Burkevale Protestant Separate School

April Newsletter 2026

Welcome Spring!

Spring is a time of renewal, and just as the trees begin to bud, our students are also flourishing. In the classroom and beyond, growth often comes from taking risks and embracing new possibilities.
Let this season inspire you to step outside your comfort zone. Whether you are a student or a parent, we encourage you to try something new that excites and inspires you!

Spring Reminders

Along with spring comes the opening of the playground equipment, the muddy mess in our yard, and many new mud puddles! Please encourage students to wear appropriate rain gear and bring extra clothes, for the wet weather that is ahead.

Upcoming Events

- April 3rd Good Friday
- April 5th Easter Monday
- April 10th Grade 7 Vaccinations
- April 10th - Grade 1L Forest School
- April 17th - Grade 1B Forest School
- April 21st & 23rd Ball Hockey
- April 22nd Grade 7&8 @ St. T's Musical
- April 23rd - Manie-Musicale Dance 6:00-7:30 (Gr. 4,5,6)
- April 24th PA Day

< Click for our full April Calendar

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Graduation

The grade 8 graduation is scheduled for June 24th, 2026, at the school. Details to follow. There will be 4 guests maximum per child in most circumstances. Please notify the office if there are extenuating circumstances in your family, or if you will not be using your maximum guest allotment.
smcivor@pssbp.ca or 705-549-7456

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration is still open for the next school year on the board website:
www.pssbp.ca
The Kindergarten @ Burkevale evening is scheduled for
May 14th 2026
from 5:30-7:00pm
Save the date!

Grandfather Teaching

Our school community is focusing on the Grandfather Teaching of ***Respect*** (**Mnaadendimowin**), which is represented by the Buffalo.
What does it mean to show respect? Respect means treating others with kindness and care. We show respect by listening to others and considering their thoughts, feelings, and well-being. The Buffalo is a powerful symbol of respect, as it places the needs and survival of others before its own by giving and sharing all that it has. Because of this selflessness, the Buffalo represents the value of respect.

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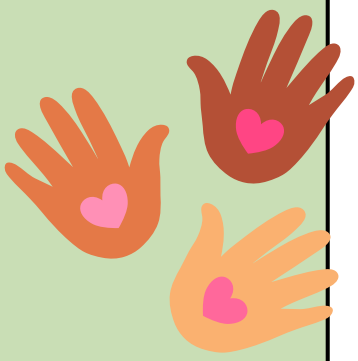
Community Matters!

Thank You: On behalf of our students and staff, we would like to thank the Covenant Church for their ongoing support. We would also like to thank Towne Towing for generously donating their time and truck for the Winterama parade. Furthermore, we would like to thank Tim Hortons, The Knights of Columbus and The Lion's Club for their on-going donations for Eat Well to Excel. Finally, thanks to the School Council for the members' support and hard work. We are so blessed and grateful to have such amazing community partners.

Kindness Matters!

Integrating kindness into our daily routine does more than just brighten the classroom; it actually reshapes our brains! According to research from the Greater Good Science Center at UC Berkeley, practicing kindness releases oxytocin and dopamine, reducing stress and helping students feel more focused and connected. Thank you to our amazing kindness ambassadors who continue to try and spread kindness throughout our school yard while they don their toques.



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Webinar 2 – April 10: Conversations about vaping

Webinar 3 – May 7: Conversations about body image

Webinar 4 – June 5: Conversations about anxiety

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