



# BURLEIGH HILL BUZZ

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

**October 2011**

## Message from the Principal..

September was a busy month of assessing what students need to learn as well as some reorganization of classes, particularly in Kindergarten. Let us welcome Miss Demers to her new assignment as a Kindergarten teacher at Burleigh Hill School.

If you were not able to attend "Meet the Teacher" on September 29, rest assured that your children are in good hands. It is important that we form strong links between home and school, so please make an opportunity to connect with your child's teacher.

Academically all grades are currently working on summarizing and/or retelling information (Specific Expectation 1.4, Reading for Meaning, Language from the Ontario Curriculum) to continue strengthening reading skills.

We had a very successful result in our EQAO and we are so pleased with the students' efforts. Come and see the bulletin board in the school's foyer. You will clearly see success the success and you will also see what still needs to be worked on.

On our PA day the entire staff will be working at unpacking/ analyzing the results of the most recent EQAO. There is a tremendous amount of extremely useful information to guide our teaching in this activity. It feels like acknowledging the obvious, but when students are successful it indicates teachers are working hard developing the proper focus and instruction for your children.

At Burleigh Hill we celebrate our success and work to correct failures. "A mistake is an opportunity to learn"

Sincerely,  
G. Vanden Beukel and Staff



## VISITORS AND SAFE SCHOOL PLAN

We ask for your cooperation in helping us to monitor our visitors to the school.

Parents are to park in the lower lot and walk up to the school to meet your child. **PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO DRIVE AROUND THE BUSES AS THIS CREATES A DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR EVERYONE.**

All parents/visitors should check in at the office, whether you are here to drop something off or picking up your child. Your child will be paged to the office. Please do not go to your child's classroom.

Parents picking their children up at the end of the day should wait in the foyer until the children are dismissed.

Thank you for helping to ensure a safe school environment for everyone!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Chairperson -	Shelley Mannell
Treasurer -	Lindsey Butt
Secretary -	Jodi Humaniski
Fundraising -	Stephanie Cryer

## Future Fundraising

Remember for your Christmas baking we are having a Cookie Dough Campaign (MacMillans) starting Oct 28<sup>th</sup> with delivery on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> in time for your holiday baking.

We are also organizing a candle sale in time for Christmas and gift giving. Watch for more details coming your way soon.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, P.A. Day  
Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving  
There will be no school for students these days.  
Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Hep B and HPV #1  
Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Picture retakes  
Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, JK-Grade 1 – Great Pumpkin Patch Trip



## **Gardasil: the HPV vaccine**

HPV, or Human Papillomavirus, is a common virus that affects both females and males. There are more than 100 types of HPV. Some HPV infections do not have any symptoms and go away on their own but there are a few types that can cause serious health problems.

Gardasil vaccine helps protect against the common types of HPV that can cause cervical cancer and genital warts. It works best when given before exposure to the virus during skin to skin sexual contact. The vaccine has been approved in Canada for females and males 9 – 26 years of age. It is available free to grade 8 girls through school based clinics. Alternately, for boys and girls, it is available by prescription at your doctor's office or through direct purchase at Niagara Region Public Health immunization clinics.

Niagara Region Public Health is proud to announce the launch of **HPV – Protect your Future**, a 10 minute educational video that addresses concerns of youth and parents, and includes a story of a local cervical cancer survivor. This video will be presented by the school nurse during Grade 8 information sessions. If you would like to view this video, please visit the website listed below, or speak with your school with regards to borrowing a DVD copy.

For more information contact Niagara Region Public Health, Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 or visit: [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca) (search HPV).