

BURGESS BULLETIN

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H.W. Burgess Public School



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It's NOVEMBER

Well it's certainly hard to believe we're already in November with these gorgeous temperatures lately. Let's all enjoy being outdoors while it lasts!

As we move into November, we're looking ahead to Progress Reports and Parent/Teacher interviews. Please check your emails for a link to sign up for a time to meet teaching staff. Once again, we are using Signup Genius to schedule meetings and we look forward to connecting with our Burgess families.

A huge thank you to our Home & School Association for hosting our first Movie Night of the year! It was terrific seeing so many Bulldog families come out to support our school. On behalf of the school staff, thank you. We hope you enjoyed watching Scooby Doo!

It's been a very busy school start up with lots of events that have already taken place. Our Cross Country runners represented our school well and we are so proud of you all. Soccer intramurals are up and running as well!

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

- 6th | Wreath Order Due
- 10th | Progress Reports go home
- 16th | Parent/Teacher interviews (evening)
- 17th | PA Day and Parent/Teacher interviews (morning)
- 30th | Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

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

School Shout Outs

Thank you to our staff coaches for both Soccer and Cross Country! Miss Lung, Mrs. Babbitt, Mr. Lozon and Ms. Salasso - we appreciate the time and effort you took to help offer our students these sporting opportunities. Our kids are very lucky to have such great coaches at Burgess.

A great big thank you to our school secretary, Mrs. Aubie and our daytime custodian, Mr. Heath. These two play such a huge part in keeping our school running so smoothly.

Finally, thank you to our Home & School members who continue to go above and beyond as they help fundraise for our school and offer engaging activities for our school families to participate in. We appreciate you!

Progress Reports

Elementary Progress Reports for students in Grades 1-6 and Kindergarten Initial Observations will go home on Friday, November 10th. The Progress Report and Communication of Learning shows a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the curriculum expectations in all subjects. Parent-Teacher interviews will be scheduled using a link for Sign Up Genius which will be emailed to you early next week. All interviews will occur the evening of Nov. 16 and the morning of Nov. 17.



SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Wear items are being offered this fall through our partners at Entripy. Please visit <https://hwburgess.entripyshops.com/> to make your purchases which can be delivered directly to your home. This is a great opportunity to purchase some Christmas gifts for the kids and support our school at the same time.

Pizza Days are Back!

Pizza is available on School Cash Online. Our next order for December/January will be coming out shortly, so keep an eye out for that email. Many thanks to our Home and School Association, who have organized Thursday Pizza Days in cooperation with Bill's International Pizza.



Truth and Reconciliation

We are committed to fulfilling the Calls to Action as put out by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We share these Calls to Action every Thursday during our morning announcements.

In order to increase the awareness of the legacy of the Residential School System, acknowledge its' impact and begin on the path to reconciliation, **we will wear our Orange Shirts every Thursday** this year. We encourage all of our students to do the same.



Popcorn & Milk Sales

Milk and popcorn continue daily! Please go to School Cash Online to purchase your sheet of 10 tickets for \$15.00. Be sure to have the student name on the tickets for tracking purposes. If you need any help with School Cash Online, please contact Mrs. Aubie who is happy to help.

We offer white & chocolate milk as well as Sweet & Salty, Salt & Vinegar, Butter, White Cheddar and Dill Pickle popcorn every 1st nutrition break.



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/>

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.

Wreath Orders

Once again, our Home and School Association are selling wreaths from Sloan's Nursery as a fundraiser to help support the events they sponsor for our students. These events include the Spring Banquet and subsidizing the cost of field trips.

Wreaths are available to order until November 11th. Payment is to be made using School Cash Online and can be submitted as one lump sum. Information will be coming home today - please keep your tracking form for delivery. Wreaths can be picked up from the school parking lot on December 1st in the afternoon or after school.

School Council/Home and School Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 27th beginning at 6:00 pm and will be held in person at the school. As always, we welcome new members!

Black Goose Broasted Chicken Dinner

We have partnered with the Black Goose Grill to offer a Broasted Chicken Dinner as a fundraiser for our school. On November 30th between 4:30 and 6:30, you can pull up to the front of the school to pick up your PRE-ORDERED dinner. Orders will be available through School Cash Online. For \$15, you can order a 2 piece chicken dinner with mashed potato, corn, roll and gravy. Please consider ordering a chicken dinner for our school fundraiser. All proceeds will support special activities at the school and year end field trips.



Pediculosis

Spring and Fall are the seasons when head lice (pediculosis) are most prevalent in school children. Your assistance in early detection is greatly appreciated. Please check your child for head lice weekly. If you find evidence of head lice, please contact the school immediately. This will allow us to notify other parents in the classrooms affected so that they may check their child. Children who are suspected of having head lice will be excused until appropriate treatment has been administered. Infestation by head lice is an unpleasant nuisance, but not a health problem. Head lice do not carry or spread disease. By working together we can control the spread of head lice in our community.
