

# Buckingham Elementary



Principal: **Samantha Halpin**

**December 2017**

**Our Mission: STRONG RELATIONSHIPS GROWING HEALTHY MINDS TO GO BEYOND**

Hello Buckingham Community!

We are officially into Second Term and off to a great start! Parent Teacher Interviews went extremely well on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. If you did not get a chance to schedule an interview and would still like to discuss the progress of your child, please feel free to contact your child/ren's teacher. On another note, our Christmas Spirit Committee is working hard to help out Buckingham families again this Christmas Season. We are collecting non-perishable food items as well as personal care products within our homeroom classes, and there are boxes in our lobby to drop off donations as well. The classroom who collects the most donations will receive a free pizza lunch. Additionally, we have an Angel Tree this year in the lobby. Please help out the Christmas Spirit Committee by taking a white angel off of the tree and sponsoring a child by buying them a gift for their Christmas morning. All donations are asked to be at the school by Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will also be holding a Silent Auction starting Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The artwork will be displayed in the lobby. You can place a bet on the art work by submitting a slip in the front lobby indicating how much you would like to pay. Additionally you can email a bet to Alysia Stafford at [astafford@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:astafford@wqsb.qc.ca). An information letter and pictures of the art that will be auctioned off will be sent home for more information. Buckingham Elementary appreciates your continuous support! Here's to a vibrant and successful Term Two! Sincerely,  
Samantha Halpin



## Cold Weather, Warm Clothes:

Here is a friendly reminder to please send your child or children to school with appropriate winter wear. It's important to bundle up! We are also asking for **donations of gently used snow pants, mitts, gloves, hats, scarves or neck warmers** during the winter months. Any donation would be greatly appreciated by the school. Thank you!



## Christmas Spirit at Buckingham Elementary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each Christmas at Buckingham Elementary we run a fundraiser to raise money and collect donations to support families in need at BES. This year we have several activities that will be run and we would like you to be a part of it. Please know that all donations are appreciated. BES takes pride in having such a caring community to work with. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Here are some of the events that will occur at BES as part of the fundraiser:

### **Donation Table**

Set up Nov. 22 and 23 during Parent Teacher Interviews  
Give a donation for a coffee

### **Silent Auction**

- Each class will create a piece of art work using recycled materials
- Staff and parents will put in a silent bid to buy the art (art will go to the highest bidder)
- The art and a bidding station will be displayed in the front lobby of the school
- More information will be sent home as well as pictures of the art that you can bid on

### **Christmas Angel Tree**

- Starts the week of Nov. 20
- The tree will be decorated with angels in the front entrance
- Parents, staff and members of the community can choose a white angel from the tree to buy a gift for a child (angel will indicate child's age and gender)

Drop off the gifts (attach angels to show age and gender) at the school office

### **Donations of Non-Perishable Foods and Personal Care Products**

- Students bring in donations from home
- Classroom with the most non-perishable donations gets a pizza party

Community, parents and staff can put donations under tree in lobby of school

Thank you,

Samantha Halpin & The BES Staff



| Sun                         | Mon             | Tue              | Wed            | Thu | Fri  | Sat |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-----|--|-----|
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| 3                           | 4               | 5                | 6              | 7   | 8  | 9   |
| 10                          | 11              | 12               | 13             | 14  | 15   | 16  |
| 17                          | 18              | 19               | 20<br>Assembly | 21  | 22<br>Friendship<br>Breakfast/<br>Spirit Day | 23  |
| CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE GYM |                 |                  |                |     |  |     |
| 24<br>Christmas<br>Eve      | 25<br>Christmas | 26<br>Boxing Day | 27             | 28  | 29   | 30  |
| HOLIDAYS                    |                 |                  |                |     |  |     |
| 31<br>New Year's<br>Eve     |                 |                  |                |     |  |     |

**Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas...**

Staff and students alike will be participating in singing Christmas carols in the gym during the week of December 18th– 22nd, 2017.



**Tribes Award Assemblies**

In the month of December we are focusing on the tribes agreement “Attentive Listening”. Our award assemblies will take place on Wednesday, December 20th.

**Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Registrations**

It is already that time of year to be thinking about registering your child for the 2018-2019 school year. Registrations will be held at Buckingham Elementary starting on **Monday, January 29, 2018 by appointment only.** If you have questions about the registration process please contact our administrative assistant, Alysa Stafford at 819-986-3191 x 0.

\*To attend Pre-Kindergarten in the 18-19 school year a child must be 4 on or before September 30th, 2018  
 \*\* To attend Kindergarten in the 18-19 school year a child must be 5 on or before September 30th, 2018  
 \*\*\* For more information regarding requirements for the registration process please visit [www.wqsb.qc.ca](http://www.wqsb.qc.ca), or contact the school directly.



**Spirit Day—December 22, 2017**

On Friday, December 22nd BES will be holding its last Spirit Day in the year 2017! We will begin with a Friendship Breakfast at 9:00am. Parents are welcome to join us for our Friendship Breakfast. The students have been working very hard on a “Peace and Respect” project which will also be show-cased to parents on the 22nd! Come and join us for a fun-filled day before the Christmas break.



### Winter Cancellation of School Buses

If you would like to know if school busses are cancelled you will receive a text message and/or e-mail if you have signed up for the "Remind" app. Or you may consult the School Board website at: [westernquebec.ca/](http://westernquebec.ca/)

If you do not have a computer, please listen for announcements on the radio. Here is a list of local radio stations that announce bus cancellations in the area:

- CBC
- CFRA
- MAGIC 100
- KISS FM (105 FM)
- Y101 FM
- CHEZ 106



### School Attendance

We request that you please notify the school if your child will be late or absent. Please report lates and absences to Alysa Stafford by calling 819-986-3191 x 0 or by e-mail at [astafford@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:astafford@wqsb.qc.ca) or [buckingham@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:buckingham@wqsb.qc.ca) no later than 8:30am.

### Lost and Found

If your child is missing items they may be in our Lost and Found. The Lost and Found area is set up in the main lobby. Please be sure to check the area before the Christmas break on December 22nd.

