



JANUARY: Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Brantford families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope that everyone enjoyed a restful break with family and friends.

We are back into the swing of things here at Brantford and have an exciting month ahead. This week we are having presentations from the City of Burnaby on recycling and waste management, so hopefully the students are coming home and helping to get everything into the right place. Next week we will have "Wellness Week" focusing on different healthy habits each day (Sleep, Screens, Healthy Eating, Exercise and Mental Health). And finally, we will close the month with Literacy Week. Please hold onto any books that you no longer need for our annual book swap during this week.

Next month is registration month for Burnaby schools. If there are any younger siblings that will be joining us next year, please fill out the online registration sometime during February. If you have a child in grade 7, they are automatically pre-registered into their catchment school. However, you will need to fill out the online registration if you are applying to a different high school.

Lastly, we will need to make some adjustments to the traffic patterns coming and going from the school later this month as the water main project will be closing the intersection at Brantford and Imperial. As we get closer to that closure, we will be sending out more information about what that will look like.

As always, feel free to contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind 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

Jan 05
WELCOME
BACK!

Jan 09
PAC
Meeting



Jan 12-16
Wellness
Week

Jan 26-30
Literacy
Week

If you are getting rid of some books over the winter, consider donating them to Brantford for our Annual Book Swap!

As part of Literacy Week, Brantford's Book Swap is back by popular demand! If you have any gently used books you would like to donate, please bring them to your classroom between **Monday January 12th and Monday January 26th**.

Teachers have signed up for a book swap time during literacy week (January 26th-30th). Students will choose their books depending on how many books they have brought to swap (up to a maximum of 5 books). For example, if a student brings one book to swap, he/she will bring home a different book from the book swap. If another student brings 20 books to swap, she/he will bring home up to 5 books (the rest will be a donation to the swap).

Book Criteria

Please make choices carefully before bringing in books. Books will only be accepted under the following guidelines:

- Books must be appropriate for preschool – grade 7 only
- Teen and adult literature will not be accepted
- Books must be in gently used condition: cover on, no rips, tears or water damage
- Books with lots of colouring or writing in them will not be accepted
- Colouring books, activity books, and sticker books will not be accepted
- Must in English or French
- Students can bring as many books as they would like to contribute!



Please note that the selection of books available will be based on books donated. We cannot ensure specific titles, etc.

We are looking forward to an exciting BOOK SWAP!

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!



Mistletoe Market Update

Thank you, Brantford community, for your wonderful support of Mistletoe Market this year! Thanks to community support, over \$2,500 went toward handmade creations by our Grade 5–7 students. As a result, \$250 will be donated to BC Children's Hospital, and \$250 will be set aside to support next year's Market. Thank you to everyone who helps make Mistletoe Market a growing tradition in our school community!



THANK YOU



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](#).

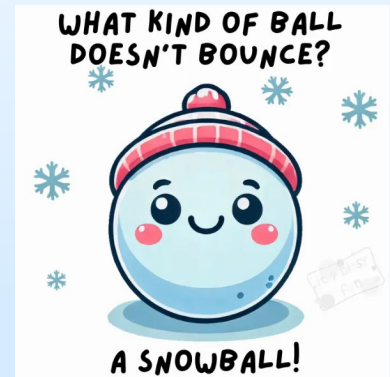
For information on Out-Of-District transfers, please click [here](#).

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



Lunch and Daily Snack

Please be reminded to pack a healthy lunch **and** snack for your child daily. Our office happily provides fruit for students, **only** when it is needed.



E-Scooters

As of January 1, 2026, Burnaby has joined BC's e-scooter pilot, which comes with specific rules for use. Please note that **riders need to wear a helmet and be at least 16 years old to ride e-scooters** in public spaces, roads, or sidewalks.

As all our students are under 16 years, there should be **NO** students riding e-scooters to school.

<https://www.burnaby.ca/services-and-payments/roads-and-traffic/escooters-and-ebikes>

Students may continue to ride their bikes to school provided that they also wear a helmet.



CPF Burnaby Chapter Talent Show Winners

Congratulations to CPF Burnaby Chapter Talent Show Winners who worked hard to pass the audition process and performed live on stage in Final!

Les Filles D'Asteria - Dora Yuan and Olivia Xu (Marlborough)

Scarlett Chen, Lynn Nicholson and Olivia Chua (Marlborough)

Leonardo Kwok (Cascades Heights)

Tomas Orcon (Brantford)

Ashkan Baghernejad (Marlborough)

Liam Chakma (Seaforth)

Kaylen Khet (Marlborough)

Kyler Khet (Marlborough)

Nirman Singh (Marlborough)

Matt Leung (Marlborough)

Aris Leung (Marlborough)

Danna Colmont (Apha Secondary)

Ottis Wong (Moscrop Secondary)

Perfect Force Band - Sophie Liksutin, Dennis Shen and Nathan Yung (Moscrop Secondary)



That was remarkable to see so many talented kids who motivated themselves to achieve this success!