



BURLEIGH HILL BUZZ

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Burleigh Hill Public School's Monthly Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

If the lateness of this newsletter is an indication of being busy, rest assured things are busy at Burleigh Hill. The students have just finished an exciting and educationally engaging project with Director's Cut. Teachers are in the process of analyzing results to determine what was learned and what still needs to be learned. It was certainly heartening to see the high levels of engagement from the students. We will be using the results to create the springboard for the next round of writing instruction.

A preview of the animation and claymation created by the students will be the basis of our Christmas concert. Come prepared to sing and celebrate with the kids at our concert on December 21.

Have a great holiday season, stay healthy and enjoy the up and coming family time. Our last school day of 2011 will be December 23. Students return to school on January 9, 2012.

Sincerely,

G. Vanden Beukel and Burleigh Hill Staff

COOKIE DOUGH

Our Cookie Dough Fundraiser was a great success once again! Thank you to all those who supported this delicious fund-raising campaign and a GREAT BIG thank you to Mrs. Cryer for organizing the entire fundraiser! Thank you also goes to the parents who helped hand out the cookie dough.

LAST DAY BEFORE THE BREAK IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD. SCHOOL WILL RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2012.

FROM THE BUS DRIVERS

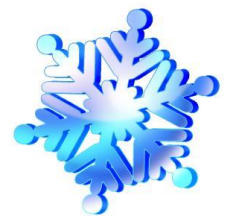
Parents, please park in the lower lot and walk up to the main doors. Busses have a hard time turning around in the upper lot when cars are parked in the turnaround. Children's safety is also at risk when cars are making three point turns to get out of tight spots created by illegal parking.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/ SCHOOL CLOSURES

In case of inclement weather please **listen to the radio**. Local stations CKTB 610, CHTZ 97.7, CHRE 105.7, CKEY 101.1, Spirit 91.7 are a few of the stations that will have the school/transportation information available on the 7am news.

If transportation is cancelled and the school is open, parents must contact the school to let us know if your child is not going to be attending that day. Please leave a message if you do not get an answer. We cannot assume that your child is home in case you are unaware of the cancellation and a child is left at a bus stop and the bus does not come.

Thank you for your cooperation with ensuring your child's safety.



WINTER DRESS

A reminder that as winter weather conditions approach, it is very important that children come to school wearing all the necessary "warm things". Please be sure that your children have hats, gloves, or mittens, a warm coat and waterproof boots as our fitness breaks will continue to be outdoors, even when it's cold and snowing.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday December 21st, 2011

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Community Care

Mrs. Carfagnini will be running a Canadian Tire Money Collection to purchase toys for Community Care. This is a yearly tradition at Burleigh Hill. The collection will start Monday Nov. 23rd and will end Monday Dec. 12th. Start collecting and help bring smiles to childrens' faces on Christmas morning. Mrs. Carfagnini and classroom representatives will be shopping the following week. There will be an assembly to follow. Burleigh Hill students and community have a history of being extremely generous to those less fortunate. Over the past 10 years we have donated well over \$30 000.00 in toys and food vouchers.



Physical Activity

Did you know that Canadian children/youth ages six to 19 spend an average of 8.6 hours per day, or 62 per cent of their waking hours, being sedentary?

Here are some ways to help your children meet the recommended 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity each day:

- Limit recreational screen time to no more than two hours per day
- Encourage children and youth to play outdoors
- Play outside with your children:
 - Go for walks, hikes, build snowmen, go tobogganing
 - Introduce your child to skates or skis so they can learn to slide
 - Play catching games using a wide range of soft objects

For more information go to

www.activehealthykids.ca or

www.participaction.com



Free Dental Screening at Burleigh Hill

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school on Monday December 12th and 15th, 2011 to provide dental screening to students in grades JK,SK, 2, 4, 6, and 8.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual inspection of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.

Please contact the Public Health dental program for any of the following:

- If you do NOT wish your child to participate in the dental screening.
- If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate.

Call the Dental Health Information Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or email dental@niagararegion.ca.

