



BURGESS BULLETIN

MARCH 2024

H.W. Burgess Public School

519-627-3822

March is here!

MARCH

It came in like a lamb so fingers crossed it doesn't go out like a lion. We do however, have March Break to look forward to and our hope for your family is that it is restful. Once we return from the break, it's full speed ahead with Term 2 learning, planning for September 2024, play day, spring banquet and musical, track & field, field trips, EQAO and much more. The last few months of school are always the busiest of the year! In the meantime though, our staff are working hard every day to provide your students with a quality education. Thank you for partnering with us!

Important Dates

- 4th | Home & School Meeting
- 8th | Little Caesars Fundraiser starts
- 11th | March Break begins
- 18th | Back to School
- 28th | Spring Banquet
- 29th | Good Friday (no school)
- April 1st | Easter Monday (no school)

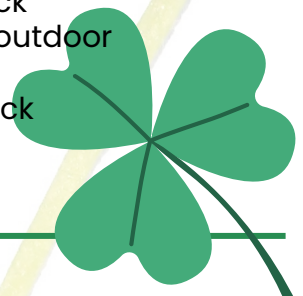
Territorial Land Acknowledgement

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.

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 & eating time)
1:50 – 1:30 – Instructional Block
1:30 – 2:10 – Nutrition Break (outdoor play & eating time)
2:10 – 3:30 – Instructional Block
3:30 – Dismissal



Arriving on Time to School

Our late arrivals have been steadily increasing since the beginning of school. It's so important to have students arrive on time as morning routines and instruction begins promptly. When students show up on time every day, they develop long-term positive habits of being punctual with important commitments. Arriving early or on time also gives students time to greet their friends, reducing the morning disruptions that late arrival usually cause.



Winter Carnival

Dates to Remember!

- March 4th Dress like Bonhomme Day
- March 5th Toque Tuesday
- March 6th Cozy Scarf Wednesday
- March 7th Hockey Jersey Thursday
- March 8th Flannel Friday

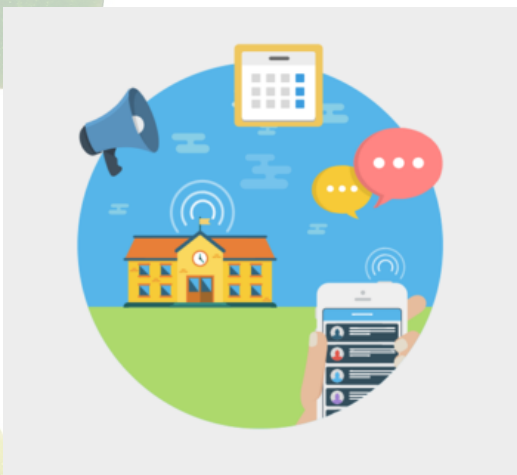
On Monday, "Snow/Ice Sculptures are due back at the school.

Thursday will be Beaver Tails & Hot Chocolate Day

On Friday, the winners of the Sculpture Contest will be announced.

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.



Covid-19 Screening

We are asking every family to prescreen their child(ren) for Covid-19 every morning by following the steps on the [Ontario School Screening](#) tool.

Please answer the questions honestly and if you receive the red X, do not send your child to school. There are instructions on what you should do next, under the X.

Online Auction Update

Thank you to all members of our school community who either shared the information, donated, or bid on some amazing items to support our Home & School Association's 2nd Annual Online Auction hosted on Facebook. It was a resounding success with over \$1,800 raised to help our school. All funds will help fun special projects and field trips for our students. We are so appreciative!!



Home & School Meeting

Our next Home & School Meeting will take place on **March 4th at 6:00**. New members are always welcome to attend. We meet at the school for about an hour to share a school update and plan for upcoming events.

Kindergarten Registration



Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form at LKDSB Kindergarten Registration in advance.
3. Come to the school to complete the registration process. Remember to bring:
 - Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
 - Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)

Your next opportunity to visit the school is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3rd. We will be welcoming new JK students and families to schedule a 15 minute visit during the school day to see a Kindergarten classroom in action.

