

Burkevale Protestant Separate School

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

November 1st, 2017

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE



Remembrance Day Assembly:

Because Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday this year, we will be honouring this special day on Friday, November 10th at 9:00 am. As time goes by, it seems harder for students to understand the importance and significance of Remembrance Day. We owe it to those who served our country to honour and remember how their efforts contributed to the wonderful and free country that we call Canada. Please feel free to join us in this day of remembrance.

Helping the Homeless: Speaking of selfless acts, two grade seven students, Ally Contois and Grace Baker, have chosen to initiate a project to support the homeless in our area as part of “Genius Hour.” The girls are collecting donations in the form of toiletries and warm clothing, as well as monetary contributions. Local churches have also been included in the project. The class that contributes the most to the activity have a chance to throw a pudding pie in a number of staff members’ faces at a Friday morning assembly!

Winter Weather:

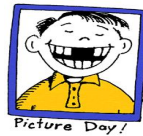


We have been so blessed with such a warm fall and gorgeous bouquet of colours this year. I fear the winter weather is just around the corner. With the snow comes a happy cheer by children for potential SNOW DAYS. As has been past practice, we will attempt to notify parents of bus cancellations in the morning. School bus cancellations for Simcoe County can also be found online at <http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca> or on our local radio station 104.1 The Dock. We are considered the North Simcoe Zone for bussing purposes.

Halloween Assembly: It was wonderful to see so many parent attendees and students dressed in full costumes for the Halloween Assembly. The school leadership club did a fantastic job running the assembly this year. A huge thank you needs to be given to Chloe Couling and Hailey Gignac for being our announcers for the event, and to Ms French and Mrs. Warren for heading up the leadership club this year. The Bayfield House really enjoys our yearly visit and the students were so excited to go up the street and showcase their costumes.

Area and County Cross Country Meet: Cross country team members participated against 22 other schools at Little Lake Park on October, 10th. Athletes displayed fantastic sportsmanship and efforts – way to go! Eleven athletes moved on to the county meet that was held at Mount St. Louis. A special thanks to Ms. Gignac, Mr. McMurdo, Ms. Warren and Ms. McLaren for supporting the team.

School Photos: School photos took place on October 25th. home shortly. If your child was absent, or you wish to have place on **November 22nd**. Please return the original proofs your child will be needing re-takes.



The proofs will be sent re-takes, they will take and let the office know if

Basketball and Volleyball: The girls' basketball and boys' volleyball teams are well underway. Both groups have been very adaptable and parents are owed a huge thank you for their willingness to transport students to the North Simcoe Recreation Centre for practices during our construction process. Thanks also to coaches - Mr. Tourigny, Ms. Wright, Ms. Hartman and Mr. Cowan. Please continue to check the website for game schedules.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences: Student-teacher-parent conferences will take place the week of the November 13th to the 17th. A note will come home shortly indicating the times that students' teachers will be available for conferences.

Health and Safety

Why is food literacy important?

Being food literate helps foster a healthy relationship with food and can contribute to health and wellness throughout one's lifetime.

The food environment has changed dramatically over the past several decades. For example:

- Irregular meal patterns have become very common
- More meals are eaten away from home
- There is an abundance of processed and packaged convenience foods available everywhere we go throughout the day, which are:
 - Easier to access than healthier choices
 - Heavily marketed
 - Higher in sugar, fat and salt and less nutrients than whole, fresh foods

As a result of these changes, children and adolescents have fewer opportunities to learn and practice food preparation skills, leading to their reliance on convenience foods.

Understanding food systems, food marketing, strategies for planning and preparing meals, and how our food choices impact our health and the environment prepares students with the skills and knowledge to make the best choices despite these barriers.

Picking Up and Dropping Off Students:

To ensure the safety of all students inside and outside of the school, we respectfully request that all parents wait for their child/ren in the designated locations. (Grades 1-8 students - Burke Street gates, Kindergarten B students - side door, Kindergarten A students - front doors). If you need to come into the school to pick your child up, please report directly to the office. Thanks for your cooperation!

