Burford Co-op PRESCHOOL & Children's Centre

October Newsletter 2026

On Friday, October 30th, all infant, toddler, & preschool children are asked to bring in their Halloween costumes. Staff are planning some Halloween fun for all classrooms. One activity is a Centre Halloween parade whereby the children walk around the different classrooms, in their costumes, and receive Halloween treats. Peanut free treats can be shared with classmates to take home, provided they are purchased from a store and individually wrapped. The children from the Half-Day Preschool Program are asked to bring their Halloween costumes on Thursday, October 29th for their Halloween festivities.

As Burford Co-op Preschool & Children's Centre is a non-profit organization, parents and guardians are required to fundraise in order to maintain the Centre's charitable status. Fundraisers help to provide funds for the purchase of new games, books, toys and other purchases that enhance your child's preschool experience.

We will officially be rolling out our Fall fundraisers on November 2nd and they will run until November 20th. We will do Purdy's Chocolatier and Konzelmann Wines fundraisers. Our official starting date for both fundraisers is November 2nd. but families can begin placing orders with Purdy's Chocolatier now. Both fundraisers will close on November 20th/26. Paper copies of the Purdy's Chocolatier fundraiser are available as well as the electronic version. Please press on the icons below to open the catalogues and order forms.

KonzelmannBooklet (1).pdf

https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000033635

Products will be delivered in plenty of time for Christmas.

The Avgen Gift Card program is an ongoing fundraiser throughout each year. AVGEN Order Forms are available at the bottom of this newsletter. Parents simply check off whatever gift cards they choose, scan and email a copy of the order form to the preschool, and e-transfer the total amount owing to the invoicebcoopre@outlook.com email address. Gift cards usually arrive within a week of the order being placed. A percentage of each gift card goes directly to the Preschool while still giving the full amount of the gift card to the parent. It is a win-win situation. Parents are strongly encouraged to purchase these gift cards for their everyday purchases such as groceries, gas, and Tim Horton's. Avgen gift cards are also an easy Christmas present for those people who are hard to buy for. The next Avgen gift card order will be placed on November 16th/26.

Avgen gift cards that are usually available for purchase in the office are:

$25.00 Tim Horton cards
$25.00 Dollarama cards
$25.00 Esso gas cards
$100.00 Loblaw's, Zehrs, No Frills, Independent, Valu-Mart, National Grocers, grocery cards
$25.00 Canadian Tire cards
$25.00 Starbucks cards

The Preschool has a membership with the Scholastic Book Club. Scholastic books are very reasonably priced, and they have a huge selection to choose from every month. The Book orders are digital which is makes purchasing very easy. The digital flyers are available online at https://bookclubs.scholastic.ca/en/home To order, the code for the Preschool is RC198482. If families have questions or require assistance, they are able to contact the Customer Service Department at 1-800-268-3860 Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm EST or by email at custserve@scholastic.ca.

November 20th is the next elementary school P.A. Day. Please email the Preschool at burfordcooperative@bellnet.ca if you would like your JK/SK, or school-aged child added to the attendance for that day.

Our **A**nnual **G**eneral **M**eeting will be scheduled shortly. Mhairi will send out a separate email regarding a date and time. At this meeting the membership will be required to possibly elect 2 new Directors to serve on the Board. Our current Board of Directors would like families to consider becoming a member of the Board of Directors for 2027.

The Board of Directors consists of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 7 directors. The purpose of the Board of Directors is to oversee the management of the affairs and business of the Co-operative. Board Members meet once a month and meetings are through ZOOM, from the comfort of everyone's homes. The current Board began their meetings at 8 p.m. Meetings generally last an hour or less.

As the cooler weather is upon us, the grass is very wet in the mornings. Please bring mitts, hats, outdoor shoes, or rain boots, & splash pants, for your child, and remember to LABEL, LABEL, and LABEL. Without names on clothing, all of those boots and splash pants look very much alike. We also request that all children have a pair of indoor shoes in their backpacks. We do have fire drills once each month and the children learn that we evacuate the building as quickly as possible; there is no time to stop to put shoes on. Indoor specific shoes also keep our floors much cleaner. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Although it is only October, we would like to remind families know that the Centre will be closing at the end of the day on Wednesday, December 23rd, 2026, and will re-open on Monday, January 4th, 2027. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

Thank you for your support.