Please contact the school office at 519-627-3822 to schedule your 15 minute time slot.



Bus Information

During this time of year, it is often unsafe for buses to be on the roads. Cancellations will be announced in the early morning, usually by 6:30am. This means that buses will not operate at all that day; however, most often, schools remain open. 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/>

Donations Welcome

H.W. Burgess provides daily nutritious snacks to all our students. We currently welcome both monetary donations and donations of product. We are specifically accepting donations of plain Cheerios, Shreddies or Crispix, jars of Dill pickles, nut free granola bars, Nutrigrain bars, rice cakes, vanilla or chocolate pudding, or any fresh fruits or veggies.

WHEN IS SICK

TOO SICK

FOR SCHOOL OR CHILDCARE?



Send me, if...

I had some symptoms (cough/runny nose/sore throat) but I have been feeling much better for the last 24 hours.

I can fully participate in school activities.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 48 hours and didn't need medicine.



Keep me home, if...

I have a temperature higher than 37.7 degrees Celsius (99.9 degrees Fahrenheit).

I have been throwing up or have had diarrhea in the last 48 hours.

My eyes are red and painful with discharge that keeps coming back during the day.

I have been having body aches, fatigue, and headaches.

I have a sore throat with a fever.

I have a harsh cough and don't feel able to participate in school activities.

I have an undiagnosed rash.



Contact a healthcare provider, if...

I have had a fever for more than two days.

I have had a sore throat and fever for several days.

I've been throwing up or have had diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had a cough for more than a week, and it isn't getting better.

I have had a fever and now have a rash.



Still have questions about whether or not your child should attend school/childcare?
Please visit www.ontario.ca/school-screening/

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10 INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

1 Don't block all access to technology. Help your child learn to use tech **safely** and **positively**.

2 Take an **interest** in your child's favourite apps or sites. Co-view or co-create at times.

3 Be the parent. You're in charge. Set **boundaries** and consider using filtering software.

4 Create a family media **agreement** with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.

5 Teach your child what **personal information** they should not reveal online (YAPPY acronym).

6 Help your child learn to **filter** information online and navigate fact from fiction.

7 Navigate digital **dilemmas** with your child. Avoid using devices as rewards or punishments.

8 **Balance** green time and screen time at home. Focus on basic developmental needs.

9 Don't support your child to sign up for sites with **age restrictions** (e.g. 13+) if they're underage.

10 **Learn more:** Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

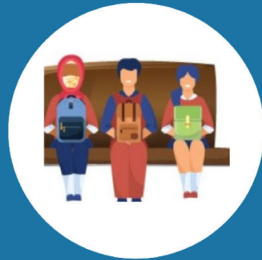


SCHOOL BUS ETIQUETTE

Parents/guardians share a role in reinforcing school bus safety and acceptable behaviour of students while riding the school bus. The expectations of students on the school bus is the same as in the classroom.

Sit in your assigned seat

Find your assigned seat immediately, if you are unsure of your seat number, ask your driver. Always remain seated and face forward. Students who do not sit properly can be seriously injured



Listen to your Bus Driver

Always follow the driver's instructions the first time they ask. They are responsible for your safety.



Keep your hands and feet to yourself

Disruptive behaviour is a distraction to other students and to the driver. The same rules apply on the school bus as in the classroom.



Speak Quietly

Use your inside voice. Excessive noise can be a distraction to the driver and the safe operation of the school bus.



Keep Aisles Clear

Backpacks and other large items are to stay on your lap or under the seat. Items in the aisle may be a tripping hazard and do not allow for a safe evacuation if required.



No eating or drinking

Save snacks for snack time at school or till you get home. They may spill or you may choke if the bus goes over a big bump.



BE KIND. BE NICE. TREAT YOUR DRIVER AND OTHER STUDENTS WITH THE RESPECT THEY DESERVE!