



March 2019

Principal's Message

What's My Paw Print?

Hopefully, 'In like a lion and out like a lamb' holds true this month! February was such a brutal weather month. I want to thank everyone for hanging in there, and getting us through February with as little interruption to learning as humanly possible during the harsh conditions.

The entire Buffalo Trail Public Schools staff - Bus contractors/drivers, Teachers, Support Staff, Custodians, and all Central Services staff attended a 'Go-to' Educator Training last month. This training focuses on the mental health competencies and awareness of such issues from the start of the day to the end of our day. Administrators and Inclusive Learning Coordinators spent another 2 days digging deeper into understanding and recognizing potential mental health issues in youth.

The focus was on schools who can play an important role in mental health promotion, prevention, early identification, and continuing care of youth who struggle with mental health issues. The training was/is targeted to staff to whom students may naturally turn for help. The training **does not diagnose** any mental health issues. It is intended to help staff facilitate effective and early identification of students at risk of mental health problems/disorders. It has been found that 'Go-to' educators, after their training, felt more confident and comfortable addressing student mental health challenges through improved knowledge and enhanced attitudes toward mental illness. Ultimately, 'Go-to' educator training enables the school setting to become part of the solution along the pathway to mental health care.

The 'Go-to' educator training has given us all a deeper understanding of mental health care. It allowed us to understand the difference between 'Distress' and 'Illness'. We will all suffer from some sort of mental health issue in our lives. Actually, we will suffer from many such issues. Exams, deaths, marriage, children, driving in heavy traffic - Edmonton Oilers - ok - that was too obvious. The point here is that we need to get rid of the stigma when we hear, 'Mental Health'.

The world of Mental Health is changing by the minute. Our understanding of the brain is just beginning. Practices of ten years ago are now considered silly. Ten years from now who knows what will be discovered as we unlock the secrets of the brain. This training has opened our eyes to a different perspective and a better understanding of behaviors of our youth and brain function. Hopefully we will be able to use our new knowledge to the benefit of all of our students towards better health care.

A few dates to keep in mind for March. March 4th will be Parent/Teacher Night. Times run from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Teacher Convention will be March 7th and 8th so there will be no school for our students. March 22nd is a Professional Development day so again there will be no school for students. March 24th to 30th is our annual Music Festival.

If you don't know about MOMO - you need to. To find out more go to: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

Calendar of Events

Monday, Mar. 4 – Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 7 – Teacher Convention – no school for students

Friday, Mar. 8 – Teacher Convention – no school for students

Friday, Mar. 15 – Breakfast for the whole school

- Sub Sale

Thursday, Mar. 21 – Pizza Sale

Friday, Mar. 22 – Professional Development Day – no school for students

Tuesday, Apr. 2 – Drama Dinner Theatre - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 3 – Drama Performance – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 4 – Rescheduled Grade 6-9 Ski Trip – Leave 6:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 10 – Kindergarten Registration – 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Apr. 15 – Pizza Sale

Tuesday, Apr. 16 – Sub Sale

Wednesday, Apr. 17 – Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- Spring Photos/Grad – Cap and Gown - 9:00 a.m.

- Scholastic Library Book Fair – 3:30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 18 – Last Day of classes before Easter Break

