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February 2019
Principal: Mr. B. Playfair



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!



My name is Becky Buck and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Wards 8 and 14.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our wards.

I can be reached by email at bbuck@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 905-515-2367.

For more information about the Board of Trustees, including the committees that Trustees are part of, please visit: http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/

#### School Travel Plan

On February 12th at 8:20 until 10:00, representatives from the City, the Hamilton Police Services and the Board of Education will be here at Buchanan Park to look at the traffic patterns around the School Property, the commonly accessed routes of travel to and from school used by most families, and the analysis of crosswalks, Stops signs parking allowances, etc. We need some parental input on this issue. We would like a variety of perspectives from parents of students in different grades. If you are available and willing to come and be a part of this process, then please fill in the tear-off section below.

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### **Blizzard Bazaar**

### Thank you for your contribution to the 13th Annual Blizzard Bazaar!

Our parent council this year is small but mighty, and your support of the Blizzard Bazaar didn't go unnoticed. With your support, we were able to raise over \$650 for our school and Neighbour to Neighbour Food Bank!

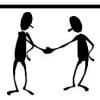
Your efforts are very much appreciated, and contributed to a happy holiday for many.

Thank you for everything that you did to make this event possible!

Warm regards,

Lisa Honeyford

Buchanan Council Chair and Buchanan School Council



School Council: Thursday January 31, 6:00 PM
Please plan to join us for this meeting even if you are
not a member of Council, as Trustee Buck will be
attending to meet and support the Community!

### PA DAY: FRIDAY JANUARY 25 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!!

## Kindergarten Registration 2019-2020 School Year

If you or your neighbour have a child born in 2014 or 2015, it's time to make his or her world a little bigger. Junior and Senior kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year will begin soon and Early Learning specialists say parents shouldn't overlook the importance of a child's first two years of school. The Kindergarten program engages children in age-appropriate language, math, science, arts, health and physical activities.



Don't wait - register your child beginning Monday, February 4th!

NEW OPTION TO REGISTER ONLINE via this link: www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/kindergarten Or to register in person contact the School at 905-387-5212 for an appointment.



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### Valentines Day & Nut-Safety

The safety of all our students is very important to us, so **Buchanan Park is a Peanut/Nut Safe School**. We ask that on a daily basis parents continue to be diligent and **DO NOT** send food containing peanut or nut products in your child's lunches. Please read the labels and if it says "May Contain" we must insist that these products be consumed at home! We have had several nut products brought in recently, so we need to be more careful as a community!

A big THANK YOU to all of our staff and Parent Volunteers for continuing to keep our Nut-Sensitive students safe at all times. During our Valentines Day Celebrations on Thursday February 14 we must insist that NO treats come to school with the caution "May Contain Nuts or traces of Nuts" on the labels. We have students with life threatening allergic reactions to peanuts and nut products.

## Cold Weather and Outdoor Play Protocol

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. We are well aware that fresh air, exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom. This winter, we have tried to get outside as often as possible. It's very important for children come to school prepared for the cold. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn to school and it's a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed. As always, Principals can use their judgment in determining whether or not students remain inside during recess given the weather conditions. However, the City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees Celsius without wind chill or a wind-chill of -23 degrees. Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board asks Principals to follow this recommendation and ensure that children are not outside when it is that cold. However, unless it gets that cold, students will be going outside to play for two 20 minute blocks every day.



The Buchanan Park Opera Club Presents....

Bis for Bard

An Amazing Combination of Shakespeare and Opera...In celebration of the BPOC's 25<sup>th</sup> year!

May 2 to 4<sup>th</sup> 2019

More information to follow....



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	February 2019						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day		
Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31 School Council 6:00 PM With Trustee Ms. B. Buck	Feb. 1	2		
Kindergarten Registration Begins Today!	5	6	7	8	9		
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