



BUCKINGHAM



BULLETIN

Principal: Mrs. Moro

Head Teacher: Ms. Mann

Secretary: Mrs. Anania

Dear Families;

September has flown by as students and staff have returned to school and adjusted to new classrooms. We are busy with learning, connecting with old friends and forming new friendships. We have grown by a class size this year, so we now have 12 Divisions. Thanks to our students and staff for being so welcoming to our new students and families!

On September 8th we had a Mini Games Day, thanks to our Grade 7s, Ms. Law and Mr. Lai. We also had perfect weather for our Family Picnic. Thanks to all the families that joined us for lunch outside.

Teachers and Families had the chance to get to know each other through our Intake Conferences and Kindergarten Welcome Conversations. It was great to see so many families attend.

Our Cross-country team has been practicing and attending meets. Thanks to Ms. Wong, Ms. Canderle, Mrs. Rosen and Mr. Lai for providing this opportunity for our students.

We also held our first fire drill. Each month students will participate in an emergency drill to ensure our students are well prepared for emergency situations.

It was a sunny day on the 22nd for our Terry Fox Run. Thanks to Mrs. Rosen for organizing our event and to families for helping us fundraise for Cancer Research.

On the 29th we wore Orange Shirts and held an assembly to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students worked on activities and read stories about the history of Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

A reminder to please have students keep toys and cards (like Pokémon) **at home**. When these items come to school they could be lost or damaged and they can cause conflicts between students.

We are continuing our school Mathematics goal to build competence in the students' ability to explain mathematical thinking, and our continued focus to help our students develop social-emotional Learning skills. More specifics about the goals can be found on our school website under 'School Info' and 'School Plans'. If you click on the name of each goal it also takes you to a summary sheet that explains how these goals link to the BC Curriculum.

SAFETY REMINDERS: Please remember to follow the No Parking Signs (including the ones at the back of the school), and please **do not do U-Turns or Turning around in Driveways**. This is to keep our students safe.

Thanks to all our Buckingham Families for your support as we work together to help our students be the best they can be!

Mrs. Moro
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS



We have several children in our school who have serious allergies to peanut and nuts. This means that any contact with peanuts/nut products in the classroom, even trace amounts may endanger the child's life.

We are requesting the assistance of all our families in keeping our school a peanut and nut aware environment. Please **DO NOT** send snacks and lunch items that contain nuts or nut oils. We appreciate your cooperation.

GRADE 4 & 7 FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education with information on how well students are progressing in the foundational skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy.

Parents will receive results later in the school year. Please contact the Principal, Mrs. Moro if you have any questions or concerns.

For further information about FSA, visit the Ministry of Education website or the Buckingham website for sample FSA tests your child(ren) can practice on.



STUDENT PHOTOS - Our photographer will be at Buckingham the morning of Wednesday, **October 4th** to take individual photos for our students. Photo retakes will be held on Wednesday, October 18th for any students who are absent or require retakes.

All ordering and payment will be done online. Ordering information will be emailed after photos are taken.

KM CLUB

To promote personal fitness and health, many of our classes have begun a walking/running program known as the Kilometer Club. All students will be given opportunities to complete laps on the field or around the school several times a week, during school hours. The kilometers will be recorded by the teacher for each classroom.



The KM Club offers students an opportunity to improve their fitness and develop healthy habits that last a lifetime. We will encourage all students to participate to the best of their ability and to feel a sense of accomplishment as the kilometer totals grow.

As an incentive to walk/run, students can earn certificates that show how many kilometers they have run. At the end of the school year, a medal will be awarded to each child who has completed 75km.

THE GREAT BRITISH COLOMBIA SHAKE OUT

We will be joining many schools throughout our province in "The Great Shakeout" Earthquake preparedness drill on **Thursday, October 19th at 10:20am**. We will simulate an earthquake and students will practice a "duck and cover" procedure in their class at the time of the drill.



CAPOEIRA IS COMING TO BUCKINGHAM

Capoeira is a Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics and music, and is sometimes referred to as a game. It was developed in Brazil mainly by African descendants with native Brazilian influences.

As part of our PE curriculum all our students will be participating in Capoeira during the week of October 23rd with a school performance on Friday, October 27th at 1:45pm in the gym. All parents are welcome to attend.



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UPCOMING Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) MEETING



Our first PAC meeting is coming up Tuesday, October 3rd at 7pm via Zoom. A link to join the meeting will be sent out to all families via email.

These informal meetings give families a chance to hear a detailed recap of what has taken place, and what's coming up for students and families at Buckingham. There is always an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas and feedback.

Please consider joining us, everyone is welcome!

FAMILY PHOTO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Please mark your calendars, our Buckingham PAC will be hosting a family photo night fundraiser on **Tuesday, October 17th**. More information will be sent home shortly.



PUMPKIN PATCH COMING TO BUCKINGHAM

The Pumpkin Patch will be coming to Buckingham School on Monday, October 30th. All students will get an opportunity to search for a perfect pumpkin to take home. More details will follow shortly.

Our PAC is looking for volunteers to help with Hot Chocolate on this day, please see [link below](#) to volunteer.

Volunteer opportunities for "Hot Chocolate Volunteers Fall 2023" are now open.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/BTY3D

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

Alicia Schuurmans

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- Monday - Oct. 2: School Closed (In lieu of National of Truth & Reconciliation)
- Tuesday - Oct. 4: Student Photo Day (9am sharp)
- Monday - Oct. 9: Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
- Tuesday - Oct. 17: PAC Family Photo Night Fundraiser
- Friday - Oct. 20: District Professional Day (School Closed)