

# Buchanan Park School



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December 2017  
Principal: Mr. B. Playfair



## Christmas Bazaar

Remember to mark your calendar for **Friday December 15, 2017** for Buchanan's annual Blizzard Bazaar. The Bazaar offers all students an opportunity to do their holiday shopping during this school day. We have many gift items suitable for giving to parents, grandparents, siblings or any other special person on your child's Christmas list.

**Please consider donating quality toys, educational books and gift items for ages 5-12, new or gently used household décor items or giftware, jewelry, homemade crafts, & ornaments, gift bags, wrapping paper, tissue paper and small jewellery/ gift boxes which are all needed! Thank you!**

## Thank YOU for supporting our School Fundraising

Thank you to School Council and all the parents who have participated in school fundraising. Your support allows us to purchase many resources and added extras to enhance our learning environment. Your participation in various initiatives is greatly appreciated by all staff and students at Buchanan Park. Together we make this a great place to be! Our most recent initiative, McMillan Cookie Dough Sales was participated in by many students. To every student/family who participated we thank you!

### Food Drive

For the month of December, Room 4 will be organizing a Food Drive at Buchanan Park School. Non-perishable food items will be collected.

Thank you for your support!

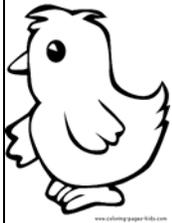


### Tree of Warmth

Buchanan Park has a "Mitten Tree" set up in the front foyer during the month of December. Your donations of hats, mittens, scarves, etc., will be delivered to those less fortunate.



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## "Chicks For Orphans in Africa Provides Great Gift Idea and Helps Zambians Become Financially Independent!"



One of our Junior Kindergarten Students and her dad had an idea for a school-wide project that we felt we had to take on! Their story of how it came about is below:

"My daughter Emma, just started JK in September. One day Emma and I were driving home from school and we got on the topic of Christmas and Santa and crumbs in his beard and then we had a lovely conversation about how we give gifts to people to show them that we love them. I said "Obviously we give gifts to our friends and family, because we love them, but sometimes we even give gifts to people we don't even know because we love everybody. What do you think about donating some baby chicks to people in Africa?"

Although to a 4 year old, donating baby chickens sounds silly, when I explained why, she agreed that it was something we should do. I challenged her with coming up with a number of how many we should donate. I assumed that her number would be between 1-20 because that's what she is most comfortable with and I could probably manage that. But her reply is the reason for this campaign. "Hmmm." she pondered a moment, "How about One Hundred and Eighty plus Thirty?!?" bubbling with excitement. Quick mental math brings us to 210 chicks at \$5/chick is \$1,050. We reached out to Mr. Playfair and the school council and they have supported this idea approving the opportunity to share love to those across the globe. We are asking for your support in helping Emma raise money for 210 Chicks. We will have a table at the Christmas Blizzard Baazar accepting donations and talking about the story and the work of Every Orphans Hope.

The not-for-profit organization Every Orphan's Hope strives to provide a sustainable source of income for an orphan-community in Zambia, Africa. Your support of this poultry farm provides a sustainable income but also skills development for the children. For more information about this organization and the great work they do follow the link provided or like them on Facebook. [www.everyorphan.org](http://www.everyorphan.org)

Please help us help Emma to reach this goal before Christmas day! If you can help financially, it is \$5/chicken and feed, but any amount is appreciated. Tax-deductible receipts are provided for donations of \$20 or more. Organizers of the charity also ask for your thoughts and prayers: for the Every Orphan's Hope organization, for the health of the chicks and for the orphans who will be blessed by your donations. At the Blizzard Baazar there will be little chicks Gift cards that will be provided for those who donate so that you can provide it as a special gift to friends and family.



