

Buckingham Elementary



Principal: Samantha Halpin

January/February 2018

Our Mission: STRONG RELATIONSHIPS GROWING HEALTHY MINDS TO GO BEYOND

Welcome back! We are excited here at Buckingham Elementary to start another calendar year! We are looking forward to big things in 2018. Be on the lookout for more assemblies, Spirit Days, a Spring Production, anti-violence/anti-bullying day of pink, and much more!

We will also be focusing on academics and increasing our student success in all cycles. In January, Cycle 2.2 will be participating in a board wide formative reading and writing assessment. The teachers will be going to the School Board for a marking centre during the PD Days in February.

Our assembly for January will be held on the 31st and we will be working on the Tribes Agreement of Appreciation all month long! BES has also filled up the Popsicle Stick Bucket – way to go! We will be holding our school wide reward during the afternoon of January 26th. Stay tuned for more details. Here's wishing everyone a happy, safe and productive start to the New Year!

Sincerely,
Samantha Halpin



Pre-K/Kindergarten Registrations

Is your child turning 4 on or before September 30, 2018?
Is your child turning 5 on or before September 30, 2018?

If you answered yes to one of the above, your child is now at the age to attend Pre-K or Kindergarten at BES.

Contact Alysa Stafford, our administrative assistant, at 819-986-3191 x 0 or astafford@wqsb.qc.ca with questions concerning the registration process or to set-up your appointment.

Christmas Spirit Committee

A HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with our Christmas Spirit Committee this year. Buckingham Elementary was able to help many families within the community and provide a very special Christmas experience. A special thank you to Arlene Brunke, Jane Bouchard, Andrew Cornforth, Melanie Cronk, Nicholas DeWaard and the staff at Buckingham Elementary school for volunteering their personal time to help organize all things Christmas Spirit related!

Winter Olympics Day

In anticipation of the 2018 Winter Olympics which begin on February 9th, BES will proudly hold their own version of the Olympics on **Friday, February 2nd**. Advisory groups will represent a country other than Canada or the USA to learn about traditions in other places. Flags will be created, the Olympic spirit will be discussed, an opening and closing ceremony will be held in addition to our own versions of "Olympic" events. The BES staff is planning an exciting day to help our students get into the Olympic spirit!



Lice

We ask that you please check your child(ren)'s head for lice on a regular basis and notify the school of any cases of lice. Thank you for your continued cooperation.



Grad Photos

On **Thursday, February 22nd** Life-touch will be at BES to take our Grad photos. The photographers ask that students please wear a white-collared shirt. Boys are also asked to also wear a tie. If you do not own one, Life-touch will have a few on hand on grad photo day.



Family Literacy

Family Literacy Day will take place on Thursday, January 25th. We are pleased to welcome Arlene Brunke, our WQSB Commissioner into our classes during the morning of the 27th. She will be reading to all of our classes from Kindergarten to Grade 6.



Dances @ BES

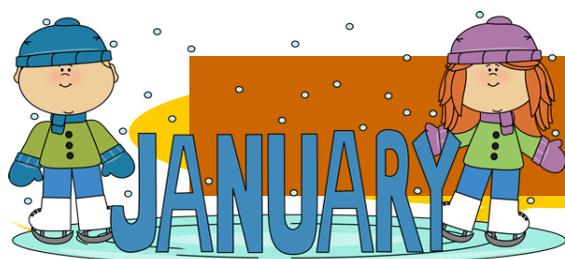
A HUGE thank you to our Governing Board and the Volunteer Dance Committee for throwing a fabulous Christmas Dance before the holidays. We had an amazing turn out and the students, staff and parents had a blast dancing the night away. A special thank you to our volunteers – Christine Bigelow, Jane Bouchard, Andrew Cornforth, Mercy Gutierrez, Glen Smallian, Sherry Cameron and the staff members who made the event extra special! Stay tuned for upcoming news about further dances.



Governing Board

Our January Governing Board meeting will take place on **Wednesday, January 17th @ 6:00pm.**

Our March Governing Board meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 21st @ 6:00pm.**



2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16	17 Governing Board meeting @ 6pm	18	19	20
21	22 K4 Open House	23 BES K4 Program begins!	24	25	26 Spirit Day	27
28	29 Pre-K/ Kindergarten registrations begin by appointment only	30	31 Award Assembly	1	2 Groundhog Day/ Winter Olympics Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 PD DAY	13 PD DAY	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Grad photo day	23	24
25	26	27	28			

Parent Participation Organization (PPO)

It's a new year and BES would like to start a Parent Participation Organization. What exactly is a PPO?

The goals of this newly-formed PPO will be as follows:

- Create a bank of willing volunteers and aid in achieving the GB's fundraising and marketing goals
- Foster working relationships between volunteers to achieve better results in future events.
- To create a Parent's Newsletter with tips and tricks to aid in the Parents' support role in their children's education, as well as opening a line of communication.
- Help organize events to promote a positive culture within BES
- Help organize fundraisers for school equipment and student field trips
- Carry out various projects and activities in tandem with school staff

To participate in the PPO, a parent must:

- Explain 'WHY' they seek to be a part of the Organization
- Contribute to a positive atmosphere within the PPO – outlined @ the first meeting of the PPO (internal functions, meeting dates, structure and climate expectations)
- Commit to a year term for sitting on the PPO
- Up to 8 members for the 17-18 school year

****Please stay tuned for more information and the application process****



Parent Information Evening

Monday, February 5, 2018—7:00pm
Western Québec School Board
15, rue Katimavik, Gatineau (Aylmer Sector)

UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS TO REQUEST "DEROGATION" FOR EARLY ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

The following questions will be addressed:

1. What is derogation?
2. Who is eligible to apply for derogation?
3. What are the requirements for qualifying for derogation?
4. What constitutes "school readiness" for Kindergarten?
5. Why does my child need a psychological assessment to complete the derogation application?
6. How do I apply?

A brief question and answer period will follow.

Peace and Respect

Hi Buckingham Families!

Our Peace and Respect Spirit Day was a huge success! On our last day before the holidays students from every grade were able to show their friends and family all the hard work they had put into their peace and respect projects. The displays looked amazing and all our students were very proud of their accomplishments! Our goal now is to remember all the strategies and promise we made throughout the weeks leading up to the show and to make sure our school becomes a place full of peace and respect! Thank you to all the families who were able to make it to the assemblies and to see the project and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Ms. Rose and Ms. Brown

