

Starting in September-Changes to the Burwell Public Schools Newsletter!!

To cut costs and better utilize our technology resources, the District will start placing the District Newsletter on the District Website. Once you are at the District Website, there will be a link to our newsletter.

<http://www.burwellpublicschools.org>

If you would still like a hard copy of the newsletter please let the school know and a hard copy will be sent to you. It is very important that we provide up to date information to all our patrons. Thank you for your understanding.

Dan Bird, Superintendent
Burwell Public Schools

Start of School Message!!

Dan Bird

I want to take this moment and introduce the newest member of our educational team. This summer we interviewed and hired Sherry Reeve to serve as the Elementary Secretary at Burwell Elementary. Mrs. Reeve comes to Burwell Elementary with a wide range of experiences working with kids. Sherry is joined in Burwell with her husband Pastor Scott and their four children. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Reeve to her new position.

School Attendance Does Matter!!

The Nebraska Department of Education has recently released data on student assessment scores in relation to attendance. During the 2009-2010 school year, there were a total of 21,964 students who missed more than 20 days of school in the 251 school districts across the state.

- *11th Grade Students who missed MORE than 20 days, scored 72 on the Statewide Reading Assessment.
- *11th Grade Students who missed LESS than 20 days, scored 102 on the Statewide Reading Assessment.

The bottom line is there is a “direct correlation” between regular attendance at school and increased test scores. The more students are at school, the better they do on assessments.

What is New At School?

It has been a mission of this district that all students, parents, alumni and patrons of the community feel welcome here at Burwell Public Schools. It is my belief, that we are a “community school” and that we welcome your involvement in establishing a learning climate where students will excel.

With the start of the new school year, it is important to update everyone on what is new at Burwell Public Schools. There are two main items that I want to share information on because I believe they are really going to have a positive impact on our school. This fall grades K-11 will be implementing a new math series. The Saxon Math is a textbook series based on incremental development and continual review of mathematical concepts to give students time to learn and practice throughout the year. The program is built on the premise that students learn best when instruction is incremental and explicit, previously learned concepts are continually reviewed, and assessment is frequent and cumulative.

One of the key components to this new math series is the requirement of homework. There is no math homework in kindergarten, however, there will be homework in the other elementary grades. In first and second grades, it is recommended students have 10-15 minutes of homework per night. In grades three through six, fifteen problems per night. In grades 7-12 students will have approximately 30 problems per night. The key to this math series is students will learn new material but will also continually review concepts that have been taught. In researching this math series, schools that have gone to this math series have seen great strides in their student math scores. On Friday, August 12th the teachers will receive an inservice on implementing the new math series. More information will be coming home from the school as it pertains to the new math series.

During the start of this school year we are going to implement a mass communication technology system that will enable the school to more directly communicate with parents and students. Each family

can sign up to three phone numbers (land line or cell phones), two email addresses and one pager number. The school can utilize technology and send out messages to families when information is needed. An example would be when school is called off for inclement weather. The system will have multiple uses and will enable us to better communicate with you as we work through the school year. Enclosed in this newsletter is a sign up/information sheet as it pertains to our new mass communication technology system. If you have questions please do not hesitate contacting the school.

Power School/Power Grade

Burwell Public Schools will once again be using the Power School, a computerized student information system, to track attendance, grades, medical information, lunch transactions and more. Power School offers a way for parents to communicate directly with the School and the individual teachers. It can also be customized to send grade and attendance email reports to parents.

All student information is confidentially kept at the central office in the Power School system. If students or parents notice a discrepancy, in name, address, or any other information they should contact the school office at 346-4150 so that information can be updated. Likewise, if parents or students have questions about Power School they should not hesitate to contact the school.

Each student/parent will receive an individualized code to access their Power School information.

Student Fee Waivers

The District's general policy is to provide for free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution. The District also provides activities, programs, and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction.

According to the Nebraska Unicameral, the District must provide fee waivers for items that go above beyond the normal educational setting. Students who wish to have a particular fee waived must sign a Student Fee Waiver Application for each student fee you are requesting to be waived. To qualify, a student must be eligible and fill out the Free and Reduced Lunch Application. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Goodman-elementary or Mr. Owen-junior-senior high.

