

# Burwell Public Schools

## Burwell and District #70 Elementary

February Newsletter, 2012

### Dates to Remember

- Feb. 1-3—Reading for Touchdowns
- Feb. 3—Longhorn Pride Assembly—2:15
- Feb. 6—Super Bowl Winners Announced
- Feb. 14—Valentines Day Valentine Parties (TBA)
- Feb. 16—Elementary P/T Conferences—NO SCHOOL-Elementary
- Feb. 17—Winter Break NO SCHOOL (K-12)
- Feb. 22—Goldenrod Conference Speech in Burwell-NO School K-12

### **February Birthdays!**

- Feb.1—Trystyn Miller  
Mr. Goodman
- Feb. 3—Blake Mann
- Feb. 4—Amira Thoene
- Feb. 6—Rylee Hamling  
Kylee Simon
- Feb. 8—Ethan Joy
- Feb. 9—Joshua Urbanovsky
- Feb. 10—Claire Gideon
- Feb. 12—Ryan Kirby
- Feb. 15—Janissa Kirby  
—Mrs. Weber
- Feb. 16—Tracy Wooters  
—Mrs. Garwood
- Feb. 17—Kelly Mayfield  
—Mrs. McClintic
- Feb. 19—Jymmie Jensen
- Feb. 22—Mrs. Williams
- Feb. 24—Grady Weber  
—Jacob Ervin
- Feb. 25—Cooper Phillipps  
—Mrs. Anderson



### **Changes in Kindergarten Entrance Starting this Fall**

**Starting in 2012-2013 (the upcoming kindergarten class), a child must reach the age of five on or before July 31 of the calendar year in which the school year begins to enroll in kindergarten.** The kindergarten entrance requirements prior to 2012-2013 stated that a student who turned five prior to October 15<sup>th</sup> was eligible for kindergarten. In 2010, the unicameral passed LB 1006, which requires all Nebraska schools adopt a new policy by January 1, 2012. **Exceptions:**

The child attended kindergarten in another jurisdiction in the current school year.

The family anticipates relocation to another jurisdiction that would allow admission with the current school year.

The child's performance on the Development Indicators for the Assessment of Learning (DIAL-4) demonstrates that he/she is capable of carrying the work of kindergarten.

The intent of the law is for students who turn five after July 31 to wait to attend kindergarten. However, there are the exceptions outlined in the law and local policy if a child turns five after July 31 and before October 15. If your child turns five after July 31 and before October 15 and you want to request early entrance you will be required to fill out an application and your child will be required to complete an assessment to determine if he/she is capable and ready for kindergarten. The deadline for requesting Early Kindergarten Entrance is the July board meeting date of the respective school year. If you have questions please contact Mr. Gordy Goodman, elementary principal.

**IF YOUR CHILD TURNS FIVE AFTER JULY 31, APPLYING FOR THE CALAMUS KIDS PRESCHOOL IS ANOTHER OPTION.**



## READING FOR SUPERBOWL TOUCHDOWNS

The elementary school has had an exciting week with Reading for SuperBowl Touchdowns. All the students' AR tests this week have counted toward points for their team. Wednesday was double point day and some students really took advantage of that and earned tons of points for their team! We are wrapping up the week tomorrow (Friday) and will expect to see everyone wearing something special. All students and teachers will earn 10 points for their team if they are wearing something Longhorn, Cornhusker, or NFL. I will be wearing my Chicago Bears (da Bears!) hat, even though they are not making an appearance in the SuperBowl!!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, grandparents, neighbors, and siblings who have come to read this week. What great role models you are! You do in one or two afternoons what we teachers try to do in 7 years! You show your student how important it is to read. I have seen Farm Reports, newspapers, magazines, and books being read. It does not matter at all what you read. Just let your kids see you reading and you are providing one of the most powerful lessons that you will ever give. I thank all of you for your dedication.

Here's to reading!  
Mrs. Goochey