

Buckingham Elementary



Principal: **Samantha Halpin**

September /October 2017

Our Mission: STRONG RELATIONSHIPS GROWING HEALTHY MINDS TO GO BEYOND

Welcome Back Buckingham Elementary! I am so happy to start a new school year together and boy have we done that with style! A HUGE thank you to all of the friends and families of BES that attended our Welcome Back BBQ on September 6th. We had a fun filled evening and saw a lot of smiles! Another big thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with the BBQ – Nicholas DeWaard, Roni DeWaard, Melanie Cronk, Sophie Francoeur! Your help was much appreciated.

We will continue with our monthly Assemblies and Spirit Days throughout the year! We will be working hard all year long on following the Tribes Agreements and building a safe and caring community for all of us here at BES! Each Spirit Day will start off with a Friendship Breakfast this year – so stay tuned for the upcoming dates! Any donation – no matter how big or small, your contribution will help!

We have an updated Code of Conduct for the 2017-2018 School Year that we have gone over with all of the students here at BES! The Code of Conduct is available for your information in the student agenda, as well as accessible on our website.

We look forward to a successful year here at BES filled with learning, activities and creating lifelong memories for our students, parent(s), guardian(s) and community members!

Sincerely,
Samantha Halpin

Sign In/Sign Out Procedures:

Parents who are dropping off their child (ren) in the morning after the bell has rung must sign them in, in the office. Parents who are signing their child out at the end of the day must also sign them out on the sheet at the office window. Parents dropping off their children are not to pass the lobby. Please sign in your child(ren) at the office and our administrative assistant will direct them where to go. For safety and security reasons, all visitors at the school must first check in at the office, they will then be given a visitor badge which will allow them access to the building. Thank you for your cooperation.



School Fees:

If you have not already done so, please submit your child(ren)'s school fees to the office. School Fees are \$76 for kindergarten students and \$94 for students in grades 1–6. The office accepts cash or cheque payments. Cheques are to be made out to Buckingham Elementary School. If you would like to set up a payent plan please contact the school. ***Please note that the Western Quebec School Board requires its schools to submit a list of outstanding school fees, which is then transmitted to a collection agency.

September 30th:

Each year on September 30th, schools are responsible for reporting their enrollment to the government. It is thus very important that ,as much as possible, students are in attendance on **Friday, September 29th, 2017.**

Picture Day:

Mark your calendars: Picture Day is **Friday, October 6th, 2017.** Pictures will start at approximately 8:15 a.m. and the photographers will begin with Kindergarten and work their way up to Grade 6. If your child happens to be absent on this day, have no worries, photo re-take day is on **Friday, November 17th , 2017.**





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	25	26	27 Assembly	28	29 Enrollment count/ Spirit Day/ Friend- ship Break- fast/Terry Fox Run	30
1	2	3	4	5	6 Picture Day	7
8	9 Thanksgiv- ing	10	11	12	13 Progress Re- ports go home	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 PD DAY	21
22	23	24	25 Assembly	26	27 Spirit Day/ Friendship Breakfast	28
29	30	31 Halloween				

Spirit Day/Friendship Breakfast/Terry Fox:

On Friday, September 29th, 2017 BES will be holding it's first spirit day of the 2017-2018 school year! Students and staff alike will start the day off with a communal Friendship Breakfast in the gym. Each student is asked to bring in one breakfast food item to contribute to our breakfast. Some suggested food items are: juice, milk, dry cereals, muffins, bagels, cream cheese, croissants, cheese, paper plates, plastic cutlery, cups, margarine and fruit. ***Please ensure that all food items are nut/peanut free. Students and staff will wear their BES t-shirts to show off our school pride! In the afternoon, we will be holding our Terry Fox Run. Students are asked to dress according to the weather and bring an extra water bottle. Pledge forms will be distributed to students by their homeroom teacher. Last year our Terry Fox run raised \$593.70. Our goal for this year is \$1000.



Play Structure:

We are hopeful, with news directly from the manufacturing company that our Play Structure will arrive on September 25th. Look out for our new and stylish structure sometime in early October!



Remind:

In an effort to keep parents informed, Buckingham Elementary School encourages parents to subscribe to REMIND services to receive important alerts or reminders through text messages or email. REMIND is a free, safe, easy to use communication tool that will allow BES to connect directly with you instantly by email or text. Please note you are not required to share your phone number or email address to receive REMIND services. Your contact information is not available to the school or to other members of the parent community. For more information please visit www.remind.com

To receive messages via text: To receive messages via text, text@shalpin to (819) 801-0335. You can opt-out of messages at any time by replying, 'unsubscribe @shalpin'.

To receive messages via e-mail: Or to receive messages via email, send an email to shalpin@mail.remind.com. To unsubscribe, reply 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.

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Medication Policy:

Medication cannot be given to students unless we have a doctor's note or prescription (the information on the pharmacist's label -child's name, dosage, doctor's name is adequate). Parents are required to fill out a medication consent form prior to the administration of the medication. Medication must be brought to the school by the parents and not carried by the student on the school bus. Medication must be brought to the office and administered by the school secretary. Antibiotics, aspirin, eye/ear drops or cough medicine cannot be administered by the school. It may be possible to get a prescription from your doctor for medicine that can be given at home and not during school hours.

Ambulance: If we need to call an ambulance for your child, the parents will be billed directly and be responsible for payment.

Address/Telephone Changes: Please notify the school when you have an address change or a change in home or work telephone numbers. These should be updated immediately so the office will be able to contact the parent or guardian in case of an emergency.

