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Quote of the Week

"I don't believe in failure. It is not failure if you enjoyed the process."

- Oprah Winfrey

Important Dates

Nov. 22nd

WE Day

Gr. 6/7

Nov. 23rd

Pro D Day

No school



Nov. 26/29

Family Photo Night

Nov. 26-29th

Scholastic Book Fair

Dec. 18th

Winter Concert
1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 21st

Pancake Breakfast

Dec. 24- Jan.4

Winter Break

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Before & After School Care?

I often get phone calls and parents speaking to me about possible before- and after-school care. Right now, we have nothing to offer to support our families, except to direct them to this handy YMCA childcare website ([click HERE](#)).

However, the reason for bringing this up is that because this is an issue that is affecting a number of families attending Brantford, I'd like to hear from you to get a sense of the need in our community. If the need is great enough, I will speak to the district again about child care becoming a reality at our school. To do this, I would like to hear from families by EMAIL (kurt.gurney@burnabyschools.ca) so I have a digital copy to present to district personnel.

Ski Trip (more space available)

As mentioned a couple weeks ago, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of intermediate students participating in our ski trip this year. As a result, we have arranged for a second bus to accommodate the increase, but there is still room for a few more students and/or parents (skiing or just sightseeing for the day). The cost would remain the same. For more information, please see the office for another ski notice.

K. Gurney—Principal



FAMILIES, COME AND JOIN US AT THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS

Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 26– 29th

Nov. 26th

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Nov. 27-29th

8:30-9:00 a.m., 12:00-2:30 p.m.

3:00-4:00 p.m.



Congratulations to all our Pumpkin Carvers

It was FANTASTIC to see all the parents at our costume parade a couple weeks back. If you had a chance to join us, you would have seen all the amazing pumpkin carvers we have in our community. We had Harry Potter, double-decker pumpkins, pumpkins in jail, Jack-O-Lanterns eating other, and so many more...yep, some pretty creative people.



We had approximately 50 entries which staff members judged based on Detail, Creativity, and Funny/Scary. And the judging was NOT easy, as the carvings were fantastic. Congratulations to our Primary winners: Colton (div. 11), Aiden (div. 13), and Mason (div. 12). Also, congratulations to our Intermediate winners: Sierra (Div. 8), Catherine (Div. 6), and Gursimryn (Div. 2). Thanks for all your effort.



Scholastic Book Fair (Helpers needed)

The Enchanted Forest Scholastic Book Fair will be running at our school from Monday November 26th to Thursday November 29th. Scholastic Book Fair gives our school the opportunity to bring families, teachers, students, and books together. Additionally, a large portion of the sales benefits our school. Last year we were able to raise \$2204 to buy extra library books and home reading club prizes. It's the best way to raise funds while encouraging kids to read. Please contact Ms. Mead if you can help any of those days (Aliana.mead@burnabyschools.ca) .

Stump the Students

Feel free to work with family members or on your own, and see if you can figure it out. If you manage to solve the problem, write your answer down (show your work please) and then put it in the "Stump the Student" box for a chance to win a prize. Mr. Gurney will draw names of correct guesses the following week to win a small prize and the glory of being the "Brantford Brainiac" acknowledged on the announcements. Good luck!



Here are the 2 new STUMP THE STUDENT questions:

Question #1

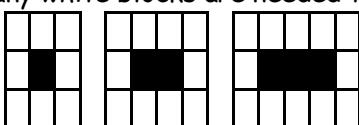
The digits on this clock add up to 6.



How many times during the day (24 hours) will the digits add up to 6?

Question #2

Each figure below is formed by surrounding a row of black blocks with white blocks. How many white blocks are needed to surround a row of 10 black blocks?



Good Luck...Maybe you will be the next *Brantford Brainiac*!!!

Answers to Stump the Student Newsletter #3 Oct. 31, 2018

Question #1
\$111

Question #2
10,080 minutes

Report Cards & Communicating Student Learning

First off, I'd like to thank all the parents that were able to attend the information session a week and a half ago regarding letter grades and the changes happening to our reports this year. To access the Powerpoint that was used to explain why we want to move away from grades, click [HERE](#) (it won't give you the full scope of the presentation, but it might give you the gist as I simply used the pictures to tell a story).

Secondly, thank you to those that responded to the Assessment survey located here (<https://goo.gl/forms/dMPM4gtt8YskEBat2>). I have read all of the responses and do appreciate the time many of you put in with thoughtful responses (and sorry about the "required" responses, I missed that part when constructing the survey). I also heard from a few parents that the survey required you to sign-in. This issue has been fixed so it should be open to all.

For those that were not able to attend the information session, I mentioned the "**Perfect Storm**" as the reason for this change now. What I meant by that is the fact that in Burnaby, we are required to change our reporting form this year due to a move to the MyEd System (the same system we use to track attendance, student files, and how I'm emailing this newsletter to you). Unfortunately, after the training session for this new reporting system, the whole staff felt it was a step backward, not forward with reporting. The reason was we felt it was restrictive, impersonal when compared to other reporting methods, would not include all facets we deem important (such as "effort", separating Reading & Writing, allowing student & parent voice, among other things), and would not be well-received by parents. The district is allowing us to create our own Brantford reporting forms as long as they conform to Ministry standards and will clearly inform parents about student progress.

Along with this, we are moving away from grades, and will instead be using Ministry Proficiency Scales. As a result, I'd like to address 2 very thoughtful comments made by a couple parents on our survey:

1. **Isn't a 4-point Proficiency Scale basically the same as a 5—6 point grading scale?**
2. **Why ask for our input when you're doing it anyways?**

For a brief answer to these questions, please visit the website link provided [HERE](#), as there is just not enough space on a newsletter to even briefly answer these questions.

Brantford's Silly Side - We would like to thank Alex in Div. 6, to adding some fun to our newsletter on a regular basis! And we look forward to other contributions from various students through out the year.



**Q: How does a bird learn to fly?
A: They just wing it!!!**

**Q: What is invisible and smells like carrots?
A: Bunny farts!!!**





Join us for family fun at Edmonds Festival of Lights

Saturday, November 24, 2018
from 2:30p.m. to 5:30p.m.
Edmonds Community Centre,
7433 Edmonds Street

There will be live entertainment, snacks, crafts
and activities for all ages.

Visit www.edmondsfestivals.org for all event information

**Santa will be there! And
one lucky child will help
the Mayor light the Big
Tree at 5:15 p.m.**

So, unpack your mitts, scarves and
toques, and head over to the
Edmonds Community Centre to kick
off the season!



Concession

Hot dogs
Chips
Juice/Pop
Water
Coffee/Tea



Stride Community School Council Presents Community Market—Saturday December 1, 2018

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

At Stride Avenue Community School
7014 Stride Avenue, Burnaby BC
(A short walk from Edmonds Skytrain Station)

Entrance Fee - Adult \$1.00 Children \$.50
(Entrance Fee includes ticket for door prizes)



**Cedar Place is relocating!
Come and support them as
they prepare for the big move.**

New & used toys, action figures, tools, sporting goods,
housewares, books, crafts, camping equipment,
cosmetics and so much more!

Come to the Stride Community Office
to book a table before
Nov. 16th, 2018!
\$10 per table
For more information
call Maria at 604-838-6280

Please no furniture, appliances, food, dangerous goods,
electronics (battery operated is okay, batteries must be
provided). Everything must be in good working order, please
keep in mind that this is a school sanctioned event. If
there are items that you are unsure about, please call us.

Door prizes!!

** All proceeds from school tables and rentals go to Stride Avenue Community School

"Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential."
-Winston Churchill-