



BURLEIGH HILL BUZZ

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Burleigh Hill Public School's Monthly Newsletter

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A Message from the Principal...

Dear parents/guardians,

We are really into the full swing of teaching what students need to learn. We have identified the most pressing concerns regarding student learning, being Writing and Math. Since we have spent so much time focussing on Reading over the past two years, it is evident that the students are prepared for new challenges in different areas of the curriculum.

In writing the teachers are going to spend six weeks of helping students learn to properly prepare their ideas. They will learn how to develop, classify, organize and review their ideas so they can publish them in a written format. This will happen in various appropriate stages from KDG to Grade 8.

In math, students will focus on problem solving and reinforcing basic math knowledge. In the early grades the math knowledge is often new learning while in the older grades it needs to be reinforced for automaticity. Students need to be able to recall basic facts to enable problem solving skills. In all with better reading comprehension, good access to basic skills and good teaching students have a good chance at becoming good problem solvers.

With your help in reinforcing the basics we will get there more quickly.

Sincerely,

G. Vanden Beukel and Burleigh Hill staff

PARENTS:

Parents, when you are delivering anything to the school for your children, be it a forgotten lunch, forgotten homework, team uniforms or other messages, please stop by the office. We will make the delivery at a convenient time.

Unscheduled interruptions often stop the flow of a lesson. Teachers lose the students in those moments and valuable time is spent trying to re-engage the students. Please be considerate of your child's teacher(s).

MACMILLAN COOKIE DOUGH

Once, again Burleigh Hill will be selling MacMillans Gourmet Cookie Dough and Muffin Mixes to fundraise for up-coming school events. The Fundraiser will run until November 17th, 2011, with delivery on December 1st, 2011 and pick-up will occur in the School gym between 1-5 p.m. This is a great time to think about getting a head start on your Christmas baking, as well as supporting the school.

Niagara Nutrition Partners **Benefits of a Breakfast Program**

“We now have breakfast every school day morning”
Improve the learning abilities of students.

Decrease disruptive behaviour in the classroom
Provide an opportunity for students to improve social skills.

Promote a nurturing and caring environment for Students.

Provide volunteer opportunities to show students their community cares.

Provide all students with an opportunity to participate.

Provide a chance for students to learn healthy eating habits for lifelong healthy development

Decrease high levels of absenteeism.
Undernourished children do not concentrate well.

Decrease low self-esteem.

Provide an opportunity for students to have an equal chance to grow and flourish throughout life.

Intermediate Volleyball Team Winning!

That’s exactly what the Burleigh Hill Intermediate Co-ed volleyball team is doing! With a current 6-2 record, they’ve beaten the likes of Prince of Wales, and St. David’s on two separate occasions, while also defeating Connaught along the way. Their biggest win came last week when they defeated the previously unbeaten Gracefield team. The team currently stands in third place, but is making a charge to the top. With their two final games to be played later this week, the team is heading to the playoffs full of confidence and will be looking to making a run for the Tier 3 championship.

Members of the team include: Brian T, Brandon F, Riley M, Mcrae E, David H, B.C. P, Ashley S, Eric J, Michal A, Denver J.

We wish the team all the best as their season winds down!

Community Care

Every pizza/hot dog lunch day, Mrs. Carfagnini will also be selling **ice-cream for \$1**. All proceeds go towards subsidizing printing cost of school yearbook.

Our school **Community Care collection of Canadian Tire money and loose change** will start on Wednesday **November 23rd** and will end at 9:00 am on Monday **December 12th**. This is a Burleigh Hill tradition and we have become known throughout our community as “The Little School with a Big Heart”. Together we can make a difference! Because of our students' efforts, many children will be very happy on Christmas morning. Students can keep track of the school's progress while it is displayed in the foyer. We will be working together as a team to make this year our best yet! Please consider sending in loose change and Canadian Tire money with your child to contribute. Every penny counts! Class representatives will accompany Mrs. Carfagnini to purchase the gifts for those less fortunate. A Community Care gift presentation will be taking place at an assembly which will be announced at a later date.

Access our school Library Destiny page from home:

Click on internet

1. Type www.dsbnschool.ca
2. click on school board
3. change www to destiny so it looks like:
destiny.dsbnschool.ca
4. click on Burleigh Hill

Students can check out e-books, check catalogue, access great educational sites.

Woodend

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The Living Campus

Update

Outdoor Education: healthy children, engaged learners, critical thinkers, tomorrow's leaders

Bringing Learning to Life!

What's Happening at Woodend?

The DSBN is working to transform our Outdoor Environmental Education Centre at Woodend into a Living Campus. The current facilities will be transformed and expanded to create an environment that will empower generations of students, through exploration and discovery, to develop a connection to the earth and understand their responsibility for and impact on it. We will be replacing our old garage (which currently serves as a classroom) with two new innovative, interactive classrooms, that will provide space for more students to experience learning from nature. The new Living Campus will also include indoor washroom facilities and an outdoor classroom. It is an exciting project that will bring numerous benefits to all students of the DSBN for generations to come.

MZE: Bringing the Campus to Life

We are happy to announce that the architectural firm of Macdonald, Zuberec, Ensslen Inc. (MZE) have been appointed as the architects for Woodend – The Living Campus (conceptual drawings below).



A WEEK FOR WOODEND
APRIL 30 - MAY 6, 2012

Ride Hike Run

WOODEND
Sunday May 6th, 2012

- 50 km Big Ride
- 5 km Small Ride, Hike or Run
- 1.5 km Family Race

Schools, Parents and Students
He a part of this exciting revitalization!

Kids Club & Founders Club

For details visit us at:
woodendthelivingcampus.blogspot.com

Join Us! Woodend – The Living Campus Kids Club and Founders Club

Special thanks to Westmount School (that raised \$300) and Port Weller School (that raised \$1058) and became the first schools in our Kids and BRONZE Level Founders Clubs. If you or your school would like to become members of the Founders or Kids Club please go to our blog for further details. Together we can make the dream a reality!

CYTEC

A huge THANK-YOU to our newest Kids Club member – Cytec Canada Employees – for your recent donation to The Living Campus!

A Week for Woodend! Come Out and RIDE, HIKE or RUN...

Help us celebrate The Living Campus by participating in the Week for Woodend from April 30 - May 6, 2012. During this exciting week schools will be involved in fundraising activities to help raise awareness and funds for The Living Campus. The week will end with the second annual DSBN Ride-Hike-Run for Woodend on May 6th. More information will be coming out soon about this exciting event. We hope to see everyone there!

TV COGECO

A very special THANK-YOU to TV Cogeco who have once again shown their tremendous support for DSBN and our community by generously sponsoring a classroom at The Living Campus.

By supporting Woodend – The Living Campus you are providing children with a place that *Brings Learning to Life* by engaging them in hands-on learning and discovery through play. To find out how you can support the children of Niagara visit us online on Facebook, our blog and website:

[DSBN Woodend – The Living Campus](https://www.facebook.com/DSBN-Woodend-The-Living-Campus)

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dsbn.org/woodend