

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been an extremely lovely summer. I hope the children have been able to take advantage of the summer freedom to play and enjoy the outdoors.

At the end of the last school year we were pretty confident that Burleigh Hill students had worked hard and achieved well over the year. Our optimism has been rewarded with an excellent display of academics by our grade 3 and 6 students. The specific results cannot be shared until after Sept 15th, so stay tuned for our good news.

Everything is in place for another great year. Mr. Keetch has cleaned and polished the building. Things look just great!

Mrs. Elliott has worked diligently at preparing lists of information and the proper forms to ensure your children have a successful year. Take a few minutes to read through carefully and return all the forms that are meaningful to you and required by us.

Our teachers have also spent a great deal of energy and time preparing for this new year. We are all eager to make this the best year ever.

We are expecting some first day/first week changes in registration that may require some shuffling of classes or students. Please be patient with us as we go through that process. We will make every attempt to consult with you on changes that may be necessary.

The month of September will be very busy as together we plan for the success of our students.

Sincerely yours in education,
Garry Vanden Beukel,
Principal

OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for our "Open House" on Wednesday, September 15th. The classrooms will be open for a visit to "Meet the Teacher" from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Staff will be available to meet and greet parents in the classrooms. While we have not been in school long enough to discuss student progress, staff are eager to discuss educational program and aspects of the new report card in place this year, as well as some exciting program being developed around it. We hope to see you there!

STAFF LIST 2010-2011

Principal -	Mr. Vanden Beukel
Secretary -	Mrs. Elliott
Caretaker -	Mr. Keetch
Learning Resource Teacher -	Mrs. Dixon
Literacy Coach -	Mrs. Dixon
Learning Resource Teacher -	Mrs. Flatley
Kindergarten -	Mrs. Raaflaub
Grade 1 -	Mrs. Bingham
Grade 2/3 -	Mrs. Chown
Grade 3/4 -	Mr. Blanchette
Grade 4/5 -	Mr. Budgell
Grade 6/7 -	Mrs. Ashcroft
Grade 8 -	Mr. Brookson
French/Library -	Mrs. Carfagnini
Youth Worker -	Mrs. Tytler

BELL TIMES

8:45 -	Teachers on yard duty
9:00 -	Morning Entry
10:40 - 11:20 -	Nutrition Break/Activity Time
1:00 - 1:50 -	Nutrition Break/Activity Time
3:30 -	Dismissal



ABSENCES

Parents are asked to call the school if your child is going to be absent. Our voice mail is on 24 hours a day, please leave your child's first and last name and the reason for their absence. Mrs. Elliott would like to thank parents who call in to report their child's absences, as it saves a great deal of time.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Parents picking up children at 3:30 are asked to wait outside the front doors of the school. Congestion in the foyer makes it very difficult to keep track of students and ensure they arrive home safely. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Kindergarten parents, please meet your child at the kindergarten room's external exit door at dismissal just to the left of the main entrance.

CHANGE IN DISMISSAL PLANS There are times when last minute changes cannot be avoided (car break down, traffic jams, etc.) If you are calling the school about a change in dismissal arrangements, **please do not leave a message on the voice mail.** If the voice mail picks up the call, it means both lines are busy. Please keep calling back until you are able to speak directly to a staff member. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support in dealing with this important safety issue.

PARKING

Parents are asked to please park in the lower parking lot in the area to the left of the gym doors. Please park and walk up to the school to pick up your child. The upper lot will be designated for "staff only" parking and busses to drop off students. Parents who are dropping off students please drop them in the lower lot and direct the students to the playground from there. Please do not direct students to the driveway.

Anyone delivering supplies or heavy items may come up to the upper lot, but should try to avoid bus drop off and pick up times between 8:45 – 9:00 and 3:30 - 3:45.

BICYCLES

Students in Grades 4-8 may ride bicycles to school. They must wear helmets, and walk their bicycles on and off school property. The school will not be responsible for loss due to theft. Each bicycle must have a lock and be secured.

ROLLER BLADES/IN-LINE SKATES SKATEBOARDS/SCOOTERS

Students who are using any of the above modes to travel to school are asked to please walk onto school property and carry their equipment. Insurance restrictions will not allow rollerblading, skating, skateboarding or use of scooters on school property.

ALLERGIES/ANAPHYLAXIS

If your child has a severe allergy (bee stings, peanut, milk, etc.) and requires medication, please come to the school office. There is a form to be filled out by a parent and the physician. A current photo is needed to attach to this form. This must be renewed yearly for on-going allergies and ***It is the parent's responsibility to keep the school updated on their child's medical condition.***

This form is posted in the staff room and is reviewed at staff meetings, so that all staff are familiar with the student and their specific allergy, and what medication to administer.

P.A. DAYS AND EARLY RELEASE DAYS

P.A. DAYS - Friday, October 8, 2010
Monday, January 31, 2011
Friday, June 10, 2011
Thursday, June 29, 2011

EARLY RELEASE Friday, September 24, 2010
Friday, November 19, 2010

★ **BUSES will run 3 hours earlier than their normal time.**
★ **CROSSING GUARDS will be on duty in the morning and at 12:30 dismissal.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our first School Council Meeting of the year will be held on **Monday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m.** All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available.

