

February Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Brantford families,

January was a busy month at Brantford, and we are expecting February to be just as busy! We kicked off the month with Fire Safety presentations from the Burnaby Fire Department. I hope this is an opportunity for you and your family to test your smoke alarms and review your fire safety plan so that everyone can be safe in an emergency. Please look in this newsletter for safety tips and have conversations with your child about what they have learned.

Following these presentations, we started the month with a high energy performance from Missy-D who is a French Hip-Hop artist. Later this month, look for a Bake Sale fundraiser for the grade 7 classes, a French Film Festival, Pink Shirt Day, and Saleema Noon workshops on sexual health. Prior to the Saleema Noon workshops there will be an online parent presentation so that you can get an idea of what will be taught, and the importance of students learning this valuable information.

I want to share my gratitude for everyone on adapting to the new traffic patterns as we all adjust to the closure of Imperial and Brantford. For the most part, things are moving smoothly and safely. However, it is important that everyone follows the rules and expectations around where and when to park or stop your car. Please note that signs posted on both Brantford Ave. and Sperling Ave that indicate "No Stopping" means that you cannot stop your car in that area even if you stay inside the car. We all want the children of Brantford to be safe and following the parking/stopping restrictions helps with this.

Thank you for your continued support of the Brantford community. I am always open to hearing feedback, and you are welcome to email, call or stop by the office.

Kind 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

Feb 06
SPIRIT DAY
WEAR

Feb 16
Family Day



Feb 20
PAC Meeting

Feb 27
Pro-D Day

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://brantfordpac.com/>

Fire Safety Presentations

On Monday February 2nd, a special guest visited our school! A firefighter met with our students to talk about fire safety, emergency awareness, and ways to stay safe at home and at school. It was a fun and informative presentation that helped our children learn how to be safe helpers.

Fire Safety Tips for Families:

1. Check smoke alarms monthly

Test smoke alarms once a month and change the batteries at least once a year. Make sure there's a working alarm on every level of your home and near bedrooms.

2. Make a family fire escape plan

Talk with your child about two ways out of each room and choose a safe outdoor meeting place. Practice the plan together so kids know what to do without panic.

3. Practice "Stop, Drop, and Roll"

Remind children to stop moving, drop to the ground, and roll if their clothes ever catch fire.

4. Keep matches and lighters locked away

Store them out of reach and out of sight. Teach kids that these are tools for adults only—not toys.

5. Be careful in the kitchen

Stay in the kitchen when cooking, keep flammable items away from the stove, and turn pot handles inward to prevent spills and burns.

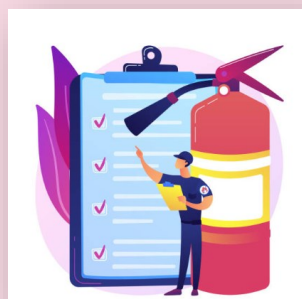
6. Use space heaters safely

Keep heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, and turn them off when leaving the room or going to sleep.

7. Teach kids what to do if there's a fire

Remind children to:

- Get out fast
- Stay low under smoke
- Never hide
- Never go back inside for pets or toys



8. Know the emergency number

Make sure children know to call **911** in an emergency and how to explain where they are.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.burnaby.ca/services-and-payments/community-safety/fire/public-education>

Division 1 Field Trip to Grouse Mountain

Division 1 went snowshoeing at Grouse Mountain on January 7th, they learned about snowshoeing techniques and about winter conditions/hazards/terrain. They even snowshoed to an igloo and got to go inside it!

FUN!



COOL!



TEAMWORK

Wellness Week

Our school took part in a wellness week in January. There was an assembly on January 12th where we talked about the importance of maintain a healthy body and mind. We also dedicated the rest of the week to talking about sleep, healthy eating, screens, and physical activity. In order to promote mindfulness, our students had a school-wide mindful minute on January 13th.



Pink Shirt Day

February 25, 2026

Choose Kindness and say

“NO” to bullying.

Wear a pink shirt to school on February 25th to show support to this anti-bully

initiative.



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/

PAC UPDATES

The PAC will be recognizing some of the cultures within our school community this term with some tasty treats!

Welcome spring this year with crepes. Eastern Slavic countries celebrate the end of winter and the arrival of spring by making and sharing crepes, which are round and golden to symbolize the sun. Crepes will be made by a school parent who is kindly sharing this tradition followed by her family, and will be available to order for morning recess snack.

Chinese buns are a delicious way to recognize Lunar New Year. Choose from BBQ pork, chicken, coconut, pineapple, or purchase a variety pack to sample them all. The buns will be provided by Pine House Bakery.

Ordering for crepes and Chinese buns will open at the end of January on Munchalunch. Crepes will be distributed during morning recess on Tues. Feb 17. Chinese buns will be available for after-school pickup on Fri. March 6. More information to be sent by school email.



Burnaby School District – Spring Break Camps

For the first time, the Burnaby School District is launching Spring Break Camps **for children in Grades 4 to 8.**

Camps will last one week, with the option available to book both weeks, if desired. The cost will be **\$400 per week** with programming running from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday (**March 16-20** and **March 23-27**).

