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Drivers Education Classes Offered at Burwell High School

Drivers Education Classes will be offered by the Nebraska Safety Center from the University of Nebraska at Kearney for Sargent, Burwell, and Loup County students. The classroom work will be held from July 8th through the 12th. Class time will run from 8:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. and will be held at Burwell Jr. Sr. High School Library. The range and simulation will be held in Kearney at the Nebraska Safety Center on July 11th from 9:00 to 6:00. Parents will be responsible to get their students to Kearney for the range and simulation. On-street driving will be scheduled at an arranged time between the students and the instructors. The fee of the course is \$295.00 and is to be paid directly to the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Classes are limited to a maximum of 24 students. Registration forms are available at the High School Office.

Burwell Jr. Sr. High School Class Registration for 2013- 2014

In March Jr. Sr. High School students will begin registering for classes for the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Senn and Mr. Owen will speak with each class and distribute registration material.

All students will be instructed on how to view a list of course descriptions that are posted on the Burwell Jr. Sr. High School web site and given a registration sheet for classes. Registration sheets list the required courses which students must take at each grade level. Students may choose the rest of their class schedule from the list of elective courses available to them.

Students and their parents should take time to look over and discuss the options students have for classes and select those courses that are most beneficial for the students. A parent should also sign the registration form before they are turned in at the counselor's office. Again to assist the parents and students the course descriptions can be found on the Burwell Jr. Sr. High School web page.

Graduation

Senior Graduation Ceremonies will take place at 2:30 on Sunday, May 5, 2013. Congratulations to all the seniors and their families!! Seniors have chosen the following Class Motto, Class Flower, Class Colors, and Class Song:

Class Motto: "Go for it now. The future is promised to no one." Wayne Dyer

Class Flower: Rainbow Rose

Class Colors: Rainbow

Class Song: "Tattoos on this Town" – Jason Aldean

“LIGHTS, CAMERA, PROM”

The 2013 JR-SR Prom will be held on Saturday, March 23. Pictures will take place in the commons room beginning at 5:45 PM. There will be class pictures taken at that time so all Juniors and Seniors are asked to be there promptly. The Grand March will begin at 7:00 PM. The meal and dance will follow and will be closed to the public.

WHAT IS POST PROM?

Post Prom is a safe, substance free event immediately following Prom, sponsored entirely by JR-SR parents and parents of the sophomore prom servers. Prom is March 23rd with Post Prom to follow at the Legion Club (rent free, donated by the Legion Club) starting around 11:30PM. Parents who are helping need to come around 11:00PM. My computer secretary will be typing up a sign up sheet for duties this will be at Shurfine Food Center in the near future. Deb will sign up the parents who helped last year but please check in with her anyway. Thanks for all the help and support I've received thus far.

HOW IS POST PROM FUNDED?

Post Prom is funded by the fund raisers, basketball concessions (our main \$ maker), and donations received by letters sent out in January. We started out last summer with a cook out that didn't go as well as the basketball girls did I don't think we were as cute? Shurfine Food Center donated an R2 D2 cooler which I sold for an easy profit. My "PRE" scheduling of concession workers didn't work out as nicely as I'd hoped but thanks to great friends and parents that stepped up to the plate and worked extra shifts, and some great elementary students for offering a hand also. It's a great way for them to learn how to count change back to the customer. Thanks also to the adults that have replaced me so I can watch Austin play.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST FOR MY CHILD TO GO TO POST PROM?

The cost of Post Prom is \$10 per student and \$10 for an out of town date. We have T-shirts made this is where the \$10 cost goes, is to pay the cost of the shirts. The sign up for Post Prom, paying the \$10 and a T-shirt size is all that is needed. This will be happening around the 18th of February at the high school office. I'll need to send the order in plenty of time for the shirts to be printed and ready for pick up. They are being designed right now. Deadline for sign up will be about March 8th.

Deb Svoboda

Post Prom Chairman 2013

DISTRACTED DRIVING SIMULATOR TO VISIT SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 12, the Nebraska Safety Council will be bringing a distracted driving simulator to our school. One student from each class will be selected to “drive” the 2013 Ford Escape to demonstrate the effects of texting/talking on your cell phone while driving.

FCCLA STAR

Great job to the Burwell FCCLA chapter for going for the Gold at STAR. Burwell has nine chapter members who have now advanced to the state contest from April 7, 8, and 9th in Lincoln. These students are: Sarah Reeve, McKenna McClintic, Emily Sartain, Brittany Rocheleau, Brook Eddy, Eli Sears, Laini Eddy, Jessica Brauer, and Jon Thoene.

