

# October 17 – October 21, 2022



# BURNETT WAAAG

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**Every student, every day, whatever it takes!**  
*"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."*  
 Henry Ford

With Parent-Teacher Conferences fast approaching on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, we are reminded that education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students, and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.

Education begins at home, with parents that recognize that they are ultimately responsible to ensure that their children are well educated. We work together to achieve this goal of educating the young, and we stand together in setting high expectations, and making every effort to ensure every child is given an opportunity to meet their potential. A great way to synchronize our efforts between home and school is to take advantage of *Parent-Teacher Conferences*. When parents and teachers work together, the impact on student progress can be significant. This parent-teacher partnership, like any other, won't work without communication.

Report cards typically don't provide a complete picture of a student's progress: more is required. At Burnett, parents are encouraged to advocate for their child, help them set goals, and, most importantly, be knowledgeable about what is happening at Burnett and in their child's education. We encourage parents to introduce themselves to the teacher. We encourage open communication between parents and teachers because it will benefit the student and aid the learning process.

We know that parents have key insights about their child's strengths and weaknesses. They can often help provide context to classroom concerns. Invest time in parent-teacher communication and the payoff will be greater student success. *At Burnett we "Champion Students and their Learning."*

- Staff: Helping a Student Who Is Struggling Academically:**
1. Get the student's parents involved early. Call home if a student is not being successful and make another call home when the student shows improvement. *"Challenge: send a personal email home for each struggling student."*
  2. Try to meet "one on one" with each student who is struggling in your class to develop a learning plan.
  3. Provide opportunities for students to self-reflect on their experiences in class (What can they do to improve?).
  4. Ask students and parents how you can help.
  5. Look for underlying problems (learning gaps, misunderstandings, etc. in the student's learning).
  6. Follow up with other teachers, counsellors, and administrators to get a better understanding of each struggling student.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Oct 17 Innovation Grant Applications due
- Oct 17 Ed Fac Meeting @ Lunch
- Oct 18 SBT Meeting (Lunch)
- Oct 19 Student Photo Retake (Morning)
- Oct 19 Parent Teacher Conferences (2-4pm & 6-8pm)
- Oct 20 Parent Teacher Conferences (2-4pm)
- Oct 21 Professional Development PSA Day (School Closed)
- Oct 25 Post-Secondary Institutes of BC - Mini Fair at lunch
- Oct 26 SCC Meeting
- Nov 1 SBT Meeting (Lunch)
- Nov 1 & 3 Provincial Graduation Assessments (Literacy 12)
- Nov 2 Take Our Kids To Work Day (grade 9's)
- Nov 7 Staff Meeting
- Nov 10 Remembrance Day Assembly (alternate bell schedule)
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day (School Closed)
- Nov 12 Semester 1 Term 1 suggested marks cutoff
- Nov 14 Ed Fac Meeting @ Lunch
- Nov 15 SBT Meeting (Lunch)
- Nov 16 Mid-Semester Report Card Marks Due
- Nov 21 Mid-Semester Report Card Marks Published to MyEdBC

**Parent Teacher Phone/Virtual Conferences**  
 Conferences will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. All conferences will be held by phone or virtually online. All teachers will be on site at Burnett during their phone or online conferences. Parents will be able to sign up beginning on October 14, 2022, when Interim Reports are emailed home. We will once again be using our online sign-up site, and parent instructions will be posted on the Burnett website when the sign-up page is available. Students are welcome to join parents during the Parent Teacher Conference, if they like.

**Parent Teacher Conference Sign-Up**  
 Parent-teacher conferences can be booked at [burnett.schoolappointments.com](http://burnett.schoolappointments.com) and will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Meeting links will be available under each teacher on the booking website. For more information school website [here](http://burnett.bc.ca).

- Parents: Preparing for Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- Before the conference:** Ask your child about how they feel about their school and classes. Ask your child if there is anything they wish for you to talk about with their teacher. Make a list of topics. Prepare questions to ask the teacher (i.e. Does my child have good work habits? Does my child participate in class? Is my child happy in class? How can I help?).
- During the Conference:** Ask the most important questions first. Ask for explanations of anything you don't understand. Make a follow-up plan with the teacher. End the meeting on time. Other parents will probably have a conference after yours.
- After the Conference:** Talk about the conference with your child; Talk about the positive points and be direct about concerns. Share the plan you and the teacher created and that you will keep in touch with the teacher.