

SEPTEMBER, 2011 NEWSLETTER

BURWELL & DIST. #70 ELEMENTARY

IMPORTANT DATES:

No School—Labor Day	Sept. 5th
MAP Testing Begins BES-Sept. 7,8,13,14 Dist. #70— Sept. 15 and 20	Sept. 7th
Longhorn Pride Assembly @ 2:15	Sept 9th
LifeTouch Picture Day Pre-K thru 6th in the Elementary Gym 8:00 am	Sept. 12th
Parent/Teacher Conferences for the High School	Sept 13th
Teacher In-service No School for Students	Oct. 5th
End of 1st Term	Oct. 14th
No School- Elementary P/T Conferences	Oct. 21st
Picture Re-Takes	Oct. 24th
Fall Break—No School	

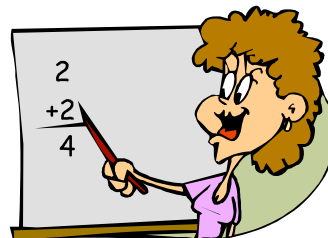
Special points of interest:

- We will start Pre-School Pictures Sept. 12, as soon as the photographer is ready, usually 8:00 a.m..
- Thanks to all the contributors to the Longhorn Pride Program. If there are any other interested parties, please give us a call. 346-4431
- Look to your BES calendars for starting dates on Brainpower and Geography Club..
- Receipts for TAPE REGISTERS for education can be left in the box at Burwell Shurfine Food Center, starting SEPT. 1st.
- PLEASE SEND BOX TOPS, MONEY PAYS FOR FIELD TRIPS!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

GORDON GOODMAN, PRINCIPAL

New Math Series (Saxon)



During the coming year your child will participate in a wide variety of mathematics activities using the Saxon Math series. Saxon Math builds mastery through daily practice of skills and concepts taught in earlier lessons.

Saxon (Grades K-2) provides a wide variety of learning through hands-on experiences, discussions, explorations, and oral/written practice.

While each day's activities will be varied, each lesson will have a standard four-part format:

- The Meeting is a time when we practice everyday skills .
- Fact Practice helps children master number facts by practicing fact strategies using fact cards and activities, Learning Wrap-ups, and fact sheets.
- New Concepts are presented in each lesson through discussion and hands-on experiences that allow your child to be actively involved in learning.
- Written Practice reinforces new concepts from the lesson, as well as from previous lessons. The children are guided in class as they complete and

correct Side A of a practice sheet. Your child will complete Side B as homework.

Saxon (Grades 3-6) divides concepts into small, easily grasped pieces called increments. A new increment is presented each day, and students work only a few problems each day involving the new material. The remaining homework problems cover previously introduced concepts. Thus, every assignment (and every test) is a review of material covered up to that point, providing students with the time and opportunity to understand and remember necessary concepts.

This is where your involvement is crucial. It is essential that your child complete each day's assignment. Students who complete all the daily assignments will have much to be proud of at test time, so you will have much to praise.

"Solving these problems day after day is the secret to success. Work each problem in every practice set, in every problem set, and in every Investigation. Do not skip problems. With honest effort you will experience success and true learning, which will stay with you and serve you well in the future."

Stephen W. Kahe

Your child's experience in mathematics will be a direct result of his/her attitude and effort. A positive attitude and a commitment to long-term practice greatly improve the chances of your child progressing into a higher-level mathematical courses and experiencing success in other fields that require mathematical understanding.

TRAFFIC AND BIKES

There are a lot of students riding their bikes to school in the warm fall weather. I would like to encourage all parents to take a moment to talk to your student about basic bike safety rules

and crossing streets. This will assist us in keeping our students safe during these Fall months. Also, drivers, remember, the bikers are generally not looking for you. When you

get in the vicinity of the school, it's worth being a little late in order to prevent an injury!



Student Crossing Guards

Student Crossing Guards—The Burwell Elementary 6th grade class has volunteered to help out as Crossing Guards at the west entrance of the elementary school. They were required to watch a short DVD and then take a test over the rules of crossing the streets safely. If you see one of these crossing guards, please tell them Thank You.



The summer has flown by and we are already back in the swing of another great school year! The library has been a very busy place with students checking out books for their 1st quarter AR goals. There are lots of new books for students to check out this year. Please check the link for new materials on my website.

Library and Spanish classes have started and are off to a great start! Brain Power and Geography Club will kick off the week of September 12.

The library had its first dime sale this week and it was a great success. Thanks to everyone who came for the sale.

It's good to be back!

BURWELL ELEMENTARY**GEOGRAPHY AND BRAIN POWER CLUBS GET FIRED UP TO GO AT BES!**

Geography club (grades 4-6) begins Monday, September 12 and Tuesday, Sept. 13 Geography Club will also meet Monday, September 26th and Tuesday, September 27th. (Starting Time: 3:20 each day)

Brain Power Classes: 2nd Grade Sept. 13th; (grades 3 & 4) begin September 14th; 5th & 6th Grades Start Thursday, Sept. 15th (All days 7:45-8:15)

THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO ON YOUR CALENDAR!

A reminder to all parents that school starts at 8:15. We ask that students arrive between 8:00 and 8:10. Earlier arrival means students are unsupervised.

Thanks for your understanding!

DISTRICT 70 News

The school year at District 70 is in full swing. We have 8 students in attendance. The students are busy getting acquainted to the new Saxon Math series. Tuesday, August 30, we are traveling to Grand Island for our field trip. We will be attending Nebraska's Largest Outdoor Classroom at the Nebraska State Fair. We are all looking forward to a fun, learning experience!

Happy Birthday To:**September**

12-Jaylee Degroff
16-Cooper Stout
17-Logan Smith
18-Reid Helgoth,
-Alexis Reinwald
23-Cole Dwyer
24-Mackenzie Turpin
26-Baden Copsey
28-Olivia Vore

October

1-Chloe Copsey
4-Andrew Schissler
5-Mason Plock,
Hagen Stout
6-Logan Simpson
8-Mrs. Curry
9-Ethan Krause
Cayden Owens
McKenna Soncksen
10-Mrs. Galvan
12-Karissa Gideon
24-Jesse Dowling
25-Trista Summers,
Mrs. Smith
26-Alex Gideon,
Mrs. Goochey
29-Dylan Petersen



The Burwell Elementary Staff and students, would like to wish the following teams Good Luck in their Fall Sports seasons: Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country
Good Luck and Much Success!!!!!!!!!!

Go Longhorns!!!

Note to Parents:

Mrs. Reeve has asked me to ask you to make sure that all of the information on the Contact/Emergency Information is all up to date in the Elementary office. If you have changed your address, cell phone #'s or home phone #'s, Please give Sherry a call in the office and let her know the most current information.

**Thanks!!!
Mr. Goodman**

"A Peek into the Elementary Music Room"

By Mrs. Nichole Simpson



"Wow!!" is the best word that I can think of to describe our first two weeks of music classes at Burwell Elementary. I am very excited for the upcoming year and the opportunity to share my love of music with our students. During these first few weeks, we have gotten to know one another and I have learned that the Burwell elementary students know a LOT about music already! We have started to study topics such as tempo, dynamics, rhythm patterns, melody and harmony. The students have been eager and excited to learn. I think I am going to learn a lot this year! J Stay tuned for more news coming from the music room. Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 13th for our Winter Concert.

