

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Buckingham Families,

As we wrap up an incredible month at Buckingham, we want to share some highlights and express our gratitude for the amazing community that makes our school so special. This month, we said goodbye to our wonderful student teachers, Ms. Natalie and Ms. Chloe. They have been such an important part of our classrooms, and we will truly miss them. We look forward to welcoming them back as TOCs in the future!

Most of December was filled with rehearsals for our spectacular Winter Concert, December In Our Town. Our students worked so hard, and we are incredibly proud of their performances! A special shout-out to our Grade 7 students, who collaborated with Ms. Mann and Ms. Monk on their acting roles. Several Grade 7 students even stepped in as last-minute understudies on Thursday night to cover for classmates who were sick—what an amazing display of teamwork and resilience! Of course, none of this would have been possible without Ms. Berar. Her vision and dedication to our music program brought this concert to life, and we are so grateful for her leadership.

Following the concert, many of our divisions had the chance to visit the Burnaby Village Museum. It was such a joy to see our big buddies and little buddies exploring the sights and sounds of the holidays together. These shared experiences truly make lasting memories!

We're looking forward to a wonderful day on Friday, December 19, starting with a pancake breakfast and a visit from Santa! Later, we'll gather for our Winter Sing-a-long, filling the halls with beautiful voices, and wrap up the day with the excitement of school-wide Bingo.

As we head into the winter holidays, we want to acknowledge our incredible staff - teachers, EAs, office staff and janitorial staff - who have worked tirelessly this term. Their care and dedication make Buckingham a place filled with laughter, smiles, and joy every day. We are so fortunate to have such a committed team.

To all our Buckingham families: we hope this holiday season gives you time to reconnect, slow down, and enjoy special moments together. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year!

Warm wishes,
The Buckingham Elementary Team

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Sports

'Tis the most wonderful time of year – basketball season! We're excited to announce that we will be running both Grade 6/7 Boys' and Girls' teams this year. Students have already received permission forms, and the majority have been returned.

Coaches for this season:

- Boys' Team: Ms. Di Spirito and Ms. Mann
- Girls' Team: Ms. Metcalfe and Ms. Berrar (with assistance from Ms. Watson and Ms. McAllister)

Parents, please keep an eye out for another form coming home soon with details about game locations and practice times. Thank you for your support - we're looking forward to a fantastic season!

Important Dates

- Monday January 5, 2026: School re-opens
- Thursday January 15, 2026: Black Excellence Day
- Thursday January 15, 2026: PAC Meeting (evening, on Zoom)
- Friday January 16, 2026: PAC movie night
- Monday January 19 - 23, 2026: Literacy Week at Buckingham
- Friday January 23, 2026: Celebration of Learning (1:15 pm)