

# Buchanan Park School



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**April 2018**

Principal: Mr. B. Playfair



## Senior Kindergarten Graduation Picture Day!

Thursday May 10

Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Please bring your biggest smiles!

## PINK Day — April 11

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, staff and students across HWDSB joined millions of people world-wide who wear pink for the Day of Pink. We do this because we want to make a statement that we stand against all forms of bullying. It also reminds us that when we stand up and speak out, we can



make a difference. The Day of Pink began in Nova Scotia when two high school students saw a classmate being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. The two students intervened, but wanted to do more. A few days later they were able to get their entire school to wear pink. That school sent a message that together we can stop bullying. We know that bullying is a problem in our schools and in our wider community. Bullying can happen to anyone, anywhere, **BUT**

**Collectively, we can Stand Up and Speak Out against bullying.**

## Oral Communications Festival

Congratulations to all of the participants in our school-wide Oral Communications Festival. Everyone did an amazing job preparing and presenting their speech.

The following students represented their classes  
Charlotte M, Ally D, Andrea T, Joe S.

Our winner of the Oral Communications Festival (Joseph Saccomano) represented Buchanan at the Family of Schools #2 Finals on Wednesday April 11th at Templemead School. Joseph placed 2nd in that competition, so will go on to the entire HWDSB finals at the Education Centre on Friday May 11th. Good Luck to Joe!

## Buchanan's Got Talent

We are very excited about our upcoming

### Talent Show

May 17th at 1:40 PM! Come out and see all the talented students Show their Stuff!

**Order today!**  
**Passez votre commande**  
**dès aujourd'hui!**



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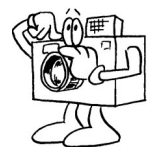
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 **Lifetouch**  
School Portraits

**Spring Sibling Picture Day! Thursday May 10**

This is a new service that Lifetouch is offering to our Families this year. Have all of your kids together in one shot. Families are welcome to bring siblings who are not yet in school too!



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countdown to  
Kindergarten!



# Welcome

to

# KINDERGARTEN

**New to Kindergarten Next Year? Join us for Kindergarten Orientation on:**

**Thursday May 17th 5:00 - 6:30**

**Buchanan Park School Room 101**

Meet our school's kindergarten team  
See what your child's class will look like  
Get information on Before and After school programs  
Find out what you can do to get your child ready for school  
Learn how to get involved in your school community

**Our Kindergarten Program helps students get the best start possible. We're looking forward to meeting you and your child.**

**See you at School!**

### **Buchanan Park Checkers Team**

The Buchanan Park Checkers Team travelled to the Ancaster Fair Grounds to compete in the HWDSB'S annual checker tournament. We had three teams who gave up many lunches to practice their skills and prepare for the event. All of our players represented Buchanan Park with a combination of good sportsmanship, and competitive skills. Congratulations to all of our checker players. **Our grade three team earned a place ribbon!**



**All of the ribbons and pendants will be given out at the Talent Show on May 17th**

**Grade 3 Team:** Zaina, Daylen, Khalid, Elaine, Daniel, Skyla, Neveah, Fatima **Grade 4 Team:** Milo, Charlotte M, Faith, Darius, Bella, Allison D, Emilee **Grade 5/6 Team:** Joseph, Malachi, Alex C., Wilson, Jack, Gabriella, Ally

• BUCHANAN PARK OPERA CLUB PRESENTS •

# *The Tails of Hoffmann*



MAY 3-5, 2018

BUCHANAN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**TICKETS \$5**

*All proceeds go towards the music therapy program at  
Chedoke-McMaster Children's Hospital.*

**FOR TICKETS CALL 905-387-5212**

**WWW.BPOC.CA**

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## **HWDSB Launches Parent Voice Survey to Gather Input for Improvement Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board**

(HWDSB) invites parents, guardians and caregivers to participate in a Parent Voice Survey to share what you think HWDSB is doing well, and how might HWDSB improve its education services. Parents, guardians and caregivers play an important role in HWDSB and we value your opinion. Your feedback helps us make decisions about how we deliver school services for students. HWDSB has made a commitment to partner with its parent/guardian and caregiver communities, and to work together to help students learn and grow to their full potential. This survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers. All data collected in this survey is anonymous and combined as a group. You can find the survey online at

<http://bit.ly/HWDSBParentVoice>

If you would like to learn more about how we use the data and maintain your privacy, please see our Privacy and Access Policy at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/privacy-and-access/>

**The survey window will remain open until May 31, 2018.**

**Thank you for taking the time for this survey and helping HWDSB with your feedback.**

## **Grade 6 Farewell Mother's Day Fundraiser**

### **Be Calm by Fabac – Bath Bombs**

Want a great Mother's Day gift while helping support the Grade 6 Farewell? Here is a way to do both! We have a connection with a local company called *Be Calm by Fabac* who hand-make Bath Bombs. What better way to help Mom relax on her special day than to take a bath with 1 of 15 different scents. These bath bombs can be bought individually, (wrapped in Cellophane) or in a box of 4. Order forms will go out this week and are due on Friday April 27th. Orders will be delivered to the school for pick up at the end of the day on Wednesday May 9th or any time on Thursday May 10th. To see a list of scents, please go on the Buchanan Park Web Page and there you will find a description of all 15 scents.