Transfer Policy

On June 12, 2006 the Board of Education formally adopted policy 5140 – Transfer Student Request Policy. The policy states that a parent requesting that their student transfer from one elementary building to another, must do so by completing the "Student Transfer Request Form". At this point the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will determine if the student will be allowed to transfer. All elementary students are residents of either Burwell Elementary or District 70 Elementary. When the district was consolidated five years ago the board of education determined that if an elementary student transfers from one elementary school to another no mileage would be paid.

It should be stated that the policy grandfathers present students, siblings of present students and students within the original boundaries of their district attendance at that school. It should be stated and understood that a request will not guarantee a transfer. There are provisions for the request being denied.

START OF SCHOOL INFORMATION

WELCOME to 2011-2012!

Just a short note to welcome you to Burwell Public Schools and announce some upcoming dates.

NEW STUDENTS

We would like to welcome all new students and their families. If you have questions, please do not hesitate contacting the school.

Gordon Goodman, Elementary
Principal 346-4150
ggoodman@esu10.org

Welcome Sherry Reeve as our new
Elementary Secretary

START & FINISH TIMES

Start and finish times at both Elementary Schools for the 2011-2012 School Year will remain the same as last year.

School will start at 8:15 everyday, dismissal will be at 3:15 everyday except Friday. Friday dismissal will be 2:45.

Starting in 2011-2012, the District will utilize a Mass Communication Technology System to notify parents of postponements, schedule changes and key dates and times. Please fill out the Mass Communication Technology System Form located in your handbook and return to school.



Looking forward to seeing you in 2011-2012 school year!

IMMUNIZATIONS

Remember that all new students and kindergarten students need to have updated immunization records.

Business Transactions

When purchasing milk tickets, paying for lunches or cracker money, all checks will now need to be made out to Burwell Public Schools. If you choose to include the name of your elementary student in the memo, that would be very helpful.

FORMS THAT REQUIRE PARENT SIGNATURE

There are a number of forms that require a parent signature at the elementary schools. These forms are important in liability issues and must be signed early in the school year. At the elementary schools the forms include:

1. Student/Parent Handbook Receipt.
2. Medication release form.
3. Internet use form: Back of student handbook. This form must be filled out for students to use computers and access internet.
4. Emergency Medical Treatment Forms form that allows the supervising teacher to decide on emergency treatment of a student in the event that the student is on a field trip and the parent can not be reached. The form must be notarized, and signed by a legal guardian of the child. The form will only have to be signed 1 time and will follow the student from year to year.
5. Mass Communication Technology System Form

Mr. Goodman, Principal

Special points of interest:

August 11, 12, 15, —

Teacher In-Service Workdays.

**August 15: Open House
7:00-8:00 Burwell Elementary**

• **Tuesday, August 16th—
School Starts at Elementary
Schools 11:45 Dismissal -
NO LUNCH!!**

• **Wednesday—First full day of school.**

• Sept. 5th —Labor Day—No School.

• Sept. 12th —Picture Day All Schools

• Oct 5th-No School/Inservice

• Oct. 15th—End of First Term.

• Oct 21st—PT Conf/No School- at Elementary Schools

• Oct. 24th —Picture retakes

• Oct. 28th- NO SCHOOL FALL
BREAK ALL SCHOOLS

We are happy to introduce a new K-11 Math Series. After spending the year reviewing several different math textbooks, we chose the Saxon Math Series. Learn more about the new series at Open House on August 15th (7-8 pm).

SUPPLY LISTS

On District Website

**www.burwellpublic
schools.org**

WELCOME BACK TO BURWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

BURWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SUGGESTED LIST OF PUPIL SUPPLIES
2011-2012

***For a complete list of suggested supplies, please see your student's class room plus ART & PE at the bottom of page.

Kindergarten: A large box of Kleenex, spiral notebook (40-60 pages), back pack, three # 2 pencils each semester - 6 total, pencil box, eraser, a box of 24 crayons, Friskar's scissors-blunt tip, 4 glue sticks -each semester-total 8, and \$8.00 (annually) for crackers, PE shoes (helpful if they are Velcro, if student can't tie), big T-shirt to wear as paint shirt.