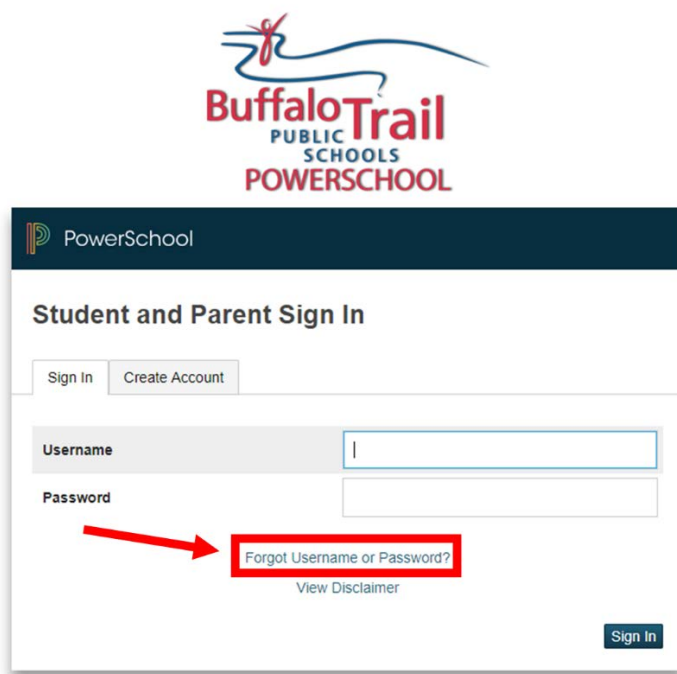
Monday, Apr. 29 – First Day of classes after Easter Break

Snack Attack

If anyone is interested in helping with Snack Attack in the morning, please contact the school at 780-753-6824 and Terri will get back to you.

Parent Portal

Online access to attendance and marks for your children is available. – The BTPS Parent Portal is what you need!! Whether you are creating an account for the first time or adding a new child to an existing account, contact the school and we can get the necessary information emailed to you. Perhaps you have an account, but are unsure of the username or password --- go to the BTPS Parent Portal log in page and click on Forgot Username or Password and you will receive an automated email with the info you need.



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Once you have an account, you may also be interested in using the PowerSchool Mobile app which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. To log into the app, you will need our district code which is GFST.

BTPS Electronic Reporting of Information FAQs

Please click the link below for more details:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/181RWJld2iKnk_lz2hfkSI4-9ESkuk-JUstKwYv3NCXI/edit?usp=sharing

PROVOST PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



It's time to register your child for the
2019 - 2020 school year.

Join us for our
**OFFICIAL MEET & GREET
REGISTRATION NIGHT**

Wednesday, April 10th

6:30 PM

You can pick up your registration form, in advance from the office,
and bring it to the April 10th Meet and Greet.



*...a fun place to
play and learn!*

PROVOST PUBLIC SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

Pirates! **The Musical**

DINNER THEATRE

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 @ 5:30 pm

Adults: \$35.00 Kids: \$15.00 (under 10)

Advance Tickets Only!

Please contact any Drama Club Member or call the PPS
office for tickets



EVENING PERFORMANCE

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Provost Public School Gymnasium

Admission: \$5.00 per person—all ages!

Tickets Available at the Door!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear Parents, Family and Friends,

We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us.

This is a family event where you'll find books for every person in your family. Every family that buys books will have their name entered into a draw for free books.

Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the Book Fair, up to \$6.00 goes back to our School library?

Dates: April 17, 2019

Times: 3:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Location: Provost Public School Library

Please come and join us. Bring your friends and neighbors.

Everyone welcome!

Aylene Jago

PPS Learning Commons Facilitator



LEADERSHIP

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CHAMPIONS**
how better gets better and better

Learn

This month, your child's mentor will use their life experiences as a leader on their team and in the worldwide sport community to talk about how your child can develop the qualities of a good leader.

Your child will explore how they can be a leader in their own community. Helping children to develop leadership skills allows them to focus, learn to be courageous, and achieve their goals.



Ask

- What qualities does a good leader have?
- How can kids be leaders?
- Who is a leader in our community?
- Why is it important to do the right thing even when nobody is watching?

98% of teachers reported that Classroom Champions improved their students' ability to take responsibility for their own behavior.

Share

Discuss role models your family looks up to, and talk about why.

Explore with your child any qualities they already have that will help them be a good leader.

Talk about any leadership roles you've had, and what you learned that could help your child succeed.

www.classroomchampions.org



Happy St. Patrick's Day