SCHOOL WIDE POETRY OUT LOUD RESULTS

Speaking honors were given to Megan Ono. Placing 6th was Jurnee Saner, 5th Jordan Freeman, 4th Breanna Dawe, 3rd Shea Jeffres, and 2nd Amy Clements. The first place speaker is Brianna Wegner. She has now advanced to the regional contest on February 10th in Kearney

LIBRARY NEWS

Weeding isn't just for gardens! We have been “weeding the high school library collection” over the last few months looking for books that meet any of the following criteria: poor physical condition, unattractive appearance, poor circulation record, outdated or inaccurate information, duplicate titles no longer in demand, subject matter unsuitable for users, topics no longer of interest, or no longer needed due to changes in curriculum. Like any garden, weeds can overcome the flowers and sooner or later you really don't know what is under them; the same is true for an overabundance of material that may need to be pulled. Tuesday, February 5 during parent-teacher conferences, the books that have been “weeded” will be available at the high school. Stop by from 3PM—7PM.

Database Resources available

Do you need an encyclopedia? Does a student in your household need to complete a homework assignment requiring research? Is there a question that just needs a reliable answer? Oftentimes we hear, "Just "Google it"" (regardless of the search engine used), but that is not always the most reliable or even quickest way to find information. When looking for information you might consider (or remind your student) to try one of the electronic resources Burwell Schools has made available through the school's website. Each encyclopedia has a variety of activities suitable for all ages. Early learners can have a place to explore information in an easily accessible, safe internet environment. In addition to the encyclopedias and current issues and science databases, a link to the Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) website will provide a vast assortment of resource information. To use these resources outside of the school, internet access and a password must be used. It is advised that passwords not be available on the website, therefore, for convenience, log-in information and passwords for each of the resources the school has subscribed (or signed up) is provided below. In addition, the **NLC** database can be accessed by any Nebraskan using a current Nebraska driver's license number.

	<u>Log-In</u>	<u>Password</u>
Nebraska Access	partook8	(a password is not needed)
Britannica School Edition	burwell	school
Facts on File	burwell	facts
SIRS Issues Researcher	NE0586	68823
World Book Web	burwell	worldbook

****Omni Full Text & Biography Reference Bank can be found in the Nebraska Access databases****

Keep these passwords posted near the computer or anywhere your student can find them, and please encourage your student to use these valuable resources. You will be able to rest assured that your student will be accessing a reliable source that is free of advertising, scams, and other undesirable material. The link can be found in the navigation bar at the top of the school site (www.burwellpublicschools.org). Please do not hesitate to call the school if you need any assistance.

NOTES FROM THE COUNSELOR

February

- Late January: Begin applying for a U.S. Bank Scholarship at www.usbank.com/studentbanking, for seniors and college students (random drawings)
- 1: UNK Freshman Scholarships for students with 23+ ACT, (completed admissions application serves as scholarship application).
The following scholarships require additional forms: Multicultural Community Service (20+ ACT), Peter Kiewit Foundation Educators Opportunity (fluency in Spanish), & Davis-Chambers (23+ ACT too 30%), Health Science Scholarship (22+ ACT, 3.0+ GPA)
 - 1: UNK Honors Program and other scholarship eligibility, available at www.unk.edu/honors (27+ ACT, top 25%)
 - 1: Northeast Community College Scholarship deadline (apply online at www.northeastcollege.edu/scholarships)
 - 1: UNO Freshman Scholarship application
 - 1: UNL Diversity Enhancement Scholarship (additional application)
 - 1: AXA Achievement Community Scholarship, available at www.axa-achievement.com
 - 1: Sandhills Cattle Association for seniors whose parents are members, available at <http://sandhillscattle.com>
 - 1: Nebraska Academy of Sciences Scholarships for college students, available at www.neacadsci.org
 - 1: McMeen Physical Therapy worth \$250 for area seniors with an interest in becoming a physical therapist, available at www.ccfneb.org
 - 1: Lester Piper Memorial Scholarship for college juniors and seniors pursuing an education major
 - 1: Elks Legacy for a child, grandchild, step-, or ward of an Elks member, available at www.elks.org/ENF/scholars
 - 4: UNL Red Letter Day for Pre-Health
 - 5: Deadline to upload photo for the Febr. ACT
 - 7: Northeast Community College Health Care Career Day
 - 9: ACT Assessment
 - 12: Youth Congress sponsors Distracted Driving Awareness Day with Nebraska Safety Council and distracted driving simulator
 - 14: Central Community College Campus Visit Day
 - 15: DAR Scholarships must be RECEIVED (several with varying requirements), available at www.DAR.org
 - 15: What About Peace 2013 international arts contest worth up to \$1,000 (ages 14-20 express ideas & thoughts about peace), available at www.whataboutpeace.org
 - 15: FFA Scholarships available at www.ffa.org**
 - 15: Best Buy Scholarships for students in grades 9-12, available at <http://pr.bby.com>
 - 15: Central Community College ACT Advantage Scholarship worth \$700 (21+ ACT, 2.5+ GPA), must apply for admissions and send ACT scores before you receive an application.