First Grade: A box of Kleenex, paint shirt, backpack, 1 spiral notebook (70 sheets), #2 pencils, 1 box of 8-24 crayons (no room for larger packs) pencil box/or pencil pouch (to house crayons) erasers, glue sticks, and \$8.00 for crackers. (See below for Art & PE supplies)

Second Grade: 2 boxes of Kleenex, 2 single-subject spiral notebooks (wide ruled), pencils as needed (not mechanical) erasers as needed (small pencil top preferred) 2 folders, 2 Expo dry erase markers, 2 highlighters, 1 red pen for checking, zippered pencil pouch, 2 glue sticks, one 24-count box of crayons, and 1 pack of markers. (See below for Art & PE supplies)

Third Grade: 2 large boxes of Kleenex, pencils, erasable pen, 6 Expo white board markers, pencil pouch, scissors, 3 notebooks, pencil top erasers, as needed, 1 folder with pockets. No trapper keepers please. (See below for Art & PE supplies)

Fourth Grade: A large box of Kleenex, erasers, pencils, erasable pen, highlighter, 4 Expo white board marker, 2 pocket folders, 4 notebooks of paper. (No Trapper keepers please). (See below for Art & PE supplies)

Fifth Grade: 2 boxes of Kleenex, loose-leaf notebook paper, 2 spiral notebooks, 1 pocket folder, #2 lead pencils, erasers, a red pen/pencil for checking, 2 or 3 dry eraser markers, highlighter, a zippered pencil pouch, 4X6 lined note cards. (No trapper keepers please). (See below for Art & PE supplies)

Sixth Grade: 2 boxes of large box of Kleenex, 6 pocket folders (just plain covered), 1 pkg. of # 2 pencils (no mechanical pencils), 1 red ink pen, 1 black or blue ink pen, 1 glue stick, large eraser, pkg. of lined 4X6 note cards, box for note cards, notebook paper (preferably not spiral but with a perforated edge, pencil pouch or box, 2 dry erase markers for Math Class, 1 highlighter (any color), and a POSITIVE ATTITUDE. (See below for Art & PE supplies)

ALL Classes

Art Class: Paint shirt, crayons, colored markers (crayola basic color -8 set is adequate), erasers, scissors are optional but "Fiskars for Kids" are recommended, and pencil box or shoe box with lid (at least 12" long).

PE Class: extra pair of CLEAN tennis shoes for gym.

NOTE: Please put child's name on all supplies and belongings.

***Students/families that may have difficulty providing these suggested materials are asked to contact the school office.

District 70 School Supplies

**Backpack
Lunch box
2 Spiral Notebooks
Small pencil box or zippered pencil pouch
3 - 4 pencils
Eraser
Box of 24 or 48 crayons
Scissors
3 glue sticks
2 - 2 pocket folders
Pair of inside shoes
Bottle of Ketchup**

**Optional:
Colored pencils
Markers**

Please do not bring: Pencil grippers, handheld pencil sharpeners, or mechanical pencils

Lunch/Breakfast Program-Prices

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Lunch Prices	\$2.05	\$10.25	\$41.00
Breakfast	\$1.35	\$6.75	\$27.00
2nds	.75 cents		
Extra Milk	.40 cents		
Adult Lunch	\$2.75		
Adult Breakfast	\$1.30		

Free and Reduced Lunch/Breakfast Program

It is customary that we send a direct mailing home to each household outlining the Free and Reduced Lunch Program and the forms that are needed to be filled out to be eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Several parents have communicated that they appreciated getting the information prior to the start of school.

The Free and Reduced Lunch/Breakfast Program has a tremendous impact on our school---not only does it assist students/families in the lunch/breakfast program, but the Free and Reduced Program also has an impact on State Aid and Federal Title Dollars. Below are several key points about the Free and Reduced Lunch Program:

1. The Free and Reduced Program information is strictly confidential. When students go through the lunch/breakfast program there are no lists or procedures that single out students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch/Breakfast.
2. Students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunches also qualify for Breakfast.
3. The Free and Reduced Lunch/Breakfast Program only covers the cost for the first meal. The Free and Reduced Program does not cover the cost when the students go back for extra helpings. The cost of 2nds is 75 cents.
4. The Free and Reduced Lunch/Breakfast Program is a federal program that is run through the state department of education. It is a program that you have paid for through your taxes and should be looked at as money, coming back to benefit your community.

