesday March 31st and we will be open for sales:

Wednesday April 1st 9:00-3:45 pm
Thursday April 2nd 9:00am-3:45 pm
Friday April 3rd 9:00am-12:00 pm

Thanks in advance for your support.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Mrs. Carfagnini