

# *Bears Newsletter*

March 14, 2024

Burton Elementary School

Volume 7

Happy March, Bears!

Welcome to the March edition of our newsletter! As we begin to wake up and stretch after winter hibernation, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've shared so far this school year and express my gratitude for our staff, students and your ongoing support and dedication to our Bears' Den. We are approaching the much-anticipated Spring Break, and we hope you all take the time to rest and relax. The break is an excellent chance for renewal and connection and for us to recharge our batteries.

This month, we had many enriching experiences in the Bears' Den for our students, aimed at nurturing their curiosity, creativity, and academic excellence. From Metis artist Patrick Alexandre to our field trip to join Edgewood, each day presents an opportunity for our students to expand their horizons and discover the joy of learning.

It's that time of year again – March learning updates are here! As we reflect on our student's progress and achievements, we are filled with pride and gratitude for their hard work and dedication. Your child's accomplishments are a testament to their resilience and the work of our fantastic team at BES. We encourage you to take the time to review your child's report card together, celebrating their accomplishments and discussing any areas where they may need additional support or encouragement.

We bid farewell to Mr. J with mixed emotions as his family embarks on a new chapter. Mr. J. has been an invaluable member of our teaching team, bringing his passion, engaging lessons, and creativity to the classroom every day. We look forward to welcoming him back. During his absence, our dedicated team, now including The Wonderful Mrs. Jackson, will continue to provide quality education and support to our students.

As partners in your child's education, I encourage you to continue to engage in their learning journey. Your involvement plays a crucial role in their success and well-being, whether through conversations about their day, participation in school events, or support with homework.

Wishing you all a safe, joyful, and rejuvenating Spring Break

Warm regards,

Brent Cook



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2-4

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5-7

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Jodi McLean

Ms. Wallis' class

Carol Fox

Mr. Johnston's class

### **Librarian**

Susan Bampton

### **Strongstart/Seamless Day After-school**

Lora Mae Swanson

### **Custodian**

Brandi Mighton

### **Bus Driver**

Theresa Wanstall

**Please  
remember to  
notify the office  
when your  
child(ren) will be  
absent from  
school**



## **UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

**Mar 14th:** **Report cards go home**  
**Last day of intermediate basketball club**

**Mar 18th-Apr 1st:** **Spring Break: School closed**

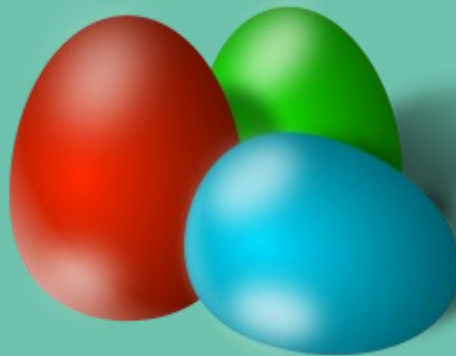


**Mar 29th:** **Good Friday**

**April 1st:** **Easter Monday: Happy Easter! No School**

**April 2nd:** **School back in-session**

**April 5th:** **Switch week: School in-session**  
**\*\* Only 1 more Friday session after this!**



Hot Lunch/Breakfast Menu

Week of:	Tuesday- Hot Lunch	Wednesday- Hot Breakfast	Thursday- Hot Lunch
<b>March 11<sup>th</sup>:</b>	At EES	French Toast Casserole	Chili
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Hotdog Day	Baked Oatmeal	Pancakes & Smoothies
<b>April 8<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Chicken Caesar Wraps	Sausage & Eggs	Tator Tacos
<b>April 15:</b>	Chicken Burgers	Pancakes & Smoothies	Corn Dogs

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Come have fun with Ms. Lora Mae during our after-school care program at BES. It runs Monday-Thursday from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Registration is now open to all BES students from K-7. Full-time and part-time spots are available. \$15/day.

Please contact the office or Lora Mae directly to register.



