



# BURLEIGH HILL BUZZ

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**Burleigh Hill Public School's Monthly Newsletter**

**April 2011**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our educational focus for the months of April and May will be the Reading for Meaning expectation 1.4 from the Ontario Curriculum. While the teachers are planning this next six week pathway, they are clustering other language expectations which relate well to this expectation. The process involves some diagnostics to identify which particular aspects of the expectation will need the most attention and in turn lessons will be developed to best suit student needs.

The grade three and six students have also begun to prepare for the EQAO testing. They have written a practice test to help us identify what they need to work on most in preparation. It also allows teachers and students time to prepare for specific areas that involve the use of technology. We want our students to be the best they can be.

Spring is officially here but winter does not seem to want to leave. Dress the students in layers that can be added or taken away from as we continue to have dramatic fluctuations in temperature.

Keep watching our school calendar on the website as it is a "live" calendar and can be updated daily if necessary.

Sincerely,

G.Vanden Beukel and the Burleigh Hill staff

## Education Week:

April 11<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

Kindergarten Registration is ongoing. A child who will be four years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, is eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten and a child who will be five years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, is eligible to attend Senior Kindergarten in September 2011. **If you have a child who will be starting school in September, please register them now!**

Requirements for registration are:

- \* proof of birth
- \* proof of Immunization
- \* Ontario Health Card

## BREAKFAST CLUB THANK-YOU

A very special THANK-YOU to Sandi Jones for stocking the Breakfast Club food on a regular basis. Thank you also goes to those volunteers who serve our students breakfast each morning!

## PARENTS AND SAFE SCHOOL PLAN

Parents, please remember when dropping off your child(ren), you must check in at the office. Please **do not** walk your child to class. This causes interruptions to instructional time.

**Parents picking up their child(ren)** either at lunch or 3:30 dismissal are **required to wait in the foyer** until their child(ren) are dismissed. This is to ensure the **safe dismissal of all students**.

Thank you for your co-operation.

The spring weather will be bringing "Sunny Days". Please discuss sun safety with your child and suggest that a hat with a visor be worn when playing outside. Sun screen and sunglasses are suggested also and should be part of your child's sun safety plan.



## **Zehrs Cash Register Receipts:**

Just to remind you to bring in all your receipts from Zehrs to the office to help support our breakfast club. Thank you again for all of your ongoing support.

## **Next Parent Involvement Group Meeting: Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

## **Chess Tournament**

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Burleigh Hill at the Area 4 Chess tournament on Wednesday, April 6th at The CAW Hall. Duncan R. (Gr.3), Drew A. (Gr.3), Mackenzie L. (Gr.4), Ian H. (Gr.4), Abby D. (Gr.5), Silas A. (Gr.5), Rachelle P. (Gr.5), Erika H. (Gr.5), Rory V. (Gr.6), Brian T. (Gr.7), Eric J. (Gr.7), Denver J. (Gr.7), Brandon F. (Gr.7), Cole C. (Gr.8), Omer T. (Gr.8), Brianna H. (Gr.8). We wish them well. Thanks to Mrs. Dixon for coaching and to Mrs. Finlayson, Mrs. Last, Ms. Britton, Mrs. Cortese and Mrs. Raaflaub for driving students to the tournament. Champions from this tournament will advance to the DSBN Tournament on Monday, April 11th.

## **April is Oral Health Month**

Although preventable, cavities are the most common chronic disease of children aged 6 to 19 years. Cavities lead to difficulties sleeping, decreased school attendance, pain, discomfort, and infection. Fluoride is not added into our water supply. Therefore, it is recommended that all residents brush their teeth twice daily with fluoridated toothpaste to prevent cavities.

- Children three to six years of age should be assisted with brushing their teeth by an adult using a pea-sized portion of fluoridated toothpaste until they can tie their own shoe laces.
- Regular flossing is the single most important thing you can do to prevent gum disease. Most children will need help flossing until they are about 8 to 10 years old.

Niagara Region Public Health has two programs to assist children and youth with no insurance in getting the dental health care they need. For more information please call the Public Health Dental Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399.

## **Thank you Burleigh Hill!**

Thank you all so much for the generous donations that you sent in to help Japan. We were able to raise \$268.00! Our donation has been sent to the Canadian Red Cross for the Japan Earthquake/Asia-Pacific Tsunami fund. You should all be so proud of yourselves! Thank you again!

## **CHESS CHAMPS**

Congratulations to the following students who placed 3rd at the Area 4 Chess tournament: Abby Dinning and Rachelle Peters in Gr.5, and Brandon Finlayson in Gr. 3. A special congratulations to Eric Janzen in Grade 7 who came 1st and qualified for the DSBN chess tournament on Monday, April 11th. We wish Eric well as he competes at the next level.



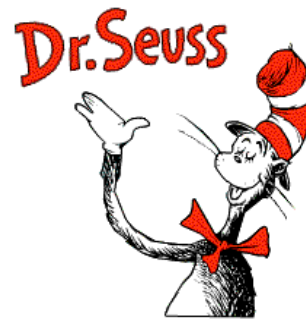
St. Catharines  
**Family Literacy Event**  
St. Catharines Walker  
Family YMCA  
25 YMCA Drive

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30am – 12:30pm**

**Fun for Families with**  
**Children from Birth to 8!**



will be performing at 10:30am



For more information contact:  
Ontario Early Years Centre - St.  
Catharines- 905-938-9392

Literacy Activities and Crafts based  
on

Dr. Seuss Classics

Book Making

Storytelling

Active Games in the Gym

Book Swap

(bring a used book from home and  
trade for another one!)

FREE snacks for children

FREE book

(one per child while supplies last)

# Join the fun IN THE 2011 DSBN Road Race!



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CREDIT UNION  
let's grow together.

**DSBN  
ROAD RACE  
Learners in Action!**

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**Sunday, April 17th, 2011**

DSBN Education Centre, 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines

Proceeds to benefit Education Foundation of Niagara  
and Niagara Nutrition Partners

1km (10 am) Fun Run and 5km (10:30 am) Road Race for all ages

Barbecue & family fun fair for participants\*

Prizes for top finishers in each age category of the road race

T-shirts and participation ribbons for all who pre-register

School participation prize

Chip Time Results for 5km race

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For registration information, please refer to the entry form  
Race entry forms and volunteer forms are available at DSBN schools  
or online at [www.efnonline.ca](http://www.efnonline.ca)



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\* Minimal BBQ fee for non-participants with all funds raised going towards EFN & NNP



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