- 15: AFA Teens for Alzheimer Awareness Scholarship available at <http://alateens.org>
- 15: UNL Red Letter Day
- 15: Friday at WSC
- 18: UNL Red Letter Day
- 22: Southeast Community College Scholarship online application, available at <https://scc.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com>
- 22: Nebraska Press Association Scholarship worth \$2,000 for print journalism majors must be RECEIVED, available at www.nebpress.com
- 23: Peter Kiewit Open House from 1-3 p.m.
- 27: Huggable Heroes Contest for USA residents ages 8 to 18 worth \$12,000, based on community service, available at <http://heroes.lovehugssmiles.com>
- 28: UNK Industrial Tech Scholarships for incoming freshmen, available at www.unk.edu/scholarships >Students>Financial Aid>Industrial Tech Incoming Freshmen>Prospective Student (password can be anything)
- 28: Buick Achievers Scholarship for seniors/college students planning to attend a 4-year college for majors in automotive/related industries, available at <https://buickachievers.scholarshipamerica.org>

March

- 1: Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship for seniors and existing college students who plan to attend a NE college or university, worth up to \$8,200 per year, available at www.buffettscholarships.org
- 1: UNL Honors Program (available at <http://admissions.unl.edu/honors/index.aspx>), (29+ ACT and top 10% is the norm)
- 1: Nebraska American Legion Edgar J. Boschult Memorial and Maynard Jensen American Legion Memorial Scholarships (veteran connections), available at www.nebraskalegion.net/scholarships
- 1: Central Community College Scholarship, available at www.cccneb.edu/financialaid
- 1: Mid-Plains Scholarship priority deadline (North Platte and McCook), available at www.mpcc.edu
- 1: McCook Foundation priority deadline, available at www.mccookcollegefoundation.org
- 1: Keep the Drive High School Journalism Awards worth \$2,000, available at KeeptheDrive.com
- 1: American Legion National and State Scholarships available at www.legion-aux.org and Nebraska scholarships at www.nebraskalegionaux.net/scholarships.htm (one graduate program)
- 1: Health Career Education Scholarship worth \$1,000 for senior planning to pursue a health career (3.8+ GPA, 28+ ACT), available at <http://www.npef.org/scholarship.asp>
- 1: *UNL College of Business Honors Academy
- 1: A.M. Hargis for seniors and non-trads with majors in business, health, or travel & tourism, available at www.foundationsolutions.com/GIEF/GIEF/scholarships
- 1: Knights of Columbus for Catholic colleges, available at www.kofc.org
- 1: Nebraska Academy of Sciences for seniors planning to attend a Nebraska college,

worth up to \$1,000, available at neacadsci.org

- 1: GLW Association for Family & Community Education worth \$150
- 1: Marine Corps Scholarship worth \$6,000 – 40,000 for the child of active duty/honorably discharged Marine/Navy Corpsman with a US Marine unit, financial need; available at www.mcsf.org
- 1: Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska Foundation Memorial Scholarships worth \$1,000 for business or related field
- 2: Orscheln Industries for ag majors at a 4-year college (\$1000)
- 2: G. I. Saddle Club for students in 4-H Horse project, will attend UNL (\$1000)
- 2: R.B. Warren for 4-H Horse project, attend UNL, CASNR major (\$500)
- 2: Donna Wampler Endowed for 4-H members who attend UNL (\$200-500)
- 6: Ramsthal Nursing Scholarship for Burwell, Ord, Wheeler Central, and Loup County High School seniors pursuing a registered nursing degree, worth \$4,000 over 4 years
- 8: Better Business Bureau Student of Integrity for juniors or seniors, worth \$2,000, available at <http://nebraska.bbb.org/studentaward>
- 10: UNL Greek Preview Day
- 12: UNK Criminal Justice Conference
- 15: UNL Red Letter Day
- 15: Ak-Sar-Ben Community College Scholarships for \$1,000 (must be RECEIVED at community college where you plan to enroll; also works for NCTA at Curtis). Available at www.aksarben.org
- 15: NACEB Scholarship worth \$500-1,000 (UNL, extension career preference)
- 15: Nebraska Aviation Trades Association Scholarship worth up to \$1,000, open to any high school senior or other individual who is a resident of Nebraska
- 15: Eastern Wyoming admission deadline for scholarships
- 15: Kohl's Kids nominations for ages 6 to 18 at www.kohlscorporation.com
- 16: Explore Northeast (Community College) Day
- 16: NRCA Scholarship worth \$1,000 for automotive majors at a NE community college (2.5+ GPA) High school senior OR 2nd year college student, available at <http://neb-rod-custom.com>
- 18: Omaha Chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals Scholarship for students planning to attend postsecondary school in Nebraska or western Iowa to receive a degree in Information Systems, Information Technology, Computer Science, or a related field, available at www.aitpomaha.org
- 20: Ayn Rand Anthem Essay contest for 8th, 9th & 10th, available at <http://aynrandeducation.org/contests>
- 21: Explore Northeast (Community College)
- 22: Late Registration for April 13 ACT
- 23: Wayne State College Just for Juniors
- 30: Nebraska Independent Fabric Shops Scholarship for majors in textiles & design, quilts, or museum, 2.75 GPA
- 31: Veterans of Foreign Wars and ITS Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship must be received,
- 31: Nebraska Legal Professionals Association for NE students planning to further their education in law or the legal support field (one worth \$1,250 and one worth