The Free and Reduced Lunch/Breakfast Program is a service to our students and community and at the same time helps our school system financially. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to stop or call. **A Free and Reduced Application and current income guidelines are attached to this letter---fill out the application and then send it back to school or simply drop it off at school.**

Reminder, even though you qualified for Free and Reduced Lunches last year, you need to reapply this year.

Students That Bring Sack Lunches

Please do not bring items that require the use of the microwave or kitchen!!

Burwell Public Schools
190 "I" Street
PO Box 670
Burwell, NE 68823

Superintendent-Mr. Daniel Bird
Jr/Sr High Principal-Mr. David Owen
Elementary Principal-Mr. Gordan Goodman

August 1, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Burwell Public Schools** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.35**; lunch costs **\$2.05**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced-price is **\$0.30** for breakfast and **\$0.40** for lunch.

If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced-price meals at the end of last school year, you must submit a new application by **September 27, 2011** in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

Frequently asked questions and answers:

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?

No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. **Return the completed application to: Burwell Public Schools, P.O. Box 670, Burwell, NE 68823**

2. Who can get free meals?

All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

3. Can foster children get free meals?

Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.

4. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals?

Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call **Burwell Public Schools, David Owen, Principal, 308-346-4150** to see if they qualify.

5. Who can get reduced price meals?

Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart shown with this application.

6. Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free meals?

Please read the letter carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 308-346-4150 if you have questions.

7. My child's application was approved last year for meal benefits. Do I need to fill out another one? Yes, your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

8. I receive WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.

9. Will the information I give be checked?

Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

10. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?

Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free or reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

11. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?

You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Daniel Bird, Superintendent, P.O. Box 670, Burwell, NE 68823, e-mail danbird@esu10.org**

12. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?

Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.

13. Who should I include as members of my household?

You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.

14. What if my income is not always the same?

List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you make \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

15. We are in the military. Do we include our housing allowance as income?

If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.

16. My spouse is deployed to a combat zone. Is his combat pay counted as income?

No, if the combat pay is received in addition to his basic pay because of his deployment and it wasn't received before he was deployed, combat pay is not included as income. Contact your school for more information.

17. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?

To find out how to apply for SNAP or other economic assistance benefits, please go online at ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov or call 1-800-383-4278.

If you have other questions or need help, call **308-346-4150**

Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: 308-346-4150

Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 308-346-4150

Sincerely,



David Owen

Instructions for Completing the Free & Reduced Priced School Meals Family Application

If your household receives benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List each child's name, the school they attend and their grade.
- Part 2:** Enter household's Master Case Number if the household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR.
- Part 3:** Skip this part.
- Part 4:** Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number do not need to be reported.
- Part 5:** Answer this question if you choose to.

If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:

If all children in the household are foster children:

- Part 1:** List all foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box indicating the child is a foster child.
- Part 2:** Skip this part.
- Part 3:** Skip this part.
- Part 4:** Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number do not need to be reported.
- Part 5:** Answer this question if you choose to.

If some of the children in the household are foster children:

- Part 1:** List all children, including foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box if the child is a foster child.
- Part 2:** If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.
- Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.
 - Column 1 – Household Names:** List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.
 - Column 2 - Gross Income and How Often it was Received:** For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly. For earnings, be sure to list the **gross income**, not the take-home pay. **Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions.** You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. For other income, list the amount each person received for the month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits) and disability benefits. Under *All Other Income*, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household and any other income. For individuals who are self-employed, report income after expenses from business, farm or rental property. **Do not include income** from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. If you are in the Military Privatization Housing Initiative or receive combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.
 - Column 3–Check if NO income:** If the person does not have any income, check this box.
- Part 4:** An adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number OR mark the box if he/she doesn't have one.
- Part 5:** Answer this question if you choose to.

For ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List all children, including foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box if the child is a foster child.
- Part 2:** If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.
- Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.
Column 1 – Household Names: List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.
Column 2 - Gross Income and How Often it was Received: For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly. For earnings, be sure to list the **gross income**, not the take-home pay. **Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions.** You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. For other income, list the amount each person received for the month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits) and disability benefits. Under *All Other Income*, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household and any other income. For individuals who are self-employed, report income after expenses from business, farm or rental property. **Do not include income** from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. If you are in the Military Privatization Housing Initiative or receive combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.
Column 3–Check if NO income: If the person does not have any income, check this box.
- Part 4:** An adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number OR mark the box if he/she doesn't have one.
- Part 5:** Answer this question if you choose to.

Part 1: Children in School

List names of all children, including foster children, in school. If all children listed are foster, skip to Part 4 to sign the form. (First, Middle Initial, Last Name)	Check box below if a foster child.	Name of School Child Attends	Grade
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Part 2: SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR Benefits

Enter **MASTER CASE NUMBER** if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR:
(Social Security numbers, Medicaid numbers and EBT numbers are not accepted.) Skip to Part 4

Part 3: Total Household Gross Income – You must tell us how much and how often.

1. Household Names List everyone in household and the income each earns & how often OR check the box at the right if they have no income. A foster child's personal use income must be listed.	2. Gross Income and How Often It was Received								3. Check if NO income
	Earnings from Work before deductions		Welfare, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA Benefits, Disability		All Other Income (Self Employment)		
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Part 4: Signature and Social Security Number (Adult Must Sign)

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on page 2)

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____

Social Security Number (last 4 digits): XXX – XX – _____ ☐ I do not have a Social Security Number

Part 5: Children's Ethnic and Racial Identities (Optional)

Mark one Ethnic Identity: -- and -- **Mark one or more Racial Identities:**

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | |

Do Not Fill Out This Part. For School Use Only.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly X 52; Every 2 Weeks X 26; Twice a Month X 24; Monthly X 12

Total Household Size _____ Free ☐ Temporary Approval for Zero Income Until: _____

Total Income \$ _____ per _____ Reduced ☐ Results of Follow-up (45 days or less): _____

☐ Year ☐ Month ☐ 2 X Mo. ☐ Every 2 Wks ☐ Week Follow-up Signature _____ Date: _____

Categorically Eligible: SNAP/TANF/FDIPIR ☐ Denied ☐ Reason for Denial: _____

Foster Child ☐ Income too high ☐ Incomplete App. ☐ Date Withdrawn from School: _____

Signature of Determining Official _____ Date Approved: _____

Signature of Confirming Official (Verification only) _____ Date Confirmed: _____

Computing Income for Self-Employed Individuals

Individuals who are self-employed or engaged in farming may experience variations in cash flow and cannot easily report a monthly income. These individuals may use their 2010 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040 to report self-employment income for the free and reduced price meal application. The income to be recorded is income derived from the business venture less operating costs incurred in the generation of that income. Deductions for personal expenses, such as interest on home mortgages, medical expenses, and other similar non-business items are not allowed in reducing gross business income.

USDA has announced that **losses** (negative numbers) on the lines listed below can be used to determine the **total** income for this attachment. If the total income is a negative number, it must then be recorded as zero on the application in the category labeled "All Other Income".

Zero income resulting from the use of Form 1040 does not require follow-up.

Please note: Line 7 cannot be reported as current income. Income from wages or salaries must be reported on the application for the most recent month.

Line 22 (total income) and line 37 (adjusted gross income) may not be used for purposes of applying for free and reduced-price meals.

The required information for determining the allowable income from self-employment is to be taken from the **2010 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040**.

Line 12, Business Income (or loss)	_____
Line 13, Capital Gain (or loss)	_____
Line 14, Other Gains (or losses)	_____
Line 17, Rental Real Estate, etc.	_____
Line 18, Farm Income (or loss)	_____

NOTE: If any members of the household have income from wages or salary, the gross income from last month must be reported on the application form.

This attachment is used only to report income from self-employment and/or farming.

Total of above lines: _____ **equals annual self-employed income***

If the total of the above lines is a negative number, it must be changed to zero before it is transferred to the application.

