

April 6, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians of Burnsview students.

I hope that you all had a great Spring Break. I have heard from many students of great experiences that they were involved in and from others that the break was “laid back” and they used the time to rest and catch up.

I wanted to take a few moments to inform you of two staffing changes that have occurred over Spring Break and also inform you of a significant schedule change that is being planned for next school year.

Unfortunately, Ms. Greenwood has taken a medical leave for the rest of the school year. We welcome Ms. Fehlauer back to Burnsview as she has stepped in to complete the school year in Ms. Greenwood’s absence.

Mr. Uzama, who has been teaching Computer Science as part of the grade 8 Explorations rotation, will also not be returning. Ms. Seip will be teaching Mr. Uzama’s Block A class and Mr. O’Hara will be teaching the Block B class through to the end of the school year.

You may be aware that most of the secondary schools in Delta have included a form of student Flex Time into their daily schedules. Hearing of the improvements in student achievement and other successes that these Delta schools are attributing to the inclusion of Flex Time, our staff decided to look further into this. Over the past two school years our staff members have researched Flex Time and have outlined a structure that best ensures that our students are able to make very good use of the time. In brief, we are referring to Burnsview “Flex Time” as ‘Individualized Learning Time’. This is a 40 minute time slot, provided four days a week, where students are able to take greater control of their learning and focus this time in the class or curricular area where they best feel they need further support and development. To help ensure students have access to the supports they need, students will be able to sign up in advance. As this is instructional time, all staff will be involved in working with students during this time and all students are expected to be in a class. Attendance will be taken and tracked for students. Please see the [Flex Time document](#) for further explanation.

For parents/guardians who would like further information about the inclusion of Individualized Learning Time into our schedule and what this will look like for our students, we will be presenting this information at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 26th, prior to our PAC meeting which starts at 7:00 pm.

Finally, I would like to once again remind our community that Burnsview is a seafood free school. Due to severe, life threatening, airborne allergies that affect some of our students, we cannot have fish or shellfish at Burnsview. Please do not include these items in student lunches or snacks.

Thank you,

Don Younger
Principal