



# Buchanan Park Elementary School

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January 16, 2026

**Dear Grade 5/6 Families,**

Buchanan Park School is excited to introduce a new **Student Leadership Team** for interested Grade 5 and 6 students. The purpose of this initiative is to provide meaningful leadership opportunities that support both individual student growth and the well-being of our school community.

Our Leadership Team will focus on developing a range of skills including collaboration, problem-solving, communication, and initiative. Students will learn how to model positive behaviour, take responsibility in community settings, and contribute to a safe and inclusive school environment. Throughout the year, team members will also take part in planning school events, supporting younger students, and helping enhance school spirit through service and engagement initiatives.

One of our key projects this year will be preparing to launch a **Recess Guardian Program** in the spring. Through this program, Leadership Team members will guide and engage younger students in a variety of structured and inclusive activities each day at recess.

The Leadership Team will meet **every Thursday during 1st break in the gym, beginning January 22, 2026.**

Our **first major event** will take place on **Wednesday, January 28, 2026**. With your permission, Leadership Team members will remain after school on this date to participate in a one-hour training session, assist in setting up for our **Amazing Literacy Race**, and help lead activity stations during the event.

Students will need to be picked up by a parent or guardian at the **front of the school at 6:25 p.m.** on January 28, 2026.

We are looking forward to working with our students and empowering them to grow as confident, capable leaders within our school community.

If you have any questions, please feel free contact me at [rblunsdo@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:rblunsdo@hwdsb.on.ca).

**Sincerely,**

*Mr. Blunsdon*

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 **Permission Slip — Please Return to School**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to:

Join the Buchanan Park Student Leadership Team

Attend meetings on Thursdays during 1st break starting January 22, 2026

Stay after school on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 to participate in training, event setup, and helping lead stations for the Amazing Literacy Race

Be picked up at 6:25 p.m. on January 28, 2026 at the front doors of the school.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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