

# *Bears Newsletter*

September 12, 2024

Burton Elementary School

Volume 1

Hello Burton Bears!

What a joy it has been to be part of the Burton Bear learning community! We have had a smooth start with three classes of very happy children! Every day, I do a learning hunt through each classroom, and I've been very impressed with the positive tone and engaged learning going on!

This week, we had some exciting full-school activities. The community walk on Take Me Outside Tuesday was invigorating, and our trip to the community garden was equally rewarding. Our students' hard work resulted in a bountiful harvest, demonstrating our children's dedication to our community.

Mr. Michael Garvey, our Indigenous Elder at Arrow Lakes School District, spent a day in the Southern Zone. This year, his focus will include the Grandfather Teachings, which examine how we can enact values like respect, courage, and honesty in our lives.

This coming Tuesday is BES Photo Day. Information will follow regarding ordering photos.

We are excited about our Terry Fox Run on September 19. This event is not just a run but a symbol of hope and unity. We encourage you to participate and donate your toonies for Terry, which will be donated to cancer research. Let's run for a cause and make a difference!

On September 26, we will observe Orange Shirt Day. This is a day to celebrate how "Every Child Matters." We will learn from Phyllis Webstad's powerful story and strive to create a more inclusive and empathetic community.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I'm reminded of how an attitude of gratitude changes our brains, improving our mental health. When my kids were little, we used to take turns sharing something we were grateful for each day at the end of dinner. I encourage you to give it a try!

Have a great week, and I hope to see you at our monthly assemblies!

Tim Van Brummelen

Principal, Burton and Edgewood Elementary Schools



# Burton Elementary School

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Please  
remember to  
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when your  
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## **UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

- Sept 17th:**                    **Student Photos @ 8:45am (subject to weather)**  
**Take me outside Tuesday @ 9:45am**
- Sept 19th:**                    **Terry Fox Run @ 8:45am \*Parents welcome to join**
- Sept 24th:**                    **Photo retakes (subject to weather)**  
**Assembly/Open House @ 2:45pm**  
**\*\* Parents welcome to attend**
- Sept 26th:**                    **Orange Shirt Day**
- Sept 30th:**                    **No School– National Day of Truth & Reconciliation**
- Oct 4th:**                      **BES in-session**



# Hot lunch menu: Sept-Oct

HOT LUNCH MENU							
MONDAYs		TUESDAYs		WEDNESDAYs		THURSDAYs	
16-Sep	Corn Dogs	17-Sep	Baked Macaroni	18-Sep	Pizza	19-Sep	Chicken Ceasar Wraps
23-Sep	Lasagna	24-Sep	Chicken Burgers	25-Sep	Shepards Pie	26-Sep	Spaghetti
30-Sep	Pancakes & Smoothies	01-Oct	Grilled Chz & Tators	02-Oct	BigMac Wraps	03-Oct	Hotdogs
07-Oct	Burgers	08-Oct	Soft Tacos	09-Oct	French Toast Bake	10-Oct	Thanksgiving Lunch
14-Oct		15-Oct	Baked Macaroni	16-Oct	Pizza	18-Oct	Chicken Ceasar Wraps
21-Oct	Stir Fry	22-Oct	Lasagna	23-Oct	Grilled Chz & Tators	24-Oct	Pancakes & Smoothies
28-Oct	Hotdogs	29-Oct	Soft Tacos	30-Oct	Shepards Pie	31-Oct	Halloween Treat 

\*All meals served with fresh fruit or veggies\*



# TAKE ME OUTSIDE TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday morning at approximately 8:40am, BES will take part in an outdoor activity. While the weather is nice we will do our running/walking loop(s). As the seasons change, so will our outdoor exercise. Please try and remember to dress your child(ren) for the weather.



# Our first week






**School District 10**  
**Arrow Lakes**

**2024-2025 School Calendar**

4 Day Week

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



September 2, 2024	Labour Day
September 3, 2024	School Opens
September 27, 2024	School Based Pro D Day
September 30, 2024	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 14, 2024	Thanksgiving
October 25, 2024	BCTF Provincial Pro D Day
November 11, 2024	Remembrance Day
December 23, 2024	Winter Vacation
January 3, 2025	
January 1, 2025	New Years Day
January 6, 2025	School Opens
January 24, 2025	District - ALTA Shared Pro D Day
February 14, 2025	Regional Pro-D Day
February 17, 2025	Family Day Stat
March 17, 2025	Spring Vacation
March 28, 2025	
April 4, 2025	School Based Pro D Day
April 18, 2025	Good Friday Stat
April 21, 2025	Easter Monday
May 16, 2025	School Based Pro D Day
May 19, 2025	Victoria Day Stat
June 27, 2025	Administrative Day



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

July 2024							August 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER 2024							OCTOBER 2024						
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29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

NOVEMBER 2024							DECEMBER 2024						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				

JANUARY 2025							FEBRUARY 2025						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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MARCH 2025							APRIL 2025						
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30	31												

MAY 2025							JUNE 2025						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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