

Buckingham Elementary



Principal: **Samantha Halpin**

April 2018

Our Mission: STRONG RELATIONSHIPS GROWING HEALTHY MINDS TO GO BEYOND

From the Principal's Desk

Spring is in the air, I can feel the warm weather approaching! I am looking forward to seeing Buckingham Elementary during the Spring and Summer months. The end of the year is quickly coming and that means exam season is upon us; a friendly reminder to the parents of our grade 6 students to please ensure your children are at school frequently.

Here is an update of what's currently going on at BES:

Parent Participation Organization:

Do you want to invest in BES? Help your child or children have access to the best resources? Help create a positive image of BES within the community? Well then we have the right committee for you. The PPO members are looking for more help and support to run fundraisers and make BES the best place it can be!

Summer Renovation:

Buckingham will be undergoing a major renovation this summer. The gym, front lobby and main hallway will be getting a make-over. The gym will be closed effective June 1st to allow for the gym to be ready for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. A total of approximately \$862,000 dollars is being invested in BES for the new improvements!

Debate Competition:

BES will be holding its annual Debate Competition on Tuesday, April 10th starting at 9:00am for Cycle 3 students. This is a fun and exciting way for our students to use their critical thinking skills and engage in friendly competition. We look forward to welcoming Arlene Brunke, our Western Quebec Commissioner and Donna White, a retired teacher as our judges for this year's competition.

Basketball Tournament:

BES will be bringing a boys and girls team for the Basketball Tournament being held at D'arcy Symmes on Friday, April 13th. Good luck to both our teams! We know they will compete with pride and spirit!

Music Makers

BES' choir has been working hard to prepare for the Western Quebec Music Maker concert on the evening of April 25th. Come out to support the BES choir and all of the hard work they have invested. You will not regret it! WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M. PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE GATINEAU 50 BOULEVARD MAISONNEUVE, GATINEAU QC J8X 4H4

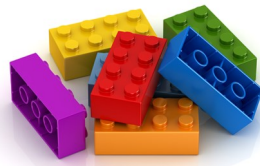
Track and Field Volunteers

On **May 23rd**, BES will be holding its annual track and field day at the school. The event would not be a success without the help of our volunteers. We are currently seeking volunteers for this year's event. If you are interested in volunteering there are some guidelines that must be followed:

- 1) Please either check with the office to see if your volunteer clearance is still valid/or obtain a copy of the volunteer form to complete
- 2) Return the completed volunteer form to school. **Please note that two valid pieces of photo id must accompany the form.** Photocopies can be made at the office or can be provided by the interested party.
- 3) The school board is no longer covering the cost of security background checks. The fee is **\$45.99** and must accompany the volunteer form. Volunteer forms submitted without the fee will not be processed.
- 4) The form will then be sent to the school board for validation.
- 5) Once validation is received the individual will be informed that they are cleared to volunteer.

LEGOS

BES is currently seeking more legos to add to our collection. If you have any that you are no longer using and would like to donate it to the school it would be greatly appreciated and be put to good use. Thank you in advance!



Inclusion Week—April 16-20, 2018

We are excited to be hosting Buckingham Elementary School's first ever Inclusion Week the week of **April 16-20th, 2018!** This is a week of activities devoted to celebrating the diversity we have in our building and helping all of our students feel that they belong and have a voice here, regardless of age, race, socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, or ability. There will be many ways that families can get involved, from an at-home family project, a Buckingham Elementary Cookbook submission, assemblies with class presentations, and more! A detailed memo along with a schedule of events will be sent out closer to the date.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Easter Monday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Debate competition	11	12	13 Basketball tournament	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
INCLUSION WEEK						
22	23	24	25 MusicMakers	26	27 PD DAY	28
29	30					