Health and Safety Committee

The school Health and Safety Committee had their first meeting in October. The committee reviewed safety procedures and protocol, staff training and qualifications, and post-construction safety modifications. We are working diligently together to ensure our school environment is safe and healthy.

Fire Drills:



One fire drill took place in October and two more will take place in November. Once we have one more fire drill, the third drill will be a surprise for staff and students to help simulate a real-life experience.

Well-Being at Burkevale:

Burkevale is working hard to support the wellbeing of all students using a holistic approach that combines Physical Health, Emotional Health, Spiritual Health and Cognitive Health. The Ministry of Education has rolled out a Mental Health and Well-being Strategy. A fact sheet for parents on the strategy can be found at: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/WBFactSheet.pdf>

Support and information on well being can be found at:

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868;

<https://www.kidshelpphone.ca/Teens/InfoBooth/Emotional-Health/Mental-health-tipsheets/The-Wheel-of-Well-Being.aspx>

http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/promote_wellbeing.html

School Council Events: The school council supports students in a variety of ways. One way the council raises funds to support all students is through the Christmas Basket Raffle. Once again, classrooms will be assigned a basket theme and asked to bring items that relate to that theme. Once the baskets are filled, raffle tickets will be sold for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The sale of the tickets will be on the night of our Christmas concerts, with the draw taking place part way through the second evening. All winners will be notified.

Students of the Month



We are going to be incorporating the traditional grandfather teachings into our student of the month(s) acknowledgements. The purpose of this is twofold. Firstly, the teachings encapsulate positive human conduct toward one and other. Secondly, it honours the history of Canada and the FNMI people. Please stay tuned to find out what students were 'caught modelling *love* within the school.

BOOK FAIR:

The book fair sold over \$2500 worth of books and half of that will come back to the school as free books for our library from Scholastic. We need to acknowledge the special work of Mr. Kent as well as some students during our open house. The cashier helpers were Tamara Hill, Mattaya Woods and Nia Couling. The set up and take down helpers were Julie-Ann Jessop, Brookelyn Holotuk and Savannah Duval. Thanks to all for your support in helping to make this a huge success.



Google Suite for Education (G Suite)

Burkevale subscribes to a variety of websites for school and home use. Some sites require individual passwords that are assigned to each student and can be found in the front of their agendas or by emailing Mr. Kent at lkent@pssbp.ca. Other websites require only one login for the entire school and home use. Students save their logins for most sites on their G Suite accounts at school. If they login to their G Suite account at home the usernames and password will be remembered and this can simplify the tracking of usernames and passwords. For more information please view our [G-Suite/Google Classroom Step by Step Instructions sheet](#) and other valuable [Parent Resources](#) at [Burkevale.com](#).

| Website Link | Grade | Subjects | Username | Password |
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| Google Suite for Education (Google Classroom/Google Drive & Apps) | K-8 | Multi-Subject | Individual | Logins |
| BrainpopJr.com & BrainPOP.com | K-8 | Multi-Subject | burkevale | bvale |
| Typing Pal School (Code: bpssbuss) | 4-8 | Keyboarding | Individual | Logins |
| Bookflick.com | K-4 | Reading | penetang | pene2082 |
| Ontario Educational Resource Bank | K-8 | Multi-Subject | PPSDSBstudent | oerbs |
| Mathletics.ca (Parent Sign Up) | 1-8 | Math | Individual | Logins |
| Sumdog.com (Parent Sign Up) | K-8 | Math & Literacy | Individual | Logins |
| 10Monkeys.com | K-3 | Math | Individual | Logins |
| Code Studio | K-8 | Coding | Individual | Login |
| Pixton Comic Creator | 4-8 | Multi-Subject | Individual | Logins |
| My BluePrint - All About Me | K-6 | Education Portfolio | Individual | Logins |
| My BluePrint - Career Pathways | 7-8 | Education Portfolio | Individual | Logins |

SPORTS' SCHEDULES ONLINE: Burkevale now has posted team schedules online for your convenience. Please go to <http://burkevale.com/teams-and-clubs/> to find games and locations.

