

Dear Families,

Welcome to our new school year at Buckingham! This has been a wonderful week of reconnecting with friends and making new ones as students returned to last year's classrooms and new students joined our community. For our first week we focused on *Math in our community and in nature*, and *Taking care of ourselves*, *each other*, *and our community*. We will continue to examine these themes as the year progresses. Today we had fun with a morning of outdoor games. Thanks to Ms. Law and Mr. Lai and to our Grade 7s who created and ran the stations. Thanks to families who were able to join us for our first assembly and our Family Picnic. It was great to see so many families and our staff connecting.

Welcome back to Ms. Monk (from maternity leave) and Welcome to our new staff members: Classroom teachers: Ms. Mann (Head Teacher), Mr. Lai, Mrs. Martino (partnering with Ms. Canderle), Ms. Zhang, Ms. Rounding and Ms. Lee. Non-Enrolling Teachers: Mr. Ewert (Learning Support on Fridays) and Mrs. Watson (back in her new role, teaching Physical education on Mondays) Educational Assistants: Ms. Kazerouni, Ms. Lee, Ms. Ham, and Ms. Deol.

On Monday students will be moving into their new classes during the school day. At the end of the day students will return to the classes they are in now, so you know where to pick them up. This year we have gone up a division so we will have 12 classes instead of 11.

A few highlights of what is happening soon:

Our Family Intake Conferences are coming up on **Sept. 26th and 27th. There will be an early dismissal at 2:00 on the 26th for these meetings**. More information will be sent home closer to those dates.

September 29th is Buckingham's Orange Shirt Day to honour victims and survivors of Residential schools. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange.

Monday October 2^{nd} school is closed to recognize National Truth and Reconciliation Day – no school for students or staff.

WHERE TO FIND WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BUCKINGHAM:

Our webpage www. <u>https://Buckingham.burnabyschools.ca</u> is your place to go to find the information you need. On our homepage you will find a **section** called **Upcoming Events**. Here you will see the next five events on our school calendar. Under this is a button called **View Calendar**. If you click that button it will take you to the current month's calendar. You can then click through each month of the school year. We have put all events planned so far on our school calendar until June 2024. As new items are booked, we will be adding them here.

Buckingham is also on Twitter (@BuckinghamSD41). Our tweets will give families another way to see what is happening at school. You do not have to have a Twitter account to see our Tweets because they will also appear on our school webpage

On behalf of all the staff at Buckingham we welcome you back and are looking forward to a great year of fun and learning together!

Sincerely, Mrs. Moro Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

INTRODUCING YOUR BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2023 / 2024

Administration	Mrs. Moro	Principal
Division 1	Ms. Lai	Grade 6 / 7
Division 2	Ms. Law	Grade 6 / 7
Division 3	Mrs. Monk /	
	Mrs. Wise	Grade 5 / 6
Division 4	Ms. Mann	Grade 4 / 5
Division 5	Ms. Wong	Grade 3/4
Division 6	Ms. Canderle /	
	Mrs. Martino	Grade 3 / 4
Division 7	Ms. Zhang	Grade 2/3
Division 8	Ms. Lee	Grade 2/3
Division 9	Ms. Rounding	Grade 1/2
Division 10	Ms. Saunders	Grade 1
Division 11	Ms. Klassen	Kindergarten
Division 12	Mrs. Rosen /	
	Ms. Saleh	Kindergarten

BUCKINGHAM NEW BELL SCHEDULE

Regular attendance and prompt arrival at school is important if your child is to gain full benefit from the school program. Please see our bell schedule below for the upcoming year:

8:52 am	Welcome Bell
8:57	Instruction Begins
10:30	Recess
10:45	Recess Ends
12:00 pm	Lunch Begins
12:50	Lunch Ends
12:55	Instruction Begins
3:00	School Dismissed



Counsellor	Mrs. McAllister
Librarian	Ms. Carson
Resource / ELL	Mrs. Engst
ELL	Mrs. Lee
ELL	Mr. Ewert
PE NIS	Mrs. Watson
Speech & Language	Ms. Philley
Music & Performing Arts	Ms. Berar
Band	Mr. Cohen
School Secretary	Mrs. Anania
Office Support	Mrs. Marghi
Education Assistants	Ms. Balagura Ms. Cruz Ms. Deol Ms. Ham Mrs. Hartley Ms. Kazerouni Ms. Lee Mr. Parco Ms. Watanabe
Noon Hr Supervisor	Ms. Ortiz
Crossing Guard	Ms. Ortiz Ms. De Angelis
Custodians	Mr. Fontanares Mr. Deseo

SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE

We now offer the ability to pay your Child(ren)'s school fees online. During the year you will be able to pay for field trips, performances, and extracurricular activities.

Step 1: Visit: School Cash On-line

Step 2: Register by selecting "Get Started Today" and follow the steps.

Step 3: You will receive a confirmation email. Select the "click here" option, sign in and add your child(ren) to your household account.

For detailed step by step instructions, please click here.

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REPORTING ABSENCES



Please remember to call the school office at (604) 296-9004 Ext. 2 and inform us if your child will be arriving late or will be absent. Please state your child's name and division/teacher when leaving a message. If arriving late, or leaving early, please remember to call the office to inform us as well.

WESTCOAST RECESS

As we begin our first week and we look ahead to the changes in our weather forecast that come with the changing seasons, we want to share the following information regarding expectations for students at recess and lunch.

On rainy days we will require students to be outside and this means that they must come to school prepared for the weather. With the fall season descending upon us and the expected rainy weather, our students will be exploring the outdoors during "West Coast Recess and Lunch".

What does this mean? It means that we will minimize the number of days we consider 'inside days' because of poor weather. Students will be expected to come to school prepared for the weather.

Please ensure that your child is well prepared for rain on any given day. Students are encouraged to have a change of clothes with them at school in case they fall or get wet. Most Burnaby schools and many neighboring Districts are also running "West Coast Recess and lunch hour" programs.



CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Your child's safety, and the safety of others, is important to us. Please help ensure everyone's safety by following the City of Burnaby traffic guidelines below:

• No Stopping Zones:

Please do not wait or park in areas that indicate no stopping. If your child needs to be walked to class, please park where parking is allowed and NOT in the No Stopping Zones.

• No U-turns.



- No jaywalkingNo 3-point turns.
- Do not enter the teacher's parking lot.
- Do not turn around in neighbor's driveways

Parents, guardians and neighbors who notice traffic violators are encouraged to report information including license plate numbers directly to the **Burnaby City Engineering Traffic at** (604) 294-7460.

If everyone works together to follow these guidelines, we will make Buckingham a better place for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!

Mark Calei	Your Dates to Remember
Thursday, Sept. 21:	Cross Country Meet Burnaby Lake
Friday, Sept. 22:	Terry Fox Run
Tuesday, Sept. 26:	2pm Early Dismissal Student Intake Meetings 2-6pm
Wednesday, Sept.27:	Student Intake Meetings 3-5pm
Wednesday, Sept. 29:	Orange Shirt Day Acknowledgement
Monday, Oct. 2:	National Day of Reconciliation (School Closed)