



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a restful holiday and is ready for all the exciting activities the new year will bring. As we settle back into our school routines, I encourage you to set learning goals with your children and stay focused on them throughout the term. The start of a new year is a wonderful opportunity to set fresh goals.

In the first few weeks back, we will focus on the importance of regular sleep routines and raising awareness about the effects of screen time. Classes will participate in activities centered on these important themes, and there will be school-wide events as well. Later this month, we will observe Black Excellence Day and celebrate Literacy Week (more details about these events will be shared closer to the dates).

Since my initial messages about traffic during morning drop-off, there has been a noticeable improvement—thank you! However, we will need to maintain these efforts as roadwork is set to begin soon on Empress and Imperial. I will provide updates as more details about potential disruptions become available.

As always, thank you for your support in making our school a wonderful place for all our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and successful start to the new year!

Yours sincerely,

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

**JAN 06
SCHOOL
REOPENS**

**JAN 15
BLACK
EXCELLENCE
DAY**

**JAN 20
MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR.
DAY**

**JAN 27
LITERACY
WEEK**

STAY INFORMED!

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



Mistletoe Market Update

Thank you everyone for your support during Mistletoe Market! It was another fantastic day of buying and selling - we look forward to next year's new crop of sellers! From the seller's hard work, we are donating \$269 to a local charity!



GREAT IDEA!



NICE WORK!



GREAT WORK!



SUPER!

February is Registration Month.....

February is registration time for all Burnaby public schools. Kindergarten registrations as well as Cross-District, Out-of-District and Language Program applications will be accepted between February 1-28th, 2025. Priority placement for the upcoming year will be given to applications received during the month of February.

Full details are available at burnabyschools.ca/registration/

For information on Cross-District transfers, please click [here](#).

For information on Out-Of-District transfers, please click [here](#).

Registrations will be done online this year at: burnabyschools.ca/registration/





Notices ...

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be late or away for any reason, please call or **email** the school office to report the absence including the following information:

1. Child's first and last name (please spell last name)
2. Teacher and Division
3. Absent or late (please give anticipated arrival time if late)
4. Or email the above info to:
Brantford.info@burnabyschools.ca



If we do not hear from you, we will call home to ensure your child's safety.

X (TWITTER) ACCOUNT

Did you know that Ecole Brantford has a Twitter account? Follow us at @brantfordsd41



Dressing for the weather

A reminder to have your child wear appropriate clothing for our winter weather. We encourage students to head outside during recess and lunchtimes and this is made easier when suitable clothing is provided for our cold and wet weather at this time of the year. Hats, scarves and gloves are recommended on really cold days as well as warm and waterproof jackets for those rainy days. We also suggest that you send an extra change of clothing with your child in case they need it. Thank you for your cooperation!



Dogs on the School Grounds

Please be considerate of all of our students and refrain from bringing your dogs on school grounds, during school hours. We have students who are afraid of dogs as well as students with allergies

I would also like to remind you that when you are on the school grounds after hours with your dogs, it is a Municipality of Burnaby bylaw (# 9609) that requires you to pick up after your dog. This is common courtesy as our students use the playing fields on a daily basis. We appreciate your cooperation in this as it helps prevent messy situations for our students and staff.



Brantford's Silly Side

Q: What is the weatherman's favourite food in winter?

A: Brrr-itos!





The **Burnaby School District** is the fourth largest school district in BC, operating 41 elementary and 8 secondary schools, as well as District and Provincial Resource Programs.

Our District supports and provides learning to approximately 26,000 Kindergarten to Grade 12 students and more than 6,000 adult learners. The District employs more than 4,500 dedicated staff who are committed to providing students with a wide variety of innovative, high-quality programs to ensure student achievement. In addition, our employees support the successful operation of our school facilities.

We welcome employees to take the opportunity to develop their careers within our District.

If you are passionate about supporting students and the school community, come join our team. We are taking applications for the following on-call positions:

- TEACHERS-ON-CALL
- EDUCATION ASSISTANT
- CLERICAL – OFFICE SUPPORT CLERKS
- CUSTODIANS
- STUDENT SUPERVISORS
- CROSSING GUARDS

To apply for these and other positions, visit our [Make a Future](#) web page:



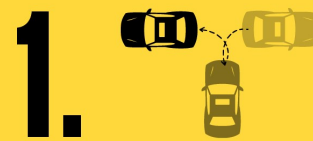
Join us in making a difference!



KEEPING OUR KIDS



IS AS
EASY AS...



NO 3-POINT TURNS

Keep moving and turn in the next lane instead of attempting this maneuver on a narrow street



NO DOUBLE PARKING

Parking in the middle of the road blocks traffic and causes congestion for everyone



PARK AND WALK

Park a little further up or down the street to avoid congestion and enjoy a short walk to school