* This figure is to be reported on the application under "All Other Income".

SHARING INFORMATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To save you time and effort, the information you gave on your Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify. **For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals.**

- ☐ No! I **DO NOT** want information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application shared with any of these programs.

If you checked no, stop here. You do not have to complete or send in this form. Your information will not be shared.

- ☐ Yes! I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with **Principal—Special Projects/Events**.
- ☐ Yes! I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with **Principal/Athletic Director—Special Equipment/Attire**.
- ☐ Yes! I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with **Music Department**.

If you checked yes to any or all of the boxes above, fill out the form below. Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

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Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

For more information, you may call **Daniel Bird-Superintendent**
or **Dave Owen-Principal at High School 346-4150**
Gordan Goodman-Principal at Elementary School 346-4431
Return this form to: **Burwell Jr Sr High School, PO Box 670, Burwell, NE 68823**
by 8/23/10.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2011-12					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	20,147	1,679	840	775	388
2	27,214	2,268	1,134	1,047	524
3	34,281	2,857	1,429	1,319	660
4	41,348	3,446	1,723	1,591	796
5	48,415	4,035	2,018	1,863	932
6	55,482	4,624	2,312	2,134	1,067
7	62,549	5,213	2,607	2,406	1,203
8	69,616	5,802	2,901	2,678	1,339
Each additional person:	7,067	589	295	272	136

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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Jr. Sr. High School Start of School Information

Classes will begin at the Jr. Sr. High School on Tuesday, August 17th. The first day of school will see shortened class periods with classes starting at 8:04 and school dismissing at 11:45. There will not be school lunch on the first day. On August 18th, the Jr. Sr. High students will have their first full day of school (8:04-3:21).

Jr. Sr. High School New Student / Seventh Grade Orientation

New Student / Seventh grade orientation will take place on Monday, August 15th in the Commons at 10:00 a.m. If this time does not work for you please let Mrs. Senn or Mr. Owen know and we will work to arrange another time.

Student Schedules Grades 7 – 12

Student registration took place last spring and students can pick up a copy of their schedule beginning August 8th at the Jr. Sr. High School office. If there is a desire to change a schedule or to register for the first time please contact Mrs. Senn, August 12th, 15th, or 16th. All schedules will be final on August 17th.

Jr. Sr. High School Day/Encore Period

Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, the School day will begin at 8:04a.m with a bell ringing at 8:00a.m. to alert the students that it is time to go to class. It is imperative that our students get to school on time. Students who are habitually tardy will be required to make up time after school. Parents, please help in encouraging your children to get to school on time. The school day will end at 3:21p.m.

Burwell Jr. Sr. High School will continue to have an Encore Period that begins at 3:25. This is a 30 to 35 minute period at the end of the school day, where all teachers are available to give students extra help. No sport practices can take place during the Encore Period. If a student has a grade below a C or has an incomplete they are required to attend the Encore Period. Failure to report to a required Encore Period will be an automatic detention. It is important that we encourage **all** students to take advantage of the Encore Period.

Grades 7 -12 Forms that Require Parent/Guardian Signature

There are a number of forms that require a parent/guardian signature. Many of these forms deal with liability issues and must be signed early in the school year. The forms include:

1. Student handbook receipt (Back of student handbook/given to students on the first day of school)
2. Permission to drive home over the lunch period (Back of student handbook)
3. Medication release form (Back of student handbook) **This form is only to be filled out and sent when medication is brought to school.**
4. Emergency Forms must be filled out and accompanied by a signature.
5. Internet use agreement (Back of student handbook)

Jr. Sr. High School Parent Teacher Conferences

The first semester Parent Teacher Conference will take place on Tuesday, September 13th from 3:00 to 7:30 in the High School Gym. Students will have a 1:00 dismissal that day.

Activity Tickets

Activity Tickets are available to be purchased. Student Ticket price is \$15.00, Adult Ticket price is \$35.00, and Family Ticket price is \$85.00. Activity tickets will allow the ticket holder into all home activities except for Varsity Tournaments.

