

DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

BURWELL ELEMENTARY



IMPORTANT DATES:

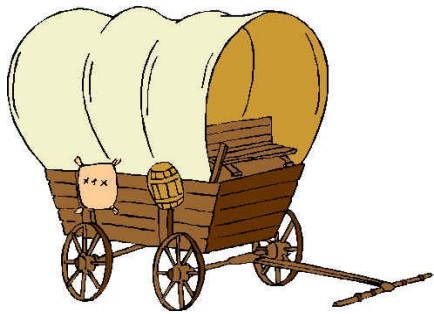
Elementary Winter Program 7:00pm	Dec. 21
9:00 AR Movie Party 1:00 Dismissal & End of 2nd Quarter	Dec. 22
Christmas Break	Dec. 23- Jan. 3
School Resumes	Jan. 4
1:00 Dismissal- Wrestling Invite	Jan. 5
10am Start 9:30-9:55 Breakfast in a Bag	Jan. 17
Longhorn Pride Assembly	Jan 26
Reading for Touchdowns	Jan. 29- Feb 2

How can I help my child succeed in school?

- Read every day! Takes turns at reading to your child and having your child read to you, asking questions to promote comprehension skills.
- Be positive, speaking well of school and learning. Encourage your child to talk about all of the fun things they have done or are going to do at school.
- Create a consistent after school routine including meal time, homework time, and play time (creating a visual display of this for your child can be very beneficial).
- Ensure your child is getting plenty of sleep on a school night so they are fresh for school in the morning.
- Encourage your child in all aspects of academics, praising them both in their success and their efforts.
- Teach your child to be responsible for their actions, encouraging them to take responsibility for getting ready.
- Stay involved! If interested, inquire about volunteering within the classroom or about ways to support your child's learning at home.
- Communicate! Keep in regular contact with your child's teacher.



4th Grade News



Burwell Elementary's fourth grade class studied the Oregon Trail as part of their Nebraska History lesson. The students borrowed grocery carts from Burwell Shurfine Food Center and used these for their covered wagons. The students were decked out in coonskin caps, long dresses, bonnets and hats. A guitar and numerous harmonicas were brought along the trail for entertainment. The grocery store was depicting the beginning of the Oregon Trail, which would have been Independence, Missouri. As the 23 students headed out on the trail they walked to the Burwell Pharmacy, which was their trek through Nebraska. At the end of the block near the bank they had traveled into Wyoming. The pioneers (students) were thrilled when one of the gals they had just talked to at the bank gave them candy, pretending it might help in case they were bitten by a rattlesnake on the Oregon Trail. They were saddened when they were in Idaho because their two dollies died of cholera. Around the block and near the ATM machine they finally made it to Oregon! The students were thrilled to make the treacherous adventure on the Oregon Trail!

Veterans Day

Burwell Elementary students handed out Veterans Day cards to thank our local men and women for their service.



Making School a Priority



With the holidays right around the corner, it can be hard to keep children focused on learning. What can you do to make school a top priority for your kids? Keep these simple ideas in mind—they're useful at any time of the year.

Make attendance job #1.

Let your kids know that unless they're sick, they must go to school. Try to schedule routine dentist and doctor appointments after school hours. If possible, take family vacations during school breaks.

Tip: Give your child a perfect attendance award each month or a "Job Well Done" coupon good for a night of bowling or a movie.

Show you care.

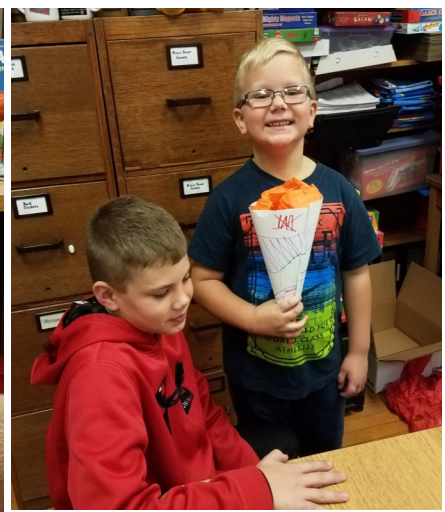
Want your children to know that you're interested in their learning? Talk about their school activities and projects. Attend as many school events as you can. If homework and after school activities conflict, speak up: "I know you have a baseball practice this evening, but homework comes first. After you finish, I'll take you to practice."

Keep it upbeat.

Try to set a positive example for your children, even when your own day has been difficult. Instead of saying, "I had a hard day at work, I will never get my project done," try "Work was hard today, but I made some progress on my project." If you show a positive attitude about your work, your student may feel better about their own.

Library News

The 5th grade is currently working on their Passport to Germany program. One annual activity is to make a schultuten for the Kindergarten class. A schultuten is a paper cone filled with candy and little toys. Schultutens are given to Kindergarteners on the first day of school to help ease fears about school. The 5th grade decorated the paper cones and filled them, presenting the schultuten to a member of the Kindergarten class. It was like a second Christmas for our Kindergarteners.



Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten Class took their monthly field trip to the Community Memorial Health Center this month. The students made Indian hats and went to the Alzheimers unit to entertain them by singing Thanksgiving Day songs. They also made teepees out of ice cream cones by dipping them in chocolate and rolling them in sprinkles. The students enjoy seeing the Residents every month and look forward to their next visit.



Counselor's Corner

By Miss Tetschner

In Kindergarten we finished our Bullying Behaviors Unit and continue our Good Manners Unit including “Filling Buckets”. We discussed that everyone has an invisible bucket. We can choose to fill up someone’s bucket with kindness, or dip out of someone’s bucket with unkind words or actions. The Kindergarten students are doing a great job of “filling buckets” with kind words and actions.

The Second through Sixth grade are wrapping up our Bullying Unit. We discussed bullying behaviors, and the definition of being bullied is 1. Hurtful, 2. On purpose, 3. More than one time. We also talked about at least four things we could do if we are being bullied 1. Tell an adult, 2. Stand up for your self, 3. Ignore the behavior, and 4. Walk away. Lastly we discussed what a Bystander is and the difference between Telling vs Tattling. Please discuss these topics with your son/daughter and encourage them to tell an adult at school if they see bullying behaviors.





Local Nebraska Beef Producers support the Burwell Beef Program

Burwell Public School is joining the growing number of Nebraska schools that are participating in the Nebraska Beef in Schools program. The program is set up to allow local cattle producers to donate beef to be used in the school's lunch program. If you would like to donate a beef or if you would like to learn more about the Nebraska Beef in School Lunch program being implemented, please contact Superintendent Dan Bird at dan.bird@burwellpublicschools.com or Elementary Principal Darrin Max at darin.max@burwellpublicschools.com

What Are The Benefits?

The first obvious benefit is for our students to be able to enjoy our locally produced beef which is not only some of the best in our state, but the entire world. However, there are other benefits too. The school will be implementing an education program for Burwell Beef. Once a semester, the students will have an educational experience that will directly focus on the Burwell Beef program. This experience will focus on how the agriculture industry specifically gets beef from the pasture or feed yard to the plate of the consumer.

Also, we will be making it known to students when the beef they are consuming is locally grown. This will help to increase awareness and the students will be able to recognize that people they know in our community have worked hard to provide positive nutrition for them and others. It will sure be a special opportunity for students to say they know the producer of the beef personally, or it may even be mom and dad, or grandma and grandpa.

There are also benefits for the school as whole and local beef producers. Local producers will receive exposure for their donation, but most of all it will create a connection between the school and community for the promotion of local resources to students and parents.

Our school lunch calendar will be marked with a beef symbol each time local beef is served on the menu. Our hope is that students and parents notice the symbol and enjoy the fresh local beef being served at lunch that day. It is important to remember that serving sizes and lunch prices are highly regulated by the federal lunch program and the Nebraska Department of Education. This program will not affect serving sizes or lunch prices.

The school is still looking for local producers who would be able to supply a beef for the months of January and March. Please contact Superintendent Dan Bird or Elementary Principal Darrin Max at the school to discuss details. Monetary donations of any amount are welcomed and can be donated by contacting the school. Finally, if you have ideas of how we could better promote this program to get as many people involved please let us know.

Anyone can participate!!

Not everyone has the ability to provide a beef for the school. Therefore, monetary donations can also be made to the school under the Burwell Beef program. This will allow for many parents and patrons to be able to show their support for this program monetarily while not necessarily being a beef producer. These donations will help to curb the cost of processing for the school. In the future, monetary donations may be able to be used to purchase a local beef from a local producer. All donations will be tax deductible and donors will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

November Longhorn Pride Winners



Front Row: Sylvia Smith, Landen Wegener, Holden Pinckney
Second Row: Brextin Stout, Drew Dawe, Jalise Busch, Tucker Hasenauer, Ava Petersen
Third Row: Sidney Spanel, Hildy Mann, Dillon Simpson, Kalli Joy, Devony Thoene, Kylee Simon

Mr. Stolzer says.....



Our special guest for our November assembly was Mr. Stolzer. The students enjoyed playing “Mr. Stolzer says” aka “Simon says.”

Calamus Kids Preschool News

Our letter of the week is N. We read a book about nests and for snack we made our own nest.

The afternoon class has been enjoying visits from our special friend, Amelia Kizer, She comes twice a month to read us poems and stories that she has written.



Nests made for snack time



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December Birthdays

- Dec. 3- Mrs. Swett
- Dec. 7- Addison Critel
- Dec.9- Mrs. Urbanovsky
- Dec. 15- Hanna Carstens
- Dec. 19- Hagen Hodges
Clayton Wegener
- Dec. 20- Devony Thoene
- Dec. 22- Kalli Franson
Mrs. Hunt
- Dec. 23- Gracyn Hicks
Mrs. Freouf
- Dec.26- Drew Dawe
- Dec. 28- Colter Wright
- Dec. 29- Conley Feecken
- Dec. 30- Zoe Slagle &
Mrs. Elliott



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MENTORING PROGRAM
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We have students waiting to be matched with mentors. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, contact the Elementary office for more information.



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