Be Blessed!  
Jacob Borgdorf (Emma's Father) and Emma"





DECEMBER 15TH – 9AM – 3PM

Students, parents and caregivers are invited to Buchanan Park School for the Blizzard Bazaar! This year our Blizzard Bazaar will include Cookie decorating (\$1) and a Holiday Market with donated gifts which can be purchased by students. Gifts will range from \$0.50 - \$10.00 with most items priced at \$2. Volunteers will be available to help your child stay within their budget. Cash ONLY, change will be made for your child. Each Student will receive **ONE RAFFLE TICKET!** For each additional \$10 spent at the market the student will receive an additional ticket!

5x7 Portrait with Santa

**Only \$5**

Portrait will be taken by Ladeebug Photography!

[www.ladeebugphotography.com](http://www.ladeebugphotography.com)

50% of funds raised from Santa Photos will support  
Neighbour2Neighbour



New this year our Grade 6 Class will be providing gift wrapping, gift bags and cards for \$0.50 - \$2

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We would like volunteer parents to help man tables in both the cookie decorating area and the Holiday Shop. If you are available for any time on December 15<sup>th</sup> between 9am -3:20pm please check how you would like to help & return this section to school.

I am available    all day or    only between \_\_\_\_\_ (write time here)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT #: \_\_\_\_\_

Every student attending Buchanan Park "Blizzard Bazaar" on December 15th will be given ONE raffle ticket. Students CANNOT purchase raffle tickets. For each \$10 spent at the Holiday Market student will receive an additional Raffle Ticket.

Students will have the opportunity to place their ticket(s) in the baskets of any of the donated gift prizes they would like to receive. Only ONE prize will be rewarded per child. Prizes for students will be awarded Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> before 3:20pm

### COOKIE DECORATING

\$1 will buy a gingerbread cookie (various types available) and the Student will be able to decorate it with icing, and sprinkles. Parent Volunteers will be on hand to help students create a cookie masterpiece! Students can decorate as many cookies as they wish. Cookies are \$1 EACH. ALL COOKIES & DECORATIONS ARE NUT FREE



### BUDGET FOR BLIZZARD BAZAAR

5 x 7 Photo of me with Santa	\$5 for 1 - 5x7 photo	\$ _____
5 x 7 Photo with sibling(s)	\$5 for 1 - 5 x 7 photo	\$ _____
Cookie Decorating	\$1 for 1 Cookie	\$ _____
<b>Gifts for my Family:</b>		
Mom		\$ _____
Dad		\$ _____
Brother/Sister		\$ _____
Grandparents		\$ _____
Additional Gifts		\$ _____
Money Needed on Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>		\$ _____

Thank you to the following local businesses for supporting Buchanan Park & Blizzard Bazaar!



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So Many Opportunities to Give!

Supporting Families in Need for the Holidays



Buchanan Park is supporting Five families who are in great need especially at this time of year. If you would like to help us in this endeavor please bring a wrapped and age-labelled gift, a Walmart or Grocery Store (or other store) Gift Card, or any of the food items listed below to the school prior to December 20th.

Family 1: Mom, Dad, Child 6 yrs old, Child 8 yrs old, Child 9 yrs old, Child 10 yrs old, 2 Children 11 yrs old, Child 12 yrs old, Child 14 yrs old.

Family 2: Mom, Dad, Child 4 yrs old, Child 6 yrs old, Child 8 yrs old, Child 11 yrs old

Family 3: Mom, Child 4 yrs old, Child 11 yrs old

Family 4: Mom, Child 4 yrs old, Child 10 yrs old

Family 5: Mom, Dad, Child 4 yrs old, Child 6 yrs old

Food Items: Frozen Turkey, Pantry Items such as Canned Stew/Soup, Canned Chilli, Canned Vegetables, Pasta/Sauce, Rice, Potatoes, Cereals, Stuffing Mix, Pancake Mix, Christmas Cookies, Christmas Chocolates,

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**STAND UP!**  
**Speak Out!**  
**Help Break the Silence!**

**Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week was November 20-24, 2017**

At Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, the Safe Schools Survey suggests that at least once a week 8 per cent (2,742) of students are physically bullied, 16 per cent (5,485) are verbally bullied, 9 per cent (3,085) are socially bullied, and 3 per cent (1,028) are targeted online or by text message. This must stop.

