



BURNETT W.A.A.C

January 30 – February 3, 2023

Monday January 30	Tuesday January 31	Wednesday February 1	Thursday February 2	Friday February 3
(School Closed) PRO-D Day	(School Closed) Semester Turnaround	(ABCD) First Day of Semester 2	(ABCD) No BLT	(ABCD)
8:30am – 9:00am Welcome/Breakfast (Multipurpose)	Preparing for Semester 2 (Burnett Staff)	Semester 1 Final Marks due @ 8:30am	Burnett PAC Meeting Library @ 7pm (or Teams)	Dry Grad Early-Bird Price Deadline
9:00am – 11:30am First People's Perspectives: From Poster to Practice	International Student Orientation & School Tours at 11am	Burnett Grade 8 Basketball Tournament @ 1pm to 6pm (Gym)	Burnett Grade 8 Basketball Tournament @ 1pm to 6pm (Gym)	Burnett Grade 8 Basketball Tournament @ 1pm to 6pm (Gym)
11:30am – 3:30pm Lunch & Departmental Meetings		Crush Can Fundraising by Student Council (Feb 1 to Feb 10)		
		Ski-Trip to Grouse Mtn 3pm to 10pm		

Every student, every day, whatever it takes!

“Your mind is precious. It has the power to unlock infinite possibilities.”
Joel Annesley

Success gets into our head and changes it. This is a simple and proven concept. Neuroscientists have shown time and again, that the human brain can and will re-wire itself in response to experiences. This re-wiring phenomenon, known as neuroplasticity, is especially triggered by “success,” positive feedback.

Neurons in the brain, specifically the ones in the prefrontal cortex and the striatum, keep track of recent successes, and they play a role in guiding the learning when the next time an opportunity to learn comes up.

As educators and parents, it is important to understand this link between success, increased brain activity and new learning. It does not matter how big or small a success is. All accomplishments release the neurotransmitter dopamine which boosts your mood, motivation, and attention. It also signals you to keep doing the activity again and again. Neural processing in the brain improves after a recent success. The brain craves new learning after recent success.

Success causes the gray matter in our brain to become “plastic”, and to begin changing which leads to new learning. Equally important and this may surprise many, that the opposite of success, failure, has no impact. Failure does not re-wire the brain and the brain is not activated when we fail. Neural processing doesn't improve after a failure; there is no impact on the brain; the brain does not crave new learning after failure.

This does not mean that we ignore or avoid failure and only focus on success. Although failure doesn't activate the brain, it does help us understand why we are not successful. Reflecting on failures helps us identify behaviors and actions that led us to a lack of success. Reflecting on failures, challenges us to change our process, our behaviour and approach so that we can overcome and succeed. However, it is true that learning from failure is not as good as learning from success. Exposing students to success will give them the best chance to learn. *Championing Students and Their Learning*

Program Planning Timeline 2023 – 2024

February 7	Program Planning for Grade 11 during CT
February 9	Program Planning for Grade 10 during CT
February 14	Program Planning for Grade 9 during BLT
February 16	Program Planning for Grade 8 during BLT
February 16	6:30pm – Program Planning Meeting/ School Tours 7:00pm – Meet the Teacher
February 28	Deadline to enter requests & submit online forms
March/April	Grade 7 Basketball & Volleyball Tournament
April	Grade 7 Transition Meetings

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 30	Pro D Day (School Closed to students)
Jan 31	Teacher Preparation Day Semester 2 (School Closed to students)
Feb 1	First Day of Semester 2
Feb 1	All Marks due in MyEd BC by 8:30am
Feb 6	Staff Meeting @ 3:10pm (Library)
Feb 6	Semester 1 Final Report Cards Published
Feb 7	Staff Collaboration Day (Students start at 9:30am)
Feb 7	SBT Meeting @ Lunch
Feb 9	Staff Collaboration Day (Students start at 9:30am)
Feb 13	Ed. Facilitators @ Lunch
Feb 15	Re-Imagining Secondary Schools @ 3:15 in the Library
Feb 16	Semester 2 Meet the Teacher
Feb 17	Pro-D Day (School Closed to Students)
Feb 20	BC Family Day (School Closed)
Feb 21	SBT Meeting @ Lunch
Feb 21	Health & Safety Meeting @ Lunch
Feb 22	SCC Meeting @ Lunch
Feb 22	Pink Shirt Day (ACT)
Feb 24	Conference Day

First Day of Semester 2 February 1, 2023

We look forward to welcoming students for Semester 2. All students will follow their schedule which is visible on MyEducation BC and in the pdf timetables sent out via email. We are currently on VERSION 2, which was sent on Friday, January 27. VERSION 3 will be sent on January 31. We value the importance of communication and are sending pdf timetables with version numbers to keep everyone updated. We thank everyone for continuing to use our online course correction request form. All requests are reviewed, and students and parents have been receiving status updates throughout the process. A reminder that the course correction request form closes on February 2@4pm.

Communicating Student Learning

Final evaluations of student learning for Semester 1 courses will published in MyEd BC on February 6th. Please ensure you have access to MyEd BC. Also, before we turn our attention to Semester 2 classes, please take amount to reflect on learning and teaching that has occurred in Semester 1. For teachers and students, this is an opportunity to celebrate their successes, learning, hard work, and determination.

Report Card Timeline – Semester 1 Final

Jan 27	Last day of Semester 1
Jan 27 - Feb 1	Prepare to enter Final marks/comments in MyEdBC
Feb 1	All marks and comments posted in MyEdBC
February 2–5	Admin/counselling review of all report cards
February 3	Additional attachments due to office
February 6	Semester 1 Final Report Cards published MyEdBC

Buy your Dry Grad 2023 Ticket

Please encourage grade 12 students to buy their Dry Grad tickets. It is one last opportunity for our Grads to celebrate together safely as a class on June 2, 2023. There will be games, food, and prizes. Early-bird pricing ends on February 3, 2023. Please purchase tickets through School Cash Online or see Ms. Trouw to pay by cash or cheque.

School Fees

Parents will receive fee statements for any required fees that are still outstanding for Semester 1 and past years. If you have questions about any of the fees, please contact our Business Assistant, Mrs. Trouw. Fines for lost textbooks will be removed if the textbooks are returned to the library.