

DECEMBER Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Brantford families,

As we approach the end of 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished so far this school year. It has been an eventful and exciting time here at Brantford and I am grateful to have been a part of it. From our Welcome Back Luau to our Hip Hop performance to the Jingle Bell Walk and upcoming Winter Concert, Brantford has been a busy place!

With all of this activity, it's important to take a moment and recognize all of the effort and commitment demonstrated by our staff, students and families. Together we are the heart of Brantford!

On December 18th, learning updates will be sent home. 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 updates with your child and celebrate their achievements!

The whirlwind of the first term is almost at an end, and I would like to wish everyone a joyous and restful break. The school will be closed from Dec. 22-Jan. 2 and will open again on Jan 5th.

Warm regards,

Scott Hodges
Principal



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/>

DAILY SCHEDULE

School begins: 8:50

Recess: 10:30

Lunch: 12:00

Classes resume: 12:45

Dismissal: 2:55

Mondays: 1:55

Dec 05
MISTLETOE
MARKET

Dec 12
PAC
Meeting

Dec 16
Winter
Concert

Dec 19
Pancake
Breakfast



Drop That Candy Drive



Thank you Brantford Community for all the candy donations for the "Drop That Candy" drive! Div. 6 put together 360 bags for Union Gospel Mission (UGM) downtown which will be given out during their holiday meal, at their women's shelter, and through their mobile vans to the community.



Purdy's Fundraiser

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 French Immersion students!



Mistletoe Market on Dec 5th

Mistletoe Market is on its way! This annual craft fair allows Grade 5-7 students to 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 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!

**** ONLY Parents & Guardians of students selling in the market may come in from the outside gym doors (not inside the school) from 9-9:15am to take photos. No pets or strollers can be parked inside. Please keep small children close and supervised at all times. ****





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 16th, so please come by to check for any items that might be yours!



On Friday, November 10th, we had a moving Remembrance Day Assembly honouring our veterans and all those who serve Canada.



Save THE Date



- Dec 05 – Mistletoe Market & PAC Movie Night
- Dec 12 – PAC Meeting
- Dec 12 – Bake Sale
- Dec 16 – Winter Concert
- Dec 18 – Report Cards to go home
- Dec 19 – Pancake Breakfast
- Dec 22 to January 02 – Winter Break
(no school)

PAC UPDATE

On December 19th, the PAC will host their annual **Pancake Breakfast**, stay tuned for details!





Accessibility in Burnaby Schools

The Burnaby School District is committed to creating an inclusive and accessible learning environment for all students and families. Part of this commitment involves working with community to help inform our work.

You may not be aware that the District has advisory and working committees to gather information about accessibility and assist in identifying barriers in the District. We encourage feedback. You can find information about how to share your feedback via an online form, email, phone, or regular mail [here](#), where you can also learn more about Accessibility in Burnaby Schools.

We welcome your input to help us improve accessibility across our schools and programs.

Thank you,

Jody and Kelly, Directors of Instruction



What to Expect with Weather-Related School Closures in the District

How are decisions made?

All schools will remain OPEN unless there is heavy snowfall, damage, or other circumstances – such as a power outage – that make it impossible to open for instruction.



When will I know?

We do our best to communicate school or District-wide CLOSURES by 6:30am.

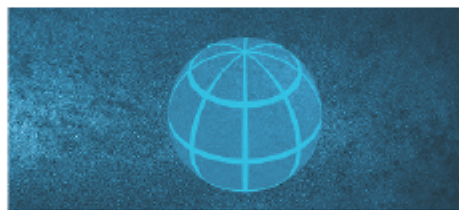
Please note, no announcement will be made that schools are open except under extreme circumstances.

How will I know?

The information about closures will typically be posted on both the District website and X/Twitter account. However, please keep in mind that there may be situations where this is not possible, such as a power outage. Generally, only closures or delays are announced. Another way to learn about school closures is through local news stations (online, radio, and TV).



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What about student safety and family choice?

Student safety is a responsibility we share with families. Please walk your child to the door of the school if you are unsure whether or not the school is open. If for any reason you feel that your student cannot travel safely then please, as you normally would, notify the school that your child will be absent.

What if schools are open and the weather gets worse throughout the day?

If weather conditions deteriorate throughout the day and create a concern for the safety of students returning home, a decision may be made to dismiss students early. This will be communicated to parents in the best way possible through the school's normal communications channels.

How will adult education students be informed?

If weather conditions result in a decision to cancel evening classes, notice will be posted on the [Burnaby Community & Continuing Education website](http://www.burnabyce.ca) (www.burnabyce.ca) by mid-day.

Where can I learn more?

Additional information can be found in our [Administrative Procedure](#) (3.20).