HWDSB joined other Ontario school boards to recognize **Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week** (Nov. 20-24, 2017).

Here are some useful tips from HWDSB Social Work Services.

**What can I do if my child is the victim of bullying?**

- Ask your child about what happens at school
- Listen when they talk to you
- Tell the school or childcare facility immediately and partner with them to address the problem.
- Resist being overprotective.
- Encourage your child to make friends outside of school.
- Encourage your child to seek spare-time activities.
- Teach children ways to resolve arguments without violent words or actions.
- Talk about and practice assertiveness skills.
- Seek help from school social workers or psychologists via your school principal; reach children's mental health facilities by calling CONTACT Hamilton at (905) 570-8888 or [info@contacthamilton.ca](mailto:info@contacthamilton.ca)

**What can I do if I suspect my child may be bullying others?**

- Take the problem seriously.
- Talk to your child.
- Tell your child that you will not tolerate this kind of behaviour.
- Arrange for an effective, non-violent consequence.
- Establish a few family rules and stick to them.
- Spend more time with your child.
- Increase your supervision of your child's activities and friends.
- Partner with the school to address the problem.
- Limit the amount of violent television and video games to which your child is exposed.
- Seek help from school social workers or psychologists via your school principal; reach children's mental health facilities by calling CONTACT Hamilton at (905) 570-8888 or [info@contacthamilton.ca](mailto:info@contacthamilton.ca)

**What can I do if I suspect my child may be a bystander to bullying?**

- Encourage your child to empathize with the victim; step into their shoes.
- Help your child to understand that there is a difference between 'tattling' and 'reporting'.
- Accompany your child to the teacher or principal if they decide to report what they have witnessed.
- Encourage your child to mobilize his/her friends to join together to protect the victim.
- Explain to your child that bullying does not 'toughen people up' but can cause real emotional and physical harm.
- Encourage your child to find friends who value kindness and integrity.
- Behave with kindness, integrity and courage yourself, whenever you have the opportunity.
- Encourage your child when they accept responsibility for their own behaviour.

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## SECURE SCHOOLS

At Buchanan Park School, we practice the "**Secure Schools Procedure**" twice during the school year. A Lockdown is used when there is a potential risk of harm to people within, or outside the school setting. Although one can never predict when a violent or potentially harmful situation may arise, schools can prepare for responding to such an incident through intentional, scheduled practices, much like what we do with Fire Drills.

**We held the first of two Lockdown Practices on November 28th at 10:00 AM.** The second practice will be in the Spring. The goal of the practice is to minimize the risk for staff and students during a time of crisis. In the event of a "real" lockdown, the Hamilton Police Services will be responding to the situation.

All staff, students and volunteers who are regularly in the school buildings are required to know the procedures. The students have had the Lockdown Procedures explained to them ahead of time and the school will practice this procedure a second time later this year.

The following terms and language will be used to ensure everyone is using the proper terminology.

**"HOLD AND SECURE"** – *Used when the school is secured due to an ongoing situation outside and **not related** to the school (e.g. bank robbery near a school)*

- The school continues to function normally, with the exterior doors locked until the situation is resolved
- Staff member posted at each entrance
- All movement in and out of the school is restricted
- Exterior facing windows should be covered or blinds drawn, lights dimmed, where possible
- School most likely to be notified by Hamilton Police Services

**"SHELTER IN PLACE"** – *Used for an environmental, or weather related situation, where it is necessary to keep all occupants within the school to protect them (May be recommended by HES-Fire). Examples may include chemical spills, blackouts, explosions or extreme weather conditions*

- People enter and remain in a building with the doors and windows closed
- Fans including heating and air conditioning units, should be turned off to prevent air from outside entering the building
- Normal operations may continue within the building

**"LOCKDOWN"** – *Used when there is a major incident or threat of school violence within the school, or in relation to the school*

- Threat is inside the school, or is on school property, and poses an immediate threat to the students and staff
- Follow current lockdown procedures
- All movement in and out of the school and within the school is restricted
- Doors remain open to permit police immediate entry
- The "Safe Location" for our school is the Stoney Creek Recreation Centre

The above terminology is used to ensure consistency across the province. Common language across the province allows for easy integration when staff, students and other emergency service personnel are transferred from one jurisdiction to another.

