



BUCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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The Buckingham Community is working together to create a safe and nurturing environment that recognizes the unique learning styles of each student. We are encouraging social responsibility and life-long learning.

Keep up to date by checking our website frequently. Information includes: Newsletters, Calendars, PAC news, School Growth Plan.

Newsletter #3

October 31, 2017

Dear Parents,

I need your help. Many mornings and afternoons I make my way outside to greet families and check on our safety patrol students. Most families are doing a wonderful job of following our drop off and pick up processes. There are a few things we could improve and for that to happen I need everyone to help. Please remember...



- U-turns on Buckingham Drive are prohibited by law and pulling into driveways is very dangerous as it is impossible to see all of the angles behind and beside you.
- There is no stopping in the no-stopping zones around the crosswalk blocks the view of traffic and our student safety patrollers.
- Use the roundabout behind the school to drop off, pick up and turn around. If you cannot find a place to stop please do not block other families from getting out and coming in.
- No one should be pulling into the staff parking lot to drop off and pick up students. Many students wait to enter their classrooms in the parking lot and any extra traffic during arrival or dismissal time is unnecessary and unsafe.

Everyone is very busy and we have work, appointments and many things to do, however, nothing is worth risking the safety of any member of our community. This is also an opportunity to help teach our children how to do the right thing, even when it is inconvenient and no one is watching. Please treat every child in our community with the same care and concern you treat your own child with. And finally... remember that a wave of thanks when someone lets you in or shares the road goes a long way in creating a culture of kindness, patience, and ultimately safety for our community.

My thanks for your help in this matter,
Ms. Henderson

COME AND JOIN US AT THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS

We'd love to see family members at the following functions:

- Halloween Assembly and Costume Parade – **Tuesday, Oct. 31st @ 1:00pm**
- Remembrance Day Assembly – **Thursday, Nov. 9th @ 10:45am**
- PAC Meeting – **Tuesday, Nov. 21st @ 6:30pm in the library**
- Book Fair – **Tuesday, Nov. 21st, Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, Thursday, Nov. 23rd**
- Parent Conferences – **Wednesday, Oct 21st (2-4pm), Thursday, Oct 22nd (2-6pm)**

School Closure Day – Friday, November 10th – School Closed

Remembrance Day – Friday, November 13th – School Closed

Professional Day – Friday, November 24th – Students Do Not Attend

Pumpkin Patch Fun

On Thursday, October 28th the Pumpkin Patch came to Buckingham Elementary School. The Grade 7's helped to transform our Buckingham grounds into our own pumpkin patch with 250 pumpkins strewn all around our hillside. That afternoon, Mrs. Klassen and Ms. Wilschek worked with our grade 7 students to make up pumpkin stations for students to participate in, after which they went outside to pick a pumpkin and get some hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Big Thanks to the pumpkin patch crew, Mrs. Klassen and Ms. Wilschek for planning the day's activities. As well, thank you to the grade 7's who ran the stations. And a HUGE thank you to the parents that not



only joined our event to share in the fun but organized the tables and chairs outside, made hot chocolate, served drinks and marshmallows, and cleaned everything up afterwards. Again, we are so fortunate to get this unbelievable amount of support from our community.

On Friday, classes got together with their buddies and did some amazing pumpkin carving. The smell of pumpkins was in the air.



Grade 7 Leadership Group



Halloween Safety

Halloween is a wonderful time of year. Please remember to stay safe this year when trick or treating.

- Make sure you have enough light to see clearly as you walk
- Wear some light coloured or reflective clothing so you can be seen
- Beware of traffic
- Travel in groups
- Only visit homes with an outside light on
- Enjoy all the treats – after an adult has checked them!

Barbara Henderson

STAY SAFE!
Halloween Safety Tips



Distribution of Newsletters / Notices Update

In our continued effort to be greener and support sustainable initiatives in the district, we now have a number of ways for parents to receive the newsletters and school/district information. The Parent Weekly News, the monthly newsletter and other important information will be emailed home and are available on the website. Hard copies will be sent home in the event that they need to be returned or we are struggling with email issues. The information gathered from your consent forms has allowed us to update our email list once again. Any school wide notices that are sent home, there will only be one copy per family, and the youngest child from each family has been chosen. If you are not receiving emails from us please check your spam or junk folders. Also, please note that ongoing email concerns impact both the office and individual teachers' ability to email families... so if you don't hear back from someone, please check your junk folder and call the school if you haven't received a response.



