
Week of Oct 13

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Traditions of giving thanks long predate the arrival of European settlers in North America. First Nations across Turtle Island have traditions of thanksgiving for surviving winter and for receiving crops and game as a reward for their hard work. These traditions may include feasting, prayer, dance, potlatch, and other ceremonies, depending on the peoples giving thanks.

Did you know the local local Mi'kmaq shared their harvest of *petites pommes rouges* (little red apples, known today as cranberries) with the settlers and the Mi'kmaq are credited with helping the new settlers avoid scurvy because cranberries are packed with vitamin C?

However you spend this long weekend, may you have an enjoyable long weekend.

CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you to the Cross Country Team - Alfred M, Myles A-C, Andrew M, Heidi S, Mackenzie L, Linda A, Callie G, Jaxton G, Amaris B, Ella P, Tyler S, Owen P, Holden V, Hudson C, Dollie B, Mia K, Naomi R, Carter H, Fox L, Azooz A, Laju A, Meadow B, Alex M, Kayden B-B, Sawyer D, Rupert B-V, Simao F, Sydney G, Nimo R, Avery C. Due to the inclement weather reschedule to today some athletes were unable to participate, but we wanted to recognize all members for showing up to practices and giving it their all! The students who were present showed up ready to run with great sportsmanship and attitudes! Way to go Buchanan!

SWIM TEAM

Thank you to all students who tried out. Swim Team Members: Hudson C, Mia K, Meadow B, Lauren B, Augustus P, Jason L, Eden M, Sage G, Jaston G, Swastik A, Beth W, Jayden L, Myles A-C, Mia A-G, Bassel A, Omar R, Catherine P, Frida A-G, Rupert B-V, Rhys W, Emma M, Logan G, Macrae Y, Sawyer D, Avery C, Alexander H, Dollie B, Liliana M, Violet H, Mave M-W, Leland A-L, Ella P.

A few quick reminders:

- Please check your child's **agenda and our website daily** for important updates and notes. You can find our website here: [Buchanan Park Elementary School](#) Please check our website often.

BOOK FAIR

We have a love for reading here at Buchanan Park and it shows! Over \$1000 was spent at our Book Fair! Thank you to all the avid reading families out there who participated in our Book Fair fundraiser. Congratulations to the following students who were door prize winners: Sofia Q, Frida A-G, Violet W, Gabriel D, Logan G, Andrew M, Ellie M, Alex G, Piper C, Lilith D. Special thanks to parents Hailey C and Miriam G for volunteering at the book fair. Special thanks also to Mrs. Kellam and Mrs. Ireland.

MEET THE STAFF AND MEET THE COUNCIL

Special thanks to families who came out to Meet the Staff. Special thanks to Staff who tirelessly embed a lifetime of learning in our wonderful students and an incredible thank you to School

Council who ran a fundraising table for the Student Advancement Fund and hosted the Meet the Council Table: Kristie G, Stephanie and Chris M, Yumi H, Joseline P, Miriam G, Helen D, Ashleigh L, Tess G.

- **MEDIA CONSENT AND STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS NOW DUE**

- Thank you to those that have completed forms on the Parent Portal. If you have not yet filled out your media consent form and student verification form for 2025 2026. Please use this link to sign in and complete both forms asap: [Parent | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board](#) If you have any difficulty signing up or signing in, please contact Ms. Bonnie in the office at bshapard@hwdsb.on.ca. Once logged in, on the left side of the screen click on forms, scroll down and click the Media Consent Form, complete, and submit. Then again in the Forms section, please click on the Student Verification Form at the bottom of forms, please double check that all contact, emergency contact, and medical information is completed. Then click submit.

- **FOOD DAYS NOW AVAILABLE ON SCHOOLCASH**

Mondays are \$6.50 pasta days, Tuesdays are sub days (different prices), and Fridays are pizza days - all delivered at 2nd Nutrition Break. Available for purchase on schoolcash. HWDSB's preferred method of payment is schoolcash. Please find the link to sign up here: [SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](#) If you have difficulty signing up or signing in please contact Ms. Bonnie in the school office at bshapard@hwdsb.on.ca Payments on schoolcash can be made with your debit card or a credit card. If there is an unique circumstance where you need to purchase items with cash, please send your student to the office to receive a paper order form, please send in the completed form and money to the school office. All purchases are due ONE week before food day. No late orders will be accepted. Special thanks to our Volunteer Parents who help with the distribution of food on food days: Yumi H, Tess G, Miriam G, Joseline P, Ashleigh L, and Kristie G.

READING ON THE GO OR AT HOME - TUMBLEBOOKS

the **Hamilton Public Library** has a Platinum subscription to TumbleBookLibrary which includes access for your student.

Here is your user info. Please check it out!

www.TumbleBookLibrary.com

Username: hpl

Password: hwdsb

Direct Link: https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/auto_login.aspx?u=hpl&p=hwdsb

Remember that you can easily connect students to Tumblebooks! Students have access to the collection in the school and from home!

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Here at Buchanan Park School we offer a daily nutrition program. We welcome food donations that are in compliance with our Nutrition Policy (nut-free). Thank you to Ella P.'s family for your consistent donations to the nutrition program last year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer for reading buddies, math buddies, our hot lunch programs, volunteer for class trips/adventures, become a volunteer driver for teams and clubs. Please complete your **Vulnerable Sector Screening** found here: **Get a Background Check |**

Hamilton Police Service. Please only select Vulnerable Sector Check. Please note: ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST GO THROUGH THE OFFICE TO CONFIRM ANY VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES.

SPEEDING AND STOP SIGNS IN SCHOOL ZONES

Thank you to those community members who continue to prioritize our student safety and drive the posted speed limit and come to a complete stop at stop signs. We appreciate your diligence in keeping our students safe.

BIKE SAFETY

Thank you to families for ensuring our students put safety first and wear a helmet when using student powered wheeled transport to school.

UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER 16 - School Council Meeting 5:30 to 6:30 in the school library

OCTOBER 24 - PD Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

OCTOBER 28 - Picture Day

OCTOBER 30 - Achievement Assembly 2:20 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7 - SK Vision Screening 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

NOVEMBER 20 - School Council Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 in the school library

NOVEMBER 21 - PD day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 25 - Photo Retake Day

NOVEMBER 26 - Giving Tree Event - more info to follow

NOVEMBER 28 - Achievement Assembly 2:20 p.m.

DECEMBER 17 - Winter Concert 11:15 a.m.



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