**Our practice went very well and students were serious, but not alarmed at the prospect of practicing this which is a big step.** Along with this information having been presented at school, we encourage parents to talk with their children about the need to always be safe and well prepared for an emergency situation.

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## Driving to School? Keep our Kids Safe!

Parents and caregivers who drive to and from school play an important role in keeping our kids safe. Pedestrian and cyclist safety begins with drivers.

Follow these safe driving tips:

**Slow down** and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.

**Watch for children** walking or cycling both on the road and the sidewalk.

**Obey the parking signs.** Comply with school drop-off and pick-up procedures. **Please park in the Church Lot.**

Signs will be posted there saying "Park at your own risk", but we still have permission to use it!!

**Avoid double parking or stopping on crosswalks.** This blocks visibility for pedestrians and other motorists.

**Be alert in bad weather.** Snow, rain, and fog reduce visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.

**Prepare to stop for a school bus** when yellow lights are flashing.

**Stop for a school bus** when red overhead lights flashing, regardless of the direction from which the driver is approaching. Proceed only when the school bus begins to move and the red lights stop flashing

**Watch for children near bus stops.** Be alert for children arriving late for the bus. They may dart into the street without looking.

**Ready for a change?** Think about walking your kids to school just one day a week.

Adapted from "Driving Tips Around Schools: Keeping Children Safe"

[http://apps.saferoutesinfo.org/lawenforcement/resources/driving\\_tips.cfm](http://apps.saferoutesinfo.org/lawenforcement/resources/driving_tips.cfm)

## Ms. Hammell's Toy Store

Thank you for all of the donations from both former, and current students and families. Our first store opening was a complete success!



## Bus Reminder



Please be aware that according to HWSTS (Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation System) policy, any kind of switches to a different route, or stop, or to have your child ride the bus one time for caregiving purposes or social engagements, **ABSOLUTELY MUST** be authorized in advance by the Principal of the school with written instructions on a separate paper (not in the agenda) listing all the particulars of the switch. Students who request these kinds of switches without written requests will be denied entry on to the bus (if usually a walking student) or will be put on their regular bus to disembark at their regular stop (if usually a bus rider)!

## Indoor Shoes Required

As the weather begins to change, we ask that all students bring a pair of indoor shoes that will be used throughout the school to keep the messy weather outside. We need to work together to keep our classroom carpets clean and in good condition so our children do not sit on wet, muddy carpets!

We thank you for your support!



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## Every Child Reading By the End of Grade 1

At Buchanan Park, we're committed to supporting a goal where every child is reading by the end of Grade 1, **where developmentally appropriate**. A child who is reading by the end of Grade 1 is set up for positive academic outcomes and future success.

In September 2017, HWDSB celebrated the deployment of 48 Reading Specialists across the district to work directly with students and educators in all Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms.

Reading Specialists are working with children within classrooms, alongside classroom educators, to deliver appropriate strategies and/or interventions. They support reading acquisition and respond to student learning needs.

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Bucciacchio as our Reading Specialist for 1 day/week in our school this year. If you have any questions about the Reading Specialists and their role in your child's class, please contact the school at (905) 387-5212.



## **Congratulations Buchanan Park Swim Team!**



On Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Buchanan Park Swim Team went to McMaster University for their swim meet.

Our team gave constant positive support, and displayed good sportsmanship to teammates, opponents, coaches and officials. We had a team of 27 students who went to the swim meet.

### **Buchanan Park Placements**

**20 first place**

**13 second place**

**11 third place**

Every Buchanan Park swimmer earned a minimum of one placement ribbon!!