Golden Age Passes

Golden Age passes are available for residence of the Burwell Public School district who are age 65 or older. Please stop by the High School office with proof of age and a Golden Age Pass will be issued to you. This pass will work the same as the Activity Ticket mentioned above. This is our way of saying thanks for your supporting our district.

School Insurance

Optional Insurance is available through Student Assurance Services Incorporated. Your child will be given a packet on the first day of school or on the first day of fall practices so you can review this insurance. This insurance is not managed by the school, rather it is a service offered to parents who may want to supplement existing insurance or who may not have insurance. If you already have insurance, please contact your current agent before purchasing these policies so that you do not waste your premium dollars duplicating insurance coverage.

New Students

New students need to check with the school in regard to permanent records. Parents need to request these records from the school their child last attended. This request usually requires that you fill out a form (Form can be picked up in the office). This should be done as soon as possible to make your child's transition a smooth one. Call the school if you have questions and we encourage all new students to come visit the school before school starts.

Student Immunization

State law requires all students be fully immunized if they wish to attend school in the state of Nebraska. Students will not be allowed to be enrolled at Burwell Public Schools if they are not in compliance with this law. There are two exceptions to this law: 1) medical waiver signed by a physician, or 2) if a religious waiver is signed by the parent/guardian. The required immunizations have been increase so there is a chance that the school nurse will be contacting parents to notify them of any deficiencies.

Lifetouch Individual School Pictures

School pictures will take place at both the Jr. Sr. High School and the Elementary School on Monday, September 12th. Reminders will be sent out at the date gets closer.

Labor Day September 5th No School

New Chickenpox Vaccine Requirements

New requirements have been added to the school immunization law. The law now requires evidence of 2 doses of chickenpox (varicella) vaccine, or documentation of history of the chickenpox disease, for every student attending a Nebraska school. This applies to all grades and becomes effective July 1, 2011.

If your child has only 1 dose of varicella, a second dose of vaccine will be required. If your child has had the chickenpox disease, documentation must be filed with the school.

If your student has had the chickenpox disease, and you previously filled out the proper documentation form, you will not need to fill out another form.

It is the responsibility of the parent to make sure the date of the 2nd dose of varicella, or the documentation of the disease, is turned into the school office.

Please try to get your students up to date with the new vaccine requirements in a timely manner. The school nurse will be reviewing all student immunization records the first few days of school to make sure all students are compliant with the new vaccine requirements.

ALEKS Math

Assessment and LEarning in Knowledge Spaces

Burwell High School offers a math intervention program for students primarily in the 7th and 8th grades known as ALEKS math, an internet-based math course that tailors to students' math levels through daily practice problems, periodic quizzes and assessments. ALEKS has a course for several areas of math from level 3 to Advanced Calculus giving students opportunities to learn, practice, and build math skills and concepts while increasing confidence at their assessed level; students enrolled in ALEKS *may* work through several levels of math. There are a limited number of seats available in the ALEKS math class each semester therefore a selection process has been developed to determine which students may enroll in the course. Please note ALEKS math is a supplement to junior high math and will not take the place of the core math course. You may log on to www.aleks.com if you would like to view a trial of the program. Please feel free to contact the high school if you have any additional questions.

Mass Communication Technology System

During the start of this school year we are going to implement a mass communication technology system that will enable the school to more directly communicate with parents and students. Each family can sign up to three phone numbers (land line or cell phones), two email addresses and one pager number. The school can utilize technology and send out messages to families when information is needed. An example would be when school is called off for inclement weather. Other uses: postponements, schedule changes, key dates and times, transportation times. The system will have multiple uses and will enable us to better communicate with you as we work through the school year. If you have questions please do not hesitate contacting the school. However, to work effectively we need up to date information, therefore, providing the information below is extremely important.

There is no specific cost to participate in the mass communication technology system (the district pays \$2 per family). The goal of the system is to provide better communication between the school and home using a mass communication technology system. The system will be used to make announcements and to provide timely information as it pertains to school. Please provide the information below so we can move forward with the project.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers (list up to three numbers-land line or cell phone).

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

Email Addresses (list up to two email addresses)

a. _____

b. _____

Pager (list one pager)

a. _____

NOTE: Information can be changed during the school year by simply contacting any of the schools.