

# DECEMBER 2018 / JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER BURWELL ELEMENTARY

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Canned Food Drive	Dec 10-14
Longhorn Pride Assembly	Dec.14
Elementary Winter Program 7:00pm	Dec. 20
9:00 AR Movie Party 1:00 Dismissal & End of 2nd Quarter	Dec. 21
Christmas Break	Dec. 22- Jan. 6
School Resumes	Jan. 7
Longhorn Pride Assembly	Jan 25

## 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.

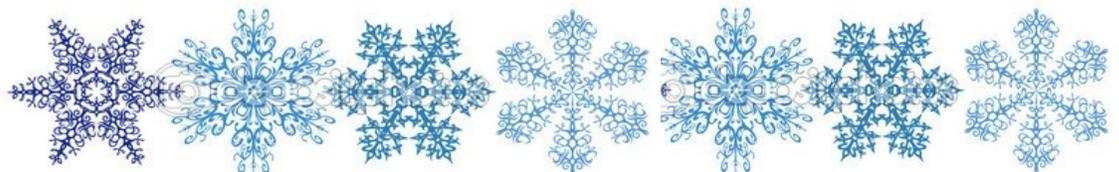
Want your children to know that you're interested in their learning? Talk about their school activities and projects. Attend as many school events as you can. If homework and after school activities conflict, speak up: "I know you have a baseball practice this evening, but homework comes first. After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



In a  
WORLD  
where you can be  
anything  
BE KIND



## 4th Grade News



The Burwell Elementary Fabulous Fourth Grade classes got a watered-down taste of life on the Oregon Trail as a part of a Nebraska history lesson. Like the early pioneers, they set off on their journey from Independence, Missouri, a.k.a. Burwell Shurfine. Grocery carts served as covered wagons for the six month cross-country adventure around the town square. The pioneers needed to have grit and perseverance to overcome the challenges presented by the treacherous rivers, plains, and mountains. Excitement was in the air as they began, but it dwindled while they made the half-mile walk back to school. Nevertheless, each class made it to their destination safe and sound, evading trail dangers such as attacks from outsiders and typhoid fever. It's safe to say this Oregon Trail experience was both educational and truly enjoyable.

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## 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, compliments, 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. We will soon start our Be a Buddy Unit.

The Fourth grade students have been learning about Community: a group of people, working together, for a common goal. We started reading the book "The Way to Go" and have had great discussion. Each student received their own book donated by local businesses and will take it home when we are finished.



## November Longhorn Pride

The November Longhorn Pride brought a couple of visitors this month. Kathy Mann and Amy Hughes visited with students about recycling and all of the items they are currently recycling. We also had Ardith Davenport representing the Lion's Club. The 6th Grade students participated in a Kindness Matters Poster contest. Ardith announced that the winning poster was from Josiah Koenigsberg and that his poster moved on to the District Level. The November Longhorn Pride Winners were presented with \$5 in Chamber Bucks.



## November Longhorn Pride Winners



**Front Row:** Talen Klimek, Ayden Ballagh

**Second Row:** Lily Holmquist, Sylvia Smith, Leo Franson, Isannah Woods, Brody Dawe

**Third Row:** Karsyn Bower, Kalli Joy, Destyne Dilsaver, Axel Smith, Boston Klanecky, Myah Wright, Aiva Koenigsberg

## December Longhorn Pride

The December Longhorn Pride was a fun filled day. On December 10-14th, Burwell Elementary students had a contest to donate food to the Burwell Food Pantry. The winning class was 2nd Grade with a total of 158 lbs of food raised as a class! Burwell 2nd Graders got to choose 2 Elementary Staff members who they would like to throw a pie in their face. The two Staff members chosen were Mr. Nelson and Mr. Max. Burwell Elementary donated a total of 853 lbs to the Burwell Food Pantry.




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## December Longhorn Pride Winners



**Front Row:** Cort Hicks, Jackson Joy, Keelin Patrick, Eryn Pinckney, Natalya William

**Second Row:** Jalise Busch, Holden Pinckney, Violet Meckel

**Third Row:** Jordan Williams, Owen Stevenson, Gauge DeGroff, Hayes Plugge, Regan Smith, Colter Wright

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## Health & Wellness



Its that time of the year again for cold and flu season. Please **do not** send students to school with temps of 100 degrees or more. **If students have had a fever, they need to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. If students have the stomach flu, they need to stay home for at least 24 hours since the last time they had an emesis.** If students have severe coughs, you can send cough syrups and cough drops to school and give them to the secretary so she can give it throughout the day. The best way to prevent the spreading of cough and colds is to cough in your elbow and to use good handwashing.

Also, it is getting colder outside and with that being said the students need to remember to bring heavier coats, mittens/gloves and hats to school. When the snow starts to fly and accumulate then the students need to bring boots/snow pants (if they choose to) to school. Also, students should not be sharing hats, hoodies, scarfs, combs, brushes, ponies and headbands.

It is still not too late to get your FLU shots. Please contact your local clinic or Loup Basin Health Dept. to get them.



6th Grade Lions Club Posters

## 6th Grade

What is the difference between a person that is discouraged by competition and one that is challenged? The great Italian Renaissance artist, Michelangelo Buonarroti once said, "The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark."