Thank you to all the family members who came to cheer us on!

# HWDSB

## Winter Weather

### Bus cancellations and school closures

#### How does HWDSB decide on bus cancellations and school closures?

- When bad weather is expected, Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) carriers check weather reports, road conditions and road clearing, starting as early as 4 a.m.
- Based on this information, the Director of Education makes the decision in conjunction with Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.



#### When do we make decisions?

HWDSB will announce the cancellation of school and board operations by 6 am based on the best information at the time.

#### The HWDSB Rule:

Inclement weather  
+ Bus cancellation  
= No school

When HWDSB cancels busing due to inclement weather, we have deemed the roads unsafe and this triggers the closure of schools. Some boards have different procedures.



= No school



#### What's the rule for extreme cold?

In extreme cold, buses may not start or run as expected and HWDSB may need to cancel transportation. But this **does not** automatically mean that schools will close. *In 2014, Trustees gave the Director (or designate) the discretion to keep schools open when busing is cancelled due to extreme cold.*



#### Where do I find cancellation information?

We will share this announcement in a variety of ways:

- The HWDSB website [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca)
- HWDSB's Twitter account [www.twitter.com/HWDSB](http://www.twitter.com/HWDSB)
- HWSTS website [www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca)
- Local media outlets:  
*CBC Hamilton, CHCH TV, CHML, CKPC Brantford, Hamilton Community News, Hamilton Spectator.*



#### Families always have a choice

A school cancellation is a tough decision – and some families may disagree with HWDSB's call. Families can always make the choice they feel is best when it comes to sending their child to school.



## Free Access to the Virtual Immersion Campus for Your Child

Dear Parents,

Your children can now access the Virtual Immersion Campus and receive help from our online teachers in French, English and Math.

Send your homework to: [homework@voilalearning.com](mailto:homework@voilalearning.com) before accessing the platform. Your children can also practice their French and play French games on the platform (riddles, pictograms and much more), all while earning points.

To register to the Virtual Immersion Campus:

- Visit [voilalearning.com](http://voilalearning.com), click on 'My school board is registered'
- Enter the code: 10HWDSB

The Virtual Immersion Campus  
will be open **Monday to Thursday**  
from **5pm to 6:30pm** for homework help  
and from **6:30pm to 8pm** for French practice.



Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions,

Your online tutor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Voila".

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## Parent Information Night

**January 16, 2018**

**6:30 pm-7:30pm**

Education Centre

20 Education Court

Hamilton, Ontario



RSVP by:

**January 12, 2018**

Call: 905 527 5092 ext. 2923

Email:

[coollittlekids@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:coollittlekids@hwdsb.on.ca)

**If you are a primary caregiver of a Student in JK-Grade 2**

**If your child is described as Shy, Withdrawn or Worried**

**Learn practical strategies that will help to build your child's confidence**



*This program is offered by the  
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board  
Social Work Department.*



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January 2018

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OR call us to secure your spot!

Registration is first come, first serve

*ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED THROUGH MAD SCIENCE.  
REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL.*

For more information, please contact us:

905-335-6748 x 23

[stephanie@madscience.on.ca](mailto:stephanie@madscience.on.ca)

[www.hamilton.madscience.org](http://www.hamilton.madscience.org)

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## December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			30	Nov. 30	Dec. 1 <b>PA DAY</b> NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 <b>Gr. 3-6 Trip to Westmount</b> <b>11:45-2:45</b> Bazaar Setup 5:00-? All Parents Welcome!!	15 Christmas Bazaar until 3:20!	16
17	18 Smoothie- Bike Presentation	19	20	21	22 Last Day SCHOOL Kindergarten Concert 2:00 PM 	23
 24	25	26	H o l i d a y s 27 28		29	 30
31	Jan. 1	2	H o l i d a y s 3 4		5	6

**TREE OF WARMTH** will continue  
throughout the month of December!