- 31: Deadline for www.anycollege.com April 1 scholarship drawing. Register at www.anycollege.com for July 1 and October 1 drawings.
- 31: Nebraska Actuaries Club/Nebraska Insurance Federation Scholarship Scholarships worth up to \$4,000 for students pursuing an actuarial career who attend a Nebraska college, available at www.n-a-c.org

April

- 1: Hard copy of photo must be RECEIVED for April ACT if not planning to submit a digital copy
- 1: Burwell Jr.-Sr. High Music Scholarship
- 1: Weller Grant for **high school seniors or persons up to age 40** who reside in Holt, Boyd, Brown, Rock, Keya Paha or Garfield Counties, must also have graduated from a school in one of those counties or the last school attended before receiving a GED must have been in the 7-county area. (Nebraska community colleges, approved nursing programs). June 1 is the renewal deadline, as well as the deadline for those out of high school.
- 1: Nebraska Agri-Women for males or females pursuing an ag degree in a NE school
- 1: Maggie Thompson Memorial Scholarship for students with a disability who want to increase their independence through education or employment
- 1: FCCLA Youth Scholarship, available at fcclainc.org
- 1: Loup Valley Conference Horse Show for \$300 for 4-H horse members with a 2.0+ GPA
- 5: UNL Architecture Summer Workshop Registration Deadline for students in grades 10-12
- 7: College Fair at UNO
- 6: Big Red Open House

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Remember to apply for federal financial aid as soon as possible at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Apply for your Personal Identification Number (PIN) first at www.pin.ed.gov. Have your 2012 taxes figured before applying and apply by mid-February or no later than March 1, to meet the priority deadline for schools such as UNL or UNK. If you have questions regarding filling out the forms or want to schedule an appointment for help, call EducationQuest at 1-800-666-3721. Education Quest's website at www.educationquest.org also has several resources on applying for federal financial aid in the "FAFSA Tools" section.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship season is in full swing with most college-sponsored scholarships due in January and February. Many statewide scholarships will become due in February and March and most local scholarship deadlines are in March and April. This newsletter lists only scholarship applications that have been received so far. For further announcements, please check the daily bulletin and Mrs. Senn's scholarship web page (www.burwellpublicschools.org>Burwell Jr.-Sr. High School.>Guidance>Scholarships).

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COLLEGEBOUND NEBRASKA GRANTS TUITION ASSISTANCE

Nebraska students planning to attend a state university (Lincoln, Kearney, or Omaha) are guaranteed total grant assistance equal to the full cost of tuition provided they: a) complete the FAFSA by April 1 each year, b) complete the financial aid process by June 1, and c) are found to be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant. Students may also qualify for Collegebound Nebraska assistance even if they aren't eligible for a Pell Grant. A typical family of four with one in college and an income of \$45,000 or less may qualify. <http://collegeboundnebraska.com>.

The state colleges (Wayne, Chadron, and Peru) also provide similar assistance through the Advantage Program. The student will receive free the balance of tuition not paid through other scholarships or grants. To receive the NSCS Advantage, a student must be:

- A resident of Nebraska
- A federal Pell Grant recipient
- A first-time freshman in 2013-14
- Enrolled in at least 12 on-campus credit hours
- Meet the priority deadline of **June 1** (after that time it will depend on funding).

BUFFETT SCHOLARSHIP

PLEASE apply for this scholarship if you are Pell eligible. We have had several receive the scholarship even if they are not. This scholarship pays for tuition and fees with a \$500/semester allotment for books and is renewable for up to five years. Go to www.buffettscholarships.org for further information.