MILK PROGRAM

The milk program will continue to run again this year. You may purchase sheets of 15 for \$12.00. There are chocolate and white milk tickets available to purchase at the office. We will be trying a **New** product for the children to purchase. They are fruit smoothies. They will be sold the same way. You may purchase sheets of 10 tickets for \$15.00 at the office. More information will go out with the children on Friday, September 10th. This is the free smoothie day for all students to try these healthy and delicious drinks. If you object to your child(ren) having these smoothies please contact the school.



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

We may not administer medication to students without a written request by parents and a physician's authorization indicating the name, dosage, frequency and time along with the method of administration of the drug. This includes any "over the counter" medication (aspirin, etc.) Medication must be sent in the original container from the pharmacy, clearly marked with the student's name, medication and dosage. Medication **must** be kept in the school office.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will begin Monday, September 13 and will be in operation each Monday through Friday. Volunteers are needed to help set up and serve food to the students from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. to continue this very worthwhile program. If you are available to assist at any time, please call the school at 905-227-6641. Our goal is to have a rotating schedule so that no parent volunteer is overburdened. We would like to extend a "Bulldog Thank You" to our existing Breakfast Club Volunteers!



BURLEIGH HILL YEAR BOOK

Mrs. Carfagnini will be publishing a school yearbook which costs approximately \$10 to print. This memory book is a wonderful keepsake and is sold to students for \$5 in May and June. This year ice-cream will be sold for \$1 during Friday lunch hours to help offset the printing costs. All ice-cream selected is peanut free and ordered from McNab our milk supplier.

Thanks for your support,
Mrs. Carfagnini

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Students will be allowed to borrow books from the school library starting the second week of school. Our library database and special features can be accessed from home. Please check out our web page. There are great educational links posted and updated regularly.

Please click on internet

Enter: www.dsbnet.edu.on.ca to go to school board site

Change: www to destiny so that it looks like:

destiny.dsbnet.edu.on.ca

Go to: Burleigh Hill School

Our Destiny School Page is posted. You will have access to a list of all library books found at the school as well as wonderful educational sites to help your child be successful.

For primaries please check out Starfall link to help with phonics, word development and reading. Several on-line story links and math sites also recommended.

For junior/intermediates please check out the on-line research links as well as math and literacy links.

I strongly suggest all families having access to a computer to download the software called **Premier Tools**. This assistive technology is available only to DSBNET families. Please follow the instructions listed below. This software is a tremendous asset to have and your child could use it for many years to come. There are tutorials available to explain all the features. Students will also be shown at school by their teachers.

Have fun and enjoy!

Any questions feel free to ask Mrs. Carfagnini

SUPPLIES FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

A reminder of what students need most:

- Pencils (all grades)
- Pencil crayons (not provided by the school)
- Pens (Gr. 4-8)
- Erasers (All grades)
- Pencil Case (not provided by the school)
- Math Geometry Kits (Gr. 4-8)
- Calculators (Gr. 4-8)
- Duo Tangs (Gr. 1-8)
- 3 ring filler paper lined (Gr. 4-8)
- Back Pack (available at school on a need basis)
- Headphones (each child will be supplied with their own set for \$1.50 at the school)
- Agenda planners (each child will be supplied with their own agenda at a cost of \$7.00)

Agenda Planners (gr.1-8) and headphones (K-8) are required for all students.

BURLEIGH HILL'S EDUCATIONAL GOALS

The new reporting system comes into effect this school year. Elementary school report cards will be issued on February 9, 2011 and June 29, 2011. An interim Progress Report will be sent home in the week of November 15, 2010. It will be coordinated with the November 19th Early Release day during which time we will give opportunities for all parents/guardians to interview with the child's teacher.

The report card will be significantly different in that a stronger focus will be applied to Learning Skills and Work Habits and goal setting. At Burleigh Hill we will model the goal setting and we will select specific goals on a bi-weekly basis. There are six Learning Skills and Work Habits, namely, Responsibility, Initiative, Collaboration, Organization, Independent Work and Self-Regulation.

The two goals for September are as follows:

weeks 1 and 2 - Responsibility: *The student takes responsibility for and manages his/her own behaviour.*

weeks 3 and 4 – Initiative: *The student approaches new tasks with a positive attitude.*

The two goals for October are as follows:

weeks 1 and 2 - Collaboration: *The student builds healthy peer-to-peer relationships through personal and media-assisted interactions.*

weeks 3 and 4 – Organization: *The student devises and follows a plan and process for completing work and tasks.*

The two goals for November are as follows:

weeks 1 and 2 – Independent Work: *The student follows instructions with minimal supervision.*

weeks 3 and 4 – Self-Regulation: *The student sets own individual goals and monitors progress towards achieving them.*

Goals for December through June will continue to cycle through the six Learning Skills and Work Habits. For the Progress Report in November we aim to have a very accurate picture of skills and habits the child must develop to be successful in school.

Our foyer bulletin board will constantly remind us of the goals being taught and we plan to show in as many ways as we can how students are progressing on a daily, weekly, monthly basis on all hallway and classroom bulletin boards.

When these skills and habits are applied to academics, arts and sports areas we will celebrate the success we are having together!