# Community News



## Burton Spring 2024 Program

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Young Explorers for Kindergarten – Grade 3		Friday Stories for Kindergarten – Grade 3		Wild Fridays for Grades 4-7		Pro D Day Bushcraft Camps for ages 8 and up
Tuesdays after school  3:30pm-5:30pm (2 hours)		On school-free Fridays (not including ProD Days & March Break) 9am – 12pm (3 hours)		On school-free Fridays (not including ProD Days & March Break) 1pm-4pm (3 hours)		Introduction to Knife Skills and Fire Starting February 16, 10am – 2pm (4 hours) \$60 per student (incl. tool use) Max. 10 students
Content*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stories &amp; songs</li> <li>- Unstructured themed play</li> <li>- Cooperative games</li> <li>- Nature Art</li> <li>- Bushcraft skills</li> <li>- Science learning</li> <li>- Nature walks</li> <li>- Reflections &amp; circle time</li> </ul> <i>*topics will depend on students' interests</i>		Content*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stories &amp; songs</li> <li>- Unstructured themed play</li> <li>- Cooperative games</li> <li>- Nature Art</li> <li>- Bushcraft skills</li> <li>- Science learning</li> <li>- Nature walks</li> <li>- Reflections &amp; circle time</li> </ul> <i>*topics will depend on students' interests</i>		Content*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Themed exploration</li> <li>- Strategy games</li> <li>- Nature art</li> <li>- Wilderness skills</li> <li>- Scientific inquiry</li> <li>- Nature walk</li> <li>- Reflections &amp; circle time</li> </ul> <i>*topics will depend on students' interests</i>		Introduction to Compass Use and Map Reading April 19, 10am – 4pm (6 hours) \$90 (per student (incl. tool use) Max. 10 students
1st Session: April 2 April 9 April 16 April 23 April 30 May 7 May 14	2nd Session: May 21 May 28 June 4 June 11 June 18 June 25	1st Session: March 1 March 8 March 15 April 12 April 26 May 3	2nd Session: May 10 May 31 June 7 June 14 June 21 June 28	1st Session: March 1 March 8 March 15 April 12 April 26 May 3	2nd Session: May 10 May 31 June 7 June 14 June 21 June 28	Introduction to Shelter Building and First Aid May 17, 10am – 4pm (6 hours) \$90 per student (incl. tool use) Max. 10 students
\$205 per student	\$175 per student	\$245 per student	\$245 per student	\$245 per student	\$245 per student	<i>*While each session builds on skills learned in the previous one, children can sign up for each session independently.</i>
Max. 20 students per session						
<b>March Break Camp</b> Ages 6-12		Monday, March 18 – Thursday, March 21 10am – 2pm (4 hours per day) \$215 per student Theme to be determined based on enrollment Max. 20 students				



## School District 10 (Arrow Lakes)

World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

### 2023-2024 School Calendar

4 Day Week

Weekends	
Statutory Holidays	
School Vacation Periods	
School NI/Pro-D Days	
Administration Day	

September 5, 2023	School Opens
September 22, 2023	School Based Pro D Day
September 30, 2023	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Stat on Oct 2, 2023)
October 9, 2023	Thanksgiving Stat
October 20, 2023	BCTF Provincial Pro D Day
November 11, 2023	Remembrance Day (Stat on Nov 13, 2023)
December 25, 2023	Winter Vacation
January 5, 2024	
January 1, 2024	New Years Day
January 8, 2024	School Opens
January 26, 2024	District - ALTA Shared Pro D Day
February 16, 2024	Regional Pro-D Day
February 19, 2024	Family Day Stat
March 18, 2024	Spring Vacation
March 28, 2024	
March 29, 2024	Good Friday Stat
April 1, 2024	Easter Monday Stat
April 19, 2024	School Based Pro D Day
May 17, 2024	School Based Pro D Day
May 20, 2024	Victoria Day Stat
June 28, 2024	Administrative Day - No School



Days of Instruction	156
Non-Instructional Days	6
Administrative Day	1
<b>Total Days in Session</b>	<b>163</b>

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JANUARY 2024							FEBRUARY 2024						
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