Apple (Canada only)		50	2.5%
Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's		50	7.0%
Bath & Body Works		25	6.0%
Best Buy - also in $100		25	2.0%
Boston Pizza - also in $100		25	7.0%
Canadian Tire, Canadian Tire Gas Bar		25	4.0%
		50	4.0%
		100	4.0%
Cara - Bier Market, East Side Mario's, Fionn MacCool's, Harvey's, Kelsey's, The Landing, Montana's, NYF, Pickle Barrel, Swiss Chalet - also in $100		25	5.0%
		50	5.0%
Chapter's, Indigo, Coles also in $10, $50		25	7.0%
The Children's Place, Gymboree		25	9.0%
Cineplex, Galaxy, Famous, Coliseum, SilverCity, Colossus, Paramount Admit One		15	7.0%
Cineplex Gift Card - also in $10		25	4.0%
Dollarama - also in $10, $50		25	3.0%
Earls Restaurants		25	7.0%
Esso, Mobil, On The Run Also available in $500		25	2.5%
		50	2.5%
		100	2.5%
Esso Price Privilege Card. 500 Litres at 5 cents off		25	25.0%
Fairmont Hotels - also in $100, $500 - up to $2000		50	3.5%
Gap brands, Old Navy, Banana Republic, Athleta - some $50 available		25	5.0%
Giant Tiger, Tigre Geant, Scott's Discount, Chez Tante Marie - also in $25		50	3.0%
Home Depot - also in $500 - up to $2000		25	3.0%
		100	3.0%
Home Hardware - also in $500 - up to $3000		25	3.5%
		100	3.5%
The Keg		25	7.0%
		50	7.0%
		100	7.0%
Kernels Popcorn - two for one coupon provided when available		10	7.0%
LCBO ONTARIO ONLY- also some $50		100	5.0%
Loblaws, No Frills, Zehrs, Fortinos, Valu-mart, Extra Foods, Independent, Atlantic / Real Canadian Superstore, Maxi, Provigo, Real Canadian Wholesale, National Grocers, SaveEasy, SuperValu - also in $10, $25		50	3.5%
		100	3.5%
		250	3.5%
Longos		50	3.5%
Mark's Work Warehouse, L'Equipeur - akso in $25		50	7.0%
McDonald's Restaurants - also in $10		25	3.0%
Metro, Food Basics - also in $25, $250		50	3.5%
		100	3.5%
M & M Food Market - also in $50		25	4.0%
Moxies Classic Grill		25	10.0%
ONE4ALL - also $100, one4allcard.ca to see all 20 retailers. Limited QTY		25	5.0%
Petro-Canada		25	2.0%
		50	2.0%
		100	2.0%
Pizza Pizza - also in $100		25	10.0%
Rona, Reno-Depot - also available in $100, $500		25	2.5%
Roots		25	10.0%

Sephora		50	3.0%
Shell Canada also available in $100		50	2.5%
The Shoe Company, DSW		25	7.0%
Shoppers Drug Mart / Pharmaprix		25	3.0%
		100	3.0%
SIR CORP - Jack Astor's, Alice Fazooli's, Far Niente, Reds, Canyon Creek, The Loose Moose		25	8.0%
Sobeys, IGA, Foodland, FreshCo, Lawtons Drugs, Thrifty Foods, Safeway, Needs - also in $250		25	4.0%
		50	4.0%
		100	4.0%
Sport Chek, Atmoshere - also in $100 up to $2500		25	3.5%
Staples Business Depot - also in $100		25	3.5%
Starbucks - also in $10 and $50		25	5.0%
Subway - also in $10		25	3.0%
Tim Hortons - also in $10, $15, $20, $100		25	4.0%
		50	4.0%
Ultramar, Pioneer, Fast Gas & Chevron multi brand - also available in $100		50	2.5%
Walmart - also in $25 and $250		50	3.0%
		100	3.0%
WaySpa		50	15.0%
Winners, Home Sense, Marshalls - also available in $50		25	7.0%
		100	7.0%