

Mission Statement

Every child at Butler School has the right to be the best that they can be. Our aim is to promote education, socialization and responsible citizenship. We will strive to develop a love of learning and provide all students with the tools they need to become lifelong learners.

Butler Elementary School
19 Rix Avenue
Bedford, QC JOJ 1A0
(450) 248-2090

2009-2010
Grades K-Secondary 1

Hours of instruction: 8:10 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.



Butler Elementary School

School Community Information

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	Petra Bardon
<u>HEAD TEACHER</u>	Mary Ann Haney
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Catharine Spencer



About our School

Butler Elementary is located in the town of Bedford, about 65 km southeast of Montreal. The town of Bedford has a mixture of small businesses and large industries, while the surrounding areas tend to be rural and agricultural. Students come from Stanbridge East, St-Armand, Clarenceville, Noyan, Venice, Pike River and, of course, the town of Bedford itself. Bilingualism is an important part of the social fabric at school and in the community.

Facilities:

- A beautiful, well-stocked library staffed by dedicated volunteers
- Large gym
- Cafeteria (breakfast program and lunch)
- Resource room
- Daycare with homework support
- Music room with music instruction for all
- New community playground
- Classrooms with lots of great books

Student Enrolment: 150

Number of Staff: 18

Governing board

Chairperson: Mary Gilman

The governing board consists of five parents, three teachers, one daycare worker and one support staff. The principal is a non-voting member.

Parent Participation Organization

Chair: Nicole Blinn

Learning at our School

Academic Program

Curriculum Program

- Bilingual kindergarten program;
- Balanced literacy;
- Music and art programs;
- Computer technology is used throughout the school;
- Specialist in FSL, PE and music;
- Language arts;
- Math, science and social sciences;
- Character Bound program

French Second Language

- 450 minutes of French per week;
- PE in French in all cycles;
- Yamaha Music Program in French from grade 1 to secondary 1.

Special Needs

- Later literacy available in cycles 2 & 3;
- Tutoring available from teachers, resource teacher and volunteers.

Other

- In kindergarten and cycle 1, computers are in each class and have Internet access; iBooks integrated into cycle 3 and secondary 1 classrooms; school-wide literacy focus;

Co-Curricular Program

- Cross cycle projects
- Cross-country running
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Dance
- Track and field
- Lego Club
- Keyboard Club
- Entrepreneurial projects
- Card Making Club
- In-school & After School Homework Program
- Choir
- Lunchtime keyboard practice
- Band

School Events

- End of term student recognition
- End of year awards assembly
- Math competitions
- Hosting student teachers
- Holiday brunch fundraiser
- Class trips
- End of year BBQ
- Weekly library visits
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Theatre presentations
- Cultural, artistic workshops
- Visiting authors-illustrators-singers
- Cultural trips
- Keyboard and band concerts



STRIVING FOR SUCCESS

Vision:

Our vision is a partnership of mutual respect where students, staff, parents and other community members work together to build a caring environment where literacy thrives and individual differences are recognized.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Our community is very supportive of the school. We have a group of tireless volunteers who devote many hours to helping Butler School; from tutoring children to helping with our music and band program. The Parent Participation Organization is very present in the school and is involved in everything from fundraising to helping out and supporting many of our school activities. The governing board assists in much of the decision-making at the school and helps in developing the overall educational project for the school. Many local businesses and individuals donate money to our music program, our library, the Breakfast Program, the playground, and other school-based projects.

Thanks to a grant from the Townshippers' Association and support from our Parents Committee, our Family Literacy Book Bag Program is in its sixth year with 44 book bags. This allows our literacy program to extend into our community and support literacy in the home.

More About our Student/School Achievement

Yamaha Canada has enhanced our culture by providing a class set of state-of-the-art keyboards. All students from kindergarten to secondary 1 continue to follow the Yamaha Music Program learning to play keyboards in French. This continues to be a highly successful addition to our French program.

Between the keyboards and other band instruments, music fills our halls. We are always adding new instruments and training budding, young musicians.

Students in cycle 3, and secondary 1 have Apple iBooks, which are being incorporated into all areas of the curriculum. The Laptop Initiative continues to be a great opportunity for our students to have access to technological tools on a daily basis. It empowers students to take responsibility for their own learning, while encouraging risk-taking and problem solving. This year we have added three SMART boards to three classrooms. It is another way to add technology to the classrooms, allowing for the interactive use of technology by the students.

We have introduced new math programs from kindergarten to secondary 1.

As part of our ongoing safe school initiative, Butler's "Rules To Live By" guide how we will live our lives at Butler, making our school a caring, happy and safe environment for us all.

Butler School has wonderful classroom libraries and a school library that allow the students to develop a love of reading.