The camp location choices are:

- Burnaby Mountain (8800 Eastlake Drive),
- Burnaby North (751 Hammarskjold Drive),
- Byrne Creek (7777 18th Street), and
- Moscrop Secondary (4433 Moscrop Street) schools.



Courses

The courses will allow children to try a new skill and have fun, with many of the classes offered during Summer Session – such as Rock Band, cooking, art, and sports.

Registration will open February 17th.

[Learn About Camp Details, Locations and More](#)

Student Learning Survey 2025/2026 – Parents/Caregivers of Grade 4 & 7 Students

Please share your thoughts about your child's learning by completing the BC Student Learning Survey (SLS). This survey happens every year and helps us make education better for all students in BC. The Survey gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>

Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure.

- ◆ Click on the link above
- ◆ On the login page, click on the **Parents icon**
- ◆ Select the school district and school name where your child attends school.

Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section. The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026.

A Parent Information Evening

For Parents of Children with Disabilities or Diverse Abilities



Thursday, February 19th, 2026
6:00pm-7:30pm

Burnaby Central Secondary School
6011 Deer Lake Pkwy, Burnaby, BC V5G 0A9

To register, scan the QR code.



Is your child with disabilities or diverse abilities starting Kindergarten in the Burnaby School District? Join us for a **parent information session** designed to help families prepare for this exciting transition. Learn about the steps and timelines, discover the supports and services, meet our district inclusive education team. This is a great opportunity to learn, share, and feel supported as you prepare for your child's first year of school.

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact fn.mullins@burnabyschools.ca

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- Receive your dedicated code on a shareable flyer.
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Note: Some restrictions may apply. Please consult with a Pedalheads staff member to confirm eligibility.



REGISTRATION DATES:

Spring break: January 20th, 2026

Summer: April 7th, 2026



BIKE - TRAIL - SOCCER - SWIM

CAMPS + LESSONS

- Develop skills while making friends and having fun
- Build confidence at every level with highly trained instructors & coaches
- Learn in a safe and supportive environment

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Bike: Ages 2-12
- Trail: Ages 4-10
- Swim: Ages 4 months+
- Soccer: Ages 2-8



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Korean Line / 한국어:	Ext. 3	Mon – Fri 10 am – 8 pm Sat – Sun 10 am – 5 pm (Pacific time Zone)
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Ukrainian Line / Українська:	Ext. 5	

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by phone in Mandarin and Cantonese

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Monday-Sunday 10am-10pm
(太平洋時間)

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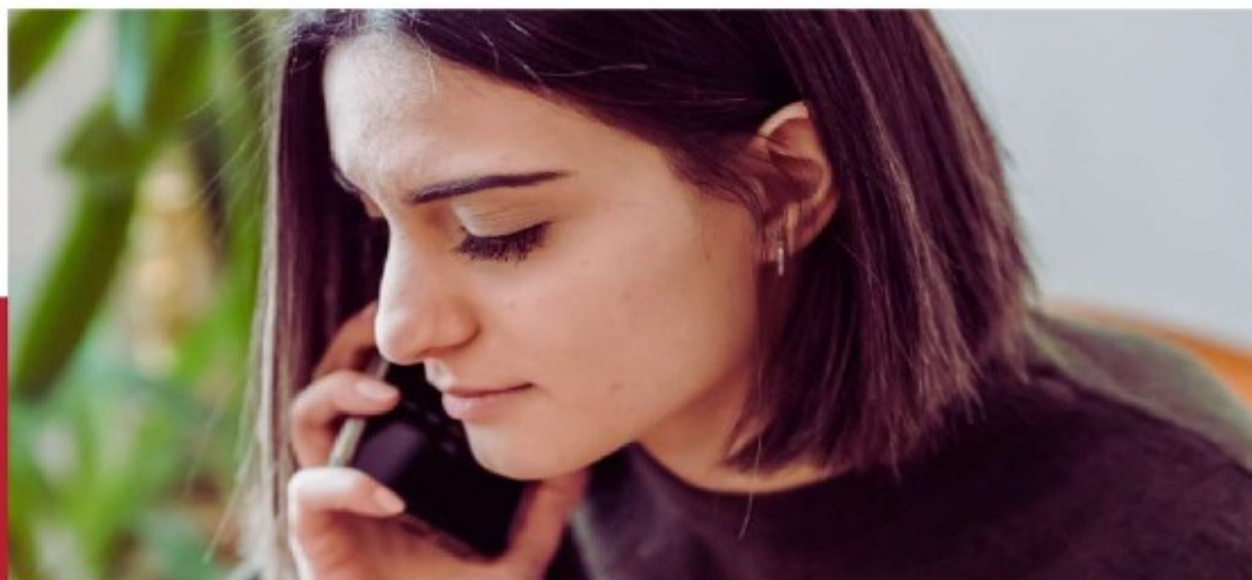
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 3. Волонтерська допомога з усним перекладом
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Сб - Нд 10:00 – 17:00
(Pacific time Zone)

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