

BURGESS BULLETIN

JANUARY 2024

H.W. Burgess Public School



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Welcome back to all staff, students and families. We hope you all enjoyed your break and are ready to get back to the business of learning!

2024 promises to be a great year as we gear up for some annual events, starting with our Kindergarten registration. Thursday, Feb. 1st (4-7pm) and Friday, Feb. 2nd (9-3pm) will be the first opportunity families will have to register new to JK students. At this time, they will have an opportunity to visit a Kindergarten classroom. More opportunities for visits and registration will occur before the end of the year.

Finally, our next Home & School Meeting will be held at the school on January 15th beginning at 6:00 pm. New members are always welcome to attend.

Territorial Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land on which our school sits and on which we gather each day is a part of the traditional territory of the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi and Delaware Nations.

These Indigenous Nations, known as the Anishinaabeg and Lunaapeew, agreed through their ancestral languages to the mutual sharing of the land, with obligations and responsibilities to the environment.

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 Dates

- Jan. 15 | Home & School Meeting (6-7pm)
- Feb. 1 | Kindergarten Registration (4-7pm)
- Feb. 2 | PA Day (no school)
- Feb. 2 | Kindergarten Registration (9-3pm)

School Hours

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

School Shout Outs

December was a very busy month with loads of activities offered to our students and families. None of these are possible without the dedication of our school staff who volunteer their time and talents. Special shout outs go to all of our amazing staff at Burgess for all their efforts in making the following events happen last month:

- Caption This! Challenge
- Holiday Performance by FDK, Primary & Junior students
- Cookie Decorating
- Spirit Days
- Carolling
- Donations to the Salvation Army Food Bank
- Volleyball

Kindergarten Registration

If you know of any families in our school area who have children starting JK or who are new to SK in September 2024, please invite them to begin the registration process online by visiting the following page on the LKDSB website.

[Online Kindergarten Registration](#)



Kindergarten Registration Events are a great way for families to learn more about our school. Children and families will have an opportunity to visit and tour the school and a classroom in preparation for full day Kindergarten in September 2024. On Thursday, February 1(4-7) and Friday, February 2 (9-3), families are invited to drop into the school (no appointment necessary). More opportunities in April and May will be available for families to register and/or visit a classroom (more info to come).

Inclement Weather

During the winter, we might experience some heavy fog or snow 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/>

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.

Chatham-Kent Public Health:

Subject: Report Immunizations to Chatham-Kent Public Health



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