

BURGESS BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2023

H.W. Burgess Public School



519-627-3822

It's **DECEMBER.**

We're well into December already and with the change of seasons, we're anticipating lots of fun filled activities prior to our holiday break.

Thanks to Ms. Lung whose rehearsals for our Holiday Production are well under way. We look forward to a terrific show on December 19th. On that day, our Home & School Association will be showcasing our Themed Basket Fundraiser. Students will be bringing home the theme for the class basket along with instructions and deadlines. All proceeds will help fund year end field trips and special projects throughout the school year.

Volleyball season is underway with tournaments planned for both teams at Dresden Area Central school next week. Exhibition games against teams from A.A. Wright will happen the following week.

Finally, our school be operating a Food and Toiletry Drive for the Wallaceburg Salvation Army. Donations will be accepted until Friday, December 22nd. We thank you for supporting our local community during this upcoming holiday season.



Bulldog Days

As we look forward to a great year together, every Friday will be Bulldog Day – wear your green and white and show off your Burgess Pride!

#BULLDOGSTRONG

Important December Dates

- 4th | Girls Volleyball Tournament at DACS
- 6th | Boys Volleyball Tournament at DACS
- 11th | Exhibition Volleyball Games
- 13th | Exhibition Volleyball Games
- 19th | Holiday Production (12:00 and 6:30)

School Hours

- 8:55 – Outdoor Supervision Begins
- 9:10 – Classes Start
- 9:10 – 11:10 – Instructional Block
- 11:10 – 11:50 – Nutrition Break (eating time and outdoor play)
- 1:50 – 1:30 – Instructional Block
- 1:30 – 2:10 – Nutrition Break (eating time and outdoor play)
- 2:10 – 3:30 – Instructional Block
- 3:30 – Dismissal

Donations & Volunteers Needed

Our snack program is currently in need of the following items:

- cereal (cheerios, crispix)
- apple sauce
- pudding cups
- peanut free granola bars

If you are able to help us out, please bring your donations to the school office.

In addition, we are currently looking for volunteers to help prepare fresh fruits and vegetables for our snack program. If you have any time during your week to help us out, please contact Mrs. Aubie at the school office.



Student Absences

Due to Safe School policies, the school is required to contact all families who are absent without prior notice. If you know your child is going to be away, for any reason, please report it on the School Messenger app that was introduced last year. If you require instructions on how to find or use the School Messenger app, please let the office know and we'll send an instruction page home.

If you prefer to phone instead of using the app, please call the dedicated absence line at 1-844-487-3695.

Bus Information

During the fall we might experience some heavy fog in which there could be the potential for bus cancellations. When there are bus cancellations due to fog, buses will not run in the morning but will run in the afternoon. H.W. Burgess is in **BUS ZONE 5**.

To check for any bus cancellations during the school year, please tune into the local radio stations or the following website: <https://schoolbusinfo.busstatus.ca/>

School Council/Home and School Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 15th beginning at 6:00 pm and will be held in person at the school. As always, we welcome new members!

A graphic with the text "HAPPY Holidays!" in a mix of fonts. "HAPPY" is in a simple sans-serif font, and "Holidays!" is in a large, elegant script font. The text is surrounded by blue and white snowflakes and small colorful confetti dots.

Happy Holidays!

We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned prior to the holiday break. Our last day of classes is Friday, December 22nd. We will meet back in 2023 on Monday, January 8th! On behalf of the staff at H.W. Burgess, we wish you a joyous holiday season and a very Happy New Year!



Please see the message below from Chatham-Kent Public Health. Do not reply to this email. Contact Chatham-Kent Public Health directly [at (519) 352-7270 ext. 2457] if you have any questions.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Chatham-Kent Public Health (CKPH) will be implementing the annual suspension process again in 2024 for all students with incomplete immunization records. We'd like to give you the opportunity to **report** your child's immunizations to CKPH or **visit your health care provider** to obtain missing vaccines before our first notices are mailed in early January. First notices are followed by a Suspension Order, which is mailed to those who still have incomplete records at least 4 weeks before the suspension date of **March 5, 2024**. Those students who have not received and/or reported required immunizations by the suspension date will be suspended from school for up to 20 days or until our records are updated.

The **Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)** requires **parents/guardians to report immunizations** (or provide appropriate exemption documents) to CKPH for the following diseases if their children attend school in Ontario: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Meningococcal disease, Pertussis (whooping cough), Varicella (chickenpox - for children born in 2010 or later).

Even if a student has all the required vaccines, if the vaccines have not been reported to CKPH, they will receive a first notice in the mail and could be suspended. Immunizations are not automatically reported by health care providers to CKPH, and it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure our records are up to date.

View your child's current record with CKPH and **REPORT IMMUNIZATIONS ONLINE** at www.ckphu.com/vaccination.

You may also mail/drop off a copy of your child's record: Immunization Records, 435 Grand Ave. W., 2nd Floor, Chatham, ON, N7M 5L8

CKPH wants children to stay in school, so we are here to support parents/guardians to ensure records are up to date. **If you have questions about submitting your records or vaccine requirements call: 519-352-7270 ext. 2457.**

Thank you,
Chatham-Kent Public Health