



DECEMBER

Bulletin

Principal: Mr. S. Hodges • Head Teacher: Ms. C. Montgomery • Trustee: Peter Cech • Secretary: Ms. L. Heath

Principal's Message

Dear Brantford Families,

As we approach the end of 2024, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished together this year. It has been an exciting and rewarding time of learning, growth, and community building. Our students have worked hard, shown kindness to one another, and embraced the values that we all share.

This holiday season, I encourage our students and families to take time to recharge, reflect, and enjoy the company of loved ones. Whether you're celebrating with family traditions, exploring new activities, or simply relaxing at home, I hope the winter break brings you joy and peace.

A quick reminder: report cards will be sent home on December 19th. This is an important opportunity to celebrate the progress your child has made so far and to set goals for the rest of the school year. Please take some time to review the report card with your child and celebrate their achievements!

In December, we will continue to focus on learning, but also remember to show gratitude for the many wonderful moments that come from being part of this school community. I am so proud of how much our students have grown, both academically and socially.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities the new year will bring. We will continue to foster a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment where each child feels supported and valued.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Wishing you all a warm and happy holiday season!

Warm regards,
Scott Hodges
Principal



DAILY SCHEDULE

School begins: 8:50

Recess: 10:30

Lunch: 12:00

Classes resume: 12:45

Dismissal: 2:55

Mondays: 1:55



Dec 06
MISTLETOE
MARKET

Dec 06
WINTER
MARKET

DEC 17
WINTER
CONCERT

DEC 20
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

**DEC 23 -
JAN 3, 2025**
WINTER
BREAK

STAY INFORMED!

View the monthly newsletter, calendar, upcoming events, minutes and agenda as well as updates from our PAC on our school's website at: <https://brantford.burnabyschools.ca/>



Notices ...

OFFICE HOURS

Regular hours for our school office are 8:00am to 3:30pmm, Monday to Friday. Our voicemail comes on automatically if we are unable to answer your call. If Ms. Heath is away from her desk, or on the other line, please leave a message and she will respond as quickly as possible.

Be Nut-Aware!

Ecole Brantford is a "Nut Aware" school. There are a number of children with life-threatening nut/peanut allergies at our school. We strongly request that your child NOT bring any nut/peanut products to school.

Nut-safe snack ideas include: yogurt, fruit, cheese and crackers, nut-free granola bars, pasta, veggies and dip, boiled eggs and cottage cheese.

Thank you for keeping Ecole Brantford a safe place for everyone.

Thank you!



Student Illnesses

With respiratory illness season underway, please remain vigilant in following Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings in BC, including:



- to practice health awareness, regularly checking for symptoms of respiratory illness, and to stay home when sick
- schools are supportive environments for mask wearing, and a person's choice should be supported and respected. Evidence-based, trusted information on masks is available from the BC Centre for Disease Control.

Health and Safety in the Burnaby School District strictly adheres to the standards and guidance provided by the Provincial Health Officer, Ministries of Health and Education, the BC Centre for Disease Control, the Fraser Health Authority and WorkSafe BC. More information can be found on the district's website here.

Keeping our learning environments healthy and safe is a shared responsibility, and we remain grateful to everyone in our school communities for doing their part.

Lost & Found Bin

Our lost & found bin is overflowing! Many lost items end up in our bin (located in the primary wing), we ask that you please take the time to come by after-school to check if there are any items that belong to your children.

Our office will be donating all items in the bin to free-up space on January 20th, so please come by to check for any items that might be yours!





Here at Ecole Brantford ...

On Friday, November 8th we had a moving Remembrance Day Assembly honouring our veterans and all those who serve Canada.



MISTLETOE MARKET

Mistletoe Market is on the way! This annual craft fair allows Grade 5-7 students highlight their maker skills. The focus is on student-initiative, independence and fun, while making some money for the holidays.



As part of financial literacy, students have learned about how much materials can cost, how to price their items, and how to advertise. Students will be giving 10% of their profits as "rent" to the school for their table, and 10% of their profits to charity. The rest is theirs to keep!

Parents/guardians are invited to start off our shopping day at 9:00am-10:30am and 10:45-11:30am at the back gym doors.

*No pets or strollers (can be parked inside). Please keep small children close and supervised at all times.



Purdy's Fundraiser for the 2025 Grade 7 French Immersion Quebec Trip

A huge thanks for your incredible support and for spreading the word. We will be in touch when your orders are ready for pick-up!

Thank you for supporting our Grade 7 students!



From November 1st to 8th this year, Division 6 organized and ran our annual **"Drop that Candy!"** program at Brantford. Ms. Chu's students collected and packaged Halloween candy donated by our Brantford community. In total, they created over 200 well-stuffed gift bags which were then donated to the Union Gospel Mission (UGM) in Vancouver.

From Vienne Chan, (Development Officer, Principle Giving) at UGM:

Thank you so much for so thoughtfully packaging the candy into Christmas bags, we love it! Because they are perfectly packaged, I spoke with my team and they have decided to use them in our Christmas stockings for our Mobile Missions team instead. We have 4 Mobile Missions Vans in Vancouver, Fraser Valley, New West, and Victoria. Launched in 2008, our Mobile Mission vans are fully outfitted rescue vehicles that travel five nights a week. Our teams go into alleyways, parks, bridges and along the seawall, in search of people living on the street, and offering relationship and referrals to much-needed services as well as food, clothing and Rides to the UGM Emergency Shelters. There are spaces reserved in our shelter beds for men and women who want to come back with The Mobile Mission. Way to Brantford, what a wonderful treat for those who need it most! With the Mobile Mission. Way to go Brantford, what a wonderful treat for those who need it most!



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Health & Wellness - The Importance of Sleep

BENEFITS OF ENOUGH SLEEP



Better Brain

Improved memory and concentration



Better Body

Improved energy



Better Mood

Improved emotional resilience

Children	Recommended Sleep	Teens	Recommended Sleep
5 - 13 years	9 - 11 hours	14 - 17 years	8 - 10 hours

SLEEP

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1



Better learning and memory

2



Better recharge with enough hours

3



Better rest by powering down

5



Better day and night with exercise

4



Better optimism and resiliency

Learn more: www.burnabyschools.ca



**“Maybe Christmas doesn’t come from a store.
 Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more.”**