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## Week of October 20, 2025

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To Bonnie Shapardanis [Staff] <bshapard@hwdsb.on.ca>

As we continue deeper into the Fall season we are reminded by the trees to let go. As the trees let go of the leaves and the leaves dance and twirl to the ground, the leaves once providing oxygen to the world now become homes for insects over the winter and fun play areas for families. As we continue on into our Fall season may you be reminded to let go, let go of your to do lists for a minute and enjoy the beautiful colours of the season.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Thank you to the Cross Country Team - Due to the inclement weather reschedule to Friday 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! Please see the link for our student results! [div-2-results.pdf](#) Out of hundreds of athletes across HWDSB we want to give a special shout out of congratulations in their individual races to Mackenzie L 5<sup>th</sup>, Rupert B-V. 9<sup>th</sup>, Ella P 11th, Sawyer D. 13th, Dollie B. 14th, Simao F 14th, Callie G. 21st, Carter H 25th, Linda A 25th, Tyler S 26th, Hudson C 32nd, Kayden B.B. 40th, Fox L. 66th, Alexander M 78th, Amaris B 87th, Myles A-C 88th, Laju A 92th, Meadow B 100th. **Parents of the Cross Country team (whether they attended the meet or not) are invited to the upcoming Achievement Assembly on October 30th at 2:20 p.m. as students will be receiving their ribbons! Way to go Buchanan!**

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT THE SWIM TEAM**

Due to Mr. Blunsdon's absence on Monday the swim practice scheduled for Monday October 20, 2025 is cancelled. Upon the return of Mr. Blunsdon, communication will be sent out to families about the resuming of activities surrounding the swim team. Please ensure arrangements are made for regular dismissal of your student(s) on Monday.

### **FRIDAY OCTOBER 31**

October 31 is quickly approaching. Being mindful that Halloween may not be celebrated and/or align with some of our beliefs. We encourage students to dress in orange and black, Fall colours or costumes (**NO face masks or paint, props (swords, knives, axes, guns etc.)**). We want this to be inclusive for all students.

We will be maintaining the tradition of the parade starting at 9 am. Our hope is the parade starts promptly and we are resuming regular instruction by 9:30 am. Parents, guardians, and family members will be welcome to attend in person and line the perimeter of the playground on the grass. **We ask that no photos be taken for the safety of all students.** Photos may be taken of your own child(ren) only. Classroom celebrations will be in the afternoon. Students who are comfortable taking

part in the Halloween celebrations need to come to school in full costume with any makeup etc. already applied and students need to stay in costume for the duration of the day including outdoor play during nutrition breaks.

We want to ensure proper hygiene and safety with class snacks. Please ensure ALL TREATS that come into the school for the class party are pre-packaged, do not contain any nuts or may contain nuts warning. We are discouraging the large snack items, anything that is homemade or prepared (because of allergies) and/or involve students sharing and passing around due to Covid, colds and flu season.

### **BIG BOX OF CARDS FUNDRAISER**

Big box of cards is a fun and simple way to support Buchanan Park School and our Student Advancement Fund. Order forms were sent home with the youngest student in your family. Please purchase online on Schoolcash. See the following links for a preview of these exciting products:

[Big Box Product Video - 35 cards for \\$35!](#)

[The Big Box of Candles – Fundraising Made Simple & Profitable!](#)

Special thank you to SC Mom, Caitlyn G for organizing this exciting initiative.

### **HOT LUNCH AND SUB DAYS NOW AVAILABLE ON SCHOOLCASH**

Order your students a HOT LUNCH on Mondays! Pasta Days are \$6.50, Marina, Alfredo, and Butter options available. The students are saying the hot pasta lunches are delicious!

Tuesdays are sub days \$7 Veggie, \$8.50 Meatball and Chicken - tons of topping options! Yummy! See the flyer: [Subway Flyer.jpeg](#)

Fridays are HOT LUNCH pizza days - \$2.50/slice

all food is 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.

### **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)..In addition to food donations, if you would like to donate a gift card for us to use for nutrition or for a family in need, we welcome these donations. Thank you to Charlie S and Margot.S and their family for your donations to the nutrition program.

### **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 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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