All newsletters, calendars and weekly updates are posted on our school website: (<http://buckingham.sd41.bc.ca>).



We Scare Hunger

Ms. Wilschek's leadership students are still collecting non-perishable food items to donate to our local food bank. There is a clearly labeled table in the front hallway to collect donations...every little bit helps.

This is the first of many initiatives that our leadership students are taking on, and we'd love your support. Thanks so much.


WE HAVE MET OUR GOAL AND COLLECTED 1015 CANS/BAGS/BOXES OF FOOD

Tax Deductible Donations

Tax Deductible Letters have gone home last week. This is a way for families to support their children as 100% of these donations go directly back to support programs that help enrich our children's school experience. Donations of \$20 or greater will be issued a charitable donation receipt. If you make your donation on line, you can print out a receipt immediately. Please make all submissions by Tuesday, November 14th so there is time to issue receipts.



November

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
Oct 30 Boys' Volleyball practice @ 8am Bby Parks & Rec "Stay in Focus" 3:00-4:30	Oct 31  Hot Dog Day Halloween Assembly and Costume Parade 1pm	1 Sushi Day Girls' Volleyball practice @ lunch Bby Parks & Rec "Science Discoveries" 3:00-4:30	2  Pizza Day Girls' volleyball @ home Young Rembrandts 3:15-4:15 (new session)	3 Boys/Girls Volleyball practice @ 8am Div. 4 SFU Workshop (am) Chip Sale Volleyball skills @ 3:00-4:30pm gym (Bby Parks & Rec)
6 Boys' Volleyball practice @ 8am Dec/Jan/Feb pizza orders go home Bby Parks & Rec "Stay in Focus" 3:00-4:30	7 Subway Day  Boys' Volleyball Away @ Lakeview	8 Sand Northrup – One Woman Circus @ 9:15am Sushi Day Girls' Volleyball practice @ lunch Bby Parks & Rec "Science Discoveries" 3:00-4:30 (last one)	9 Pizza Day Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00am Div. 3 to SFU 12:00pm-2:00pm Lice Check 1:00pm Girls' Volleyball away @ Lakeview Young Rembrandts 3:15-4:15	10 School Closure Day 
13 Remembrance Day No School 	14 Hot Dog Day Dec/Jan/Feb Pizza orders due @ 9am Boys' Volleyball away @ 2 nd Street	15 Sushi Day Girls' Volleyball practice @ lunch Bby Parks & Rec "Games Galore" 3:00-4:30	16 Pizza Day  Girls' Volleyball away @ Armstrong Young Rembrandts 3:15-4:15	17 Boys/Girls Volleyball practice @ 8am Indoor Soccer @ 3:00-4:30pm gym (Bby Parks & Rec)
20 Boys' Volleyball practice @ 8am Bby Parks & Rec "Stay in Focus" 3:00-4:30	21 Subway Day Boys' Volleyball Rec Playday PAC mtg @ 6:30pm	22 Sushi Day Early dismissal 1:50 Bby Parks & Rec "Games Galore" 2:00-3:30 Parent Conferences 2:00-4:00pm	23 Pizza Day Early dismissal 1:50 Girls' Volleyball Rec Playday Young Rembrandts 2:05-3:05 Parent Conferences 2:00-6:00pm	24 Pro-D Day Students do not attend
27 Boys' Volleyball practice @ 8am Bby Parks & Rec "Stay in Focus" 3:00-4:30 (last one)	28 Hot Dog Day Boys' Volleyball Competitive Playday	29 Sushi Day Girls' Volleyball practice @ lunch Bby Parks & Rec "Games Galore" 2:00-3:30	30 Pizza Day Girls' volleyball Competitive Playday Young Rembrandts 3:15-4:15	Dec 1 Chip Sale  Indoor Soccer @ 3:00-4:30pm (Bby Parks & Rec)