

Buchanan Park School



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Kindergarten Communication of Learning Report Cards

In the past at HWDSB, family members could attend “observation visits” in Kindergarten. For the 2017-18 school year, we will be using the new, written Kindergarten report provided by the Ministry of Education.

Issued on Oct. 30, 2017, the written document Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations will be the first formal report of the year on your child’s learning in Kindergarten. You can see the document online at <http://bit.ly/2wQDjaR>

While this replaces observation visits, it aims to open home-school communication throughout the school year. The report includes clear, detailed, and straightforward information about your child's learning, growth in learning, and next steps in learning in relation to expectations in Kindergarten.

At HWDSB, each team of Kindergarten educators will schedule interviews with parents for all students in years one and two of the two-year Kindergarten program. We also encourage parents to attend open house events and take advantage of the many other ways to become engaged in the school community.

Learning works best when families support it at home. Children are more likely to be motivated, to improve in their learning, and to develop positive behaviour and social skills when their parents are actively involved in their learning. Thank you for choosing HWDSB for these Kindergarten years, which lay the foundation for your child’s future achievements and success.

Student Safety

As you know at HWDSB student safety is one of our utmost concerns. In order to keep the building secure for all students, we must ask parents to say goodbye each morning either on the playground or at the Front Doors if you are coming after your child's class line has entered the building. We understand that a loving send off to school is important for all students and that the transition may be more difficult for some than for others, but Board policy is very clear that any adult in the building must have an ID tag on. For this reason we must ask that all parents refrain from entering the building in the morning through any other door but the Front door and that if you wish to visit in the hall, you must get a Volunteer sticker to do so.

2017-18 Buchanan Park School Council

School Council Elections were held on October 5. The following positions on School Council were acclaimed:

Alisa Burton Co-Chair
Alicia Kramer Co-Chair
Lisa Honeyford Secretary
Christine Garrett Treasurer
Nellie Cheng Voting Member

Christine Dempsey Voting Member
Sarah Scherle Voting Member
Ashley Venturelli Voting Member
Kaitlyn Wilson Voting Member
Michelle Stewart Voting Member

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HWDSB Volunteer Policy

HWDSB's Volunteer Policy came into effect in 2015.

This Policy requires every Principal to interview Volunteer candidates and fill in the Volunteer Information Sheet and the School/Volunteer Agreement Form, and for all **NEW** volunteers to obtain a Police Check that is current within the last 6 months. After this initial Police Check is obtained, volunteers **without** a break in service will only need to update their Police Check every 3 years, but will need to fill out the School/Volunteer Agreement Form and an **Offence Declaration Form** annually. If you are continuing to volunteer please obtain the Offence Declaration and hand it in to the office. If you are new to the school, then please drop by the office to get a volunteer package and set up an interview time with Mr. Playfair.

Attendance Check

Absent or Late? Please
Call...
(905) 387-5212

Future Newsletters

We did not receive as many commitments as we had hoped to from families, committing to accessing the Newsletter online instead of receiving a paper copy. Because of this, in order to save trees and reduce paper/photocopying costs, we will only be issuing bi-monthly Newsletters from now on as follows: December, February, April and June.

Buchanan Park Picture Day is Monday October 16!



Picture Day is coming soon Order your portraits now



Bus Reminder...

Parents/guardians of JK students are advised to accompany and remain with your child until picked up by the school bus. No JK student should be left unattended at a pick up point. Parents/guardians are advised to be on time and present at the drop off point to receive their JK child. Thank you for your support in ensuring our students are safe! We were fortunate enough to have had two Bus Safety Assemblies last week on September 29th. Students received this information well and were complimented by the presenters.



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HALLOWE'EN

On Tuesday October 31st classes will celebrate Hallowe'en by having a classroom party and by going on a school-wide Hallowe'en parade. The Hallowe'en parade will start Period 4 (12:10 pm). Parents, Grandparents etc. are always welcome to come enjoy the parade in the Gymnasium.



If you would like to support your child's classroom by providing a **NUT-FREE** snack it would be much appreciated. This day is classified as one of our 10 NON-Nutritional days. Please check ALL labels for "**MAY CONTAIN**" warnings and if you're sending a homemade snack, please attach an ingredient listing as many students have other allergies as well. Healthy snacks such as fruit and/or veggies are always welcome.

Thank you for your continued support of Buchanan Park activities!



K-GR. 6 PARADE STARTING AT 12:10 PM



Pizza Days at Buchanan Park

(Not to be Confused with Opera Club Fundraiser Below!)



Weekly Pizza days will begin at Buchanan Park School on November 2, 2017 and run EVERY Thursday up to and including June 7th. Order forms will be done by the month and will be due on the last Wednesday of the previous month. Pizza will be provided by Domino's and will cost \$2.00 per slice. We ask that exact change be sent in to the school along with the order form for the entire month. Orders **MUST** be in by Noon on the due date and no late orders will be accepted!



BUCHANAN PARK OPERA CLUB LITTLE CAESARS FUNDRAISER

Order form and payment due
on Monday, November 6th, 2017
Delivery of Pizza Kits on
Tuesday, November 21st, 2017



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Shoes Needed!

Dr. Davey School is in dire need of shoes (boys or girls) sizes 5-13(kids), and 1-6 (adult). Buchanan Park School Council would like to take this on as one of our Community Initiatives. **Can you help??**

Shoes should be new or in excellent used condition. Please bring any pairs of shoes you wish to donate, to the front office.



Scholastic Book Fair!



Thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair.
Thanks to you, we raised \$965.00 for new books for our Library!

Special Thanks to Ms. Kellam for organizing the Book Fair and
many thanks to all of our Book Fair helpers

Mrs. Dodd, Mr. Hardy, Ms. Stewart, Mrs. Somers and Mrs. Dempsey

Cross Country Meet

Congratulations to our wet, but valiant Cross Country Team. In September, many of our students in Grade 3-6 signed up for the Cross Country Team. After a few weeks of training, many were apprehensive of the challenge of going the distance. But on Wednesday October 11, 2017 on a very cold wet day at Christie Conservation Area, ALL students completed the very long race! (1 Km for Grade 3's, 1.5 Km for Grade 4's, 2.0 Km for Grade 5's, and a whopping 2.5 Km for Grade 6's). The team is to be commended not only for their excellent behaviour, which was noticed by many, but also for their perseverance, dedication and their amazing accomplishment!

Buchanan was able to achieve one 1st place finish, one 2nd place finish, one 3rd place, and two 15th place finishes. Special Thanks to our Coaches Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Myke and Mr. Zorzetto!

Team Members: Grade 3: Nevaeh B., Daniel C., Marco Z., Isaac F., Skyla N., Zaina A., Elaine T.

Grade 4: Darius R., Audrey M., Malcolm B., Faith S., Pascal M., Rowan H., Zach W.

Grade 5: Daniel C., Sierra S., Luke T., Jack R., Joziah H., Brayden L.

Grade 6: Mark B., Lucas O.

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Sun-day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat-urday
1	2	3	4 Swim Practice	5	6	7
8 	9 Thanks Giving Holiday	10	11 Cross Country Meet Swim Practice	12	13	14
15	16 School Picture Day	17	18 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day  Swim Practice	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Swim Practice	26	27	28
29	30 Progress Report Cards	31 Hallowe'en	Nov. 1 Swim Practice	2	3 INTERVIEW PA DAY NO SCHOOL	4