**Thanks from the Grade 6's!**

### TALES of HOFFMANN

Parent Volunteers with a valid Police Check are still needed. If you are able to volunteer please contact the school (905 387-5212) and let Ms. Hall know which days (May 2, 3, 4 or 5) you are available and Ms. Martens will contact you.

Avoid disappointment and GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! We do sell out every year and you won't want to miss this year's exciting production! See enclosed flyer for more details.

### WESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Do you have a child in Grade 5 or 6? Will they be going to Westview in a year or two? Do you have a valid (Current within the last 3 years) Police Check?

Then consider starting your relationship with Westview right now by volunteering to help supervise or drive students to a sporting event. Westview is in dire need of volunteers. Just call the school (905 388-1502) and tell them you're from Buchanan and you read this piece in the Newsletter. They'll be expecting your call! Thanks!

# HWDSB

Learning  
**MATH**  
Together



As you are our partner in your child's learning, we have put together some math resources to help you support your child.

**These resources:**

- Highlight student learning in each grade through the Ontario Curriculum
- Show an example of a math lesson in a classroom in Student Learning
- Hear from children about why they are learning math this way in Change in Teaching
- Link to resources for parents to support their child at home in Helping Your Child
- Explain HWDSB's Renewed Math Strategy and how we are supporting students and staff

**To view and use these resources, please visit:**

[www.hwdsb.on.ca/mathhelp](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/mathhelp)

With all of us working together toward shared goals, we can ensure that students make progress each year and graduate prepared to build a strong future for themselves.

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Our Grade 3 and 6 students have been preparing for the EQAO test. They are having a lot of fun, and they are seeing how fulfilling it is to “Show what they know!!” Please note the following dates for the **EQAO Primary (Gr. 3) and Junior (Gr. 6) Assessments**. These assessments, for Grade Three and Grade Six students, will be administered from **Tues. May 22nd - Fri. June 1st, 2018**.

**Please make EVERY EFFORT to ensure that your child is at school on time every day during this time! THANK YOU!**

“EQAO Tests: What Parents Need to Know” - This presentation, available on the EQAO website, provides an overview of the provincial testing program and of how the results can be used by parents and school communities. To access this presentation click on the following link:

[http://www.eqao.com/pdf\\_E/10/WhatParentsNeedtoKnow.pdf](http://www.eqao.com/pdf_E/10/WhatParentsNeedtoKnow.pdf)

“Tracking Your Children’s Progress: The Power of Good Information for Parents” - This presentation, available on the EQAO website, is designed to encourage parents and guardians to track their children’s literacy progress and talk with their children’s teachers about how best to provide the support that’s needed. To access this presentation click on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTFNV-YXruQ>

Math, Reading and Writing are components on both the Primary and Junior Assessments.

Here are some suggestions that you might find helpful in supporting your child’s learning in Reading at home.

## **PRIMARY**

- Talk with your child daily about what he or she is reading.
- Ask your child to compare people he or she reads about with people he or she knows.
- Listen to your child read aloud or read aloud to him or her.
- Ask your child for his or her opinion about people or situations.
- Talk about the details in the text that can be used to support his or her opinions.

## **JUNIOR**

- Ask your child to explain and tell the meaning of what he or she reads.
- Have your child provide reasons for a person’s thoughts, feelings or actions.
- Listen to your child read aloud.
- Have your child summarize the main idea and supporting details after reading.

## **\*SCRIBES NEEDED\***

Many of our students need a bit of help getting their thoughts down on paper during the EQAO test. EQAO does allow students to have this accommodation.

**If you can make yourself available for any period of time between 9:00 and 2:30 on any of the dates listed below, then please call the school and ask for Mrs. Myke or Mr. Playfair to let us know that you can help out.**

**Testing Dates: May 22, May 23, May 24, May 25, May 29, May 30, May 31, June 1**

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## April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 	3	4	5 Pizza Day	6	7
8	9	10	11 Oral Communication Family #2 Final	12 Pizza Day	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Pizza Day	20	21
22	23	24	25 Office Admin Appreciation Day! Thank YOU Ms. Hall!	26 Pizza Day	27	28
29	30	May 1	May 2 <b>OPERA DRESS REHEARSAL</b>	May 3 Opera AM Performance Pizza Day Opera Opening Night	May 4 Opera AM Performance Opera Evening Performance	May 5 Opera Final Performance
6	7	8	9	10 Pizza Day 9:00 Spring Sibling and SK Grad Photos	11	12



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## May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9	10 Pizza Day 9:00 Spring Sibling and SK Grad Photos School Council Meeting 6:30 All are Welcome!	11 Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea	12
13	14	15	16	17 Pizza Day Talent Show 1:40 PM Kindergarten Orientation 5:00-6:30 Room 101	18	19
20	21 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL	22 EQAO TESTING BEGINS	23	24 Pizza Day	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Pizza Day	June 1 Last Day of EQAO Testing	Jun 2