



# BURLEIGH HILL BUZZ

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

**March 2011**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Burleigh Hill Trivia night was a huge success. Those in attendance all had a great time. This was a good fund raising effort for the Parent Council.

Also the Internet Safety evening held for parents at Applewood School was successful. A lot of information was shared and those who attended will have a new awareness for keeping their children safe on the internet.

Currently, our grades three and six are writing a practice EQAO test to help determine what they still need to learn and to become familiar with the test format. The practice will occur on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, for one hour each day.

Our next school based initiative to help students learn to set goals and execute next steps is in the planning stages now. It will be known to the students as "Bump It Up". When you hear those terms used at home you will know it is in reference to a focus at school and it has nothing to do with basketball. As a point of explanation this is aimed at students being more self-aware of their learning needs. It will teach them how to self-evaluate accurately and work on things that need boosting. The vehicle for learning will primarily be based on writing skills, while the secondary focus will remain on reading skills clustered around the writing.

We will be busy as this is an ambitious plan.

Sincerely,  
G. Vanden Beukel

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Going to school for the first time is a major step for children and their parents. At the DSBN, families start that journey together. If your child is turning 4 by the end of this year you should register them for JK. Families can visit our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, and receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills.

Requirement for registration are:

Proof of Birth  
Proof of Immunization  
Ontario Health Card

## ZEHRS CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS:

Please save and bring in all your receipts from Zehrs to the office to help support our breakfast club. Thank you again for all of your continued support.

## PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting will be Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Foyer.

## Daylight Savings Time Begins:

**Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead on Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 before going to bed.**



## MARCH BREAK!!

March break is March 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Have a Safe and Happy March Break!!  
**See you back at school on Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

## Intermediate basketball team:

The following students were members of this year's intermediate basketball team. Ashley S., Riley M., Steven P., Katelyn D., Liam J., Keegan J., Brian T., Cole C., Matt V., Jermaine G., Travis C., Eric J., and Denver J. Mr. Blanchette thanks all of the players for an exciting and interesting basketball season. Go Bulldogs!!

**January/Feb. Awards Assembly Feb. 25, 2011**

Gr. 3 /4

January

JK /SK

January

JSD1

Respect: Madison Quesnel,  
Collaboration and Organization: Sarah Kerton,  
Improvement: Duncan Rose

Academic  
Character (Respect)  
Improvement

Troy Murray  
Elizabeth McCulloch  
Alexis Boozan

February

Zaahid Mohamedali  
Aizlon Halliday  
Landon Fry

Optimism: Karli Draper  
Independent Work and Self-Regulation: Caleb  
Turner  
Improvement: Rebekah Kerton

February

JSD2

Academic  
Character (Optimism)  
Improvement

Jadyn Sawatsky  
Amne Abu Al Hayjaa  
Alexis Muir-Stone

Gr. 4/5

January

Respect - Abby Dinning  
Academic - Matthew Estrada  
Most Improved - Julia Parson

Felicia Currie  
Kylie Robillard  
Jennifer McNeil

February

Gr.1

January

Optimism - Luke Turner  
Academic - Christine Janzen  
Most Improved - Silas Aaron

Dorian Wesley (for Respect)  
Andrew Pentland (for Collaboration)

February

Alysha Mcallister-Roy (for Optimism)  
Taylor Olszewski (for Independent work)

Gr. 6/7

January

Academic - Brayden Irwin  
Most Improved - Brandon Finlayson  
Respect - Jimmy Loney

Gr. 2/3

Respect: Ilya Pogensky

February

Optimism: Sydney Sawatsky

Academic - Riley Mannell  
Most Improved - Quinn Oberlein  
Optimism - Ashley Shale

Independent Work: Drew Aaron

Self-regulation: Ben Corner

Gr. 8

January

Respect - Sierra Scholtens  
Academic - Brittany Penner  
Most Improved - Travis Coutu

February

Optimism - Brianna Hands

Academic - Liam Jones

Most Improved - Caelan Paddon

### **French awards for January and February**

Gr. 3/4

January

Academic achievement in French – Caleb Turner

February

Academic achievement in French-Jennifer Pentland

Gr.4/5

January

Academic achievement in French-Zachary Webb

Primary Literacy Day...A Great Success!

The primary students at Burleigh Hill were happy to celebrate Family Literacy Day on Friday, February 4, 2011. This year's theme was *Play for Literacy!* The staff and students were pleased to see many family members (parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts) attend this wonderful afternoon. We snuggled up and read with the children and played games linked to literacy development. This fun-filled afternoon was a great success and we would like to sincerely thank our families for coming out and celebrating the importance of literacy with the children!

February

Academic achievement in French-Julia Parson

Gr.6/7

January

Academic achievement in French-Hannah Broad

February

Academic achievement in French-Riley Mannell

Gr.8

January

Academic achievement in French-Brianna Hands

February

Academic achievement in French-Omer Tareen

**DSBN Academy will be a Grade 6–12 public school that focuses on supporting and empowering students to be the first in their families to graduate from a post-secondary institution.**



ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH OPPORTUNITY

### **DSBN Academy Strategies for Success:**

- School-wide shared beliefs focused on post-secondary preparation
- Committed and motivated students, families and staff
- Single track academic program
- Advisory program support
- After school "encore" programs
- Programming that encourages parent involvement
- Transportation



**Applications are due Thursday, March 10.**

**Please see your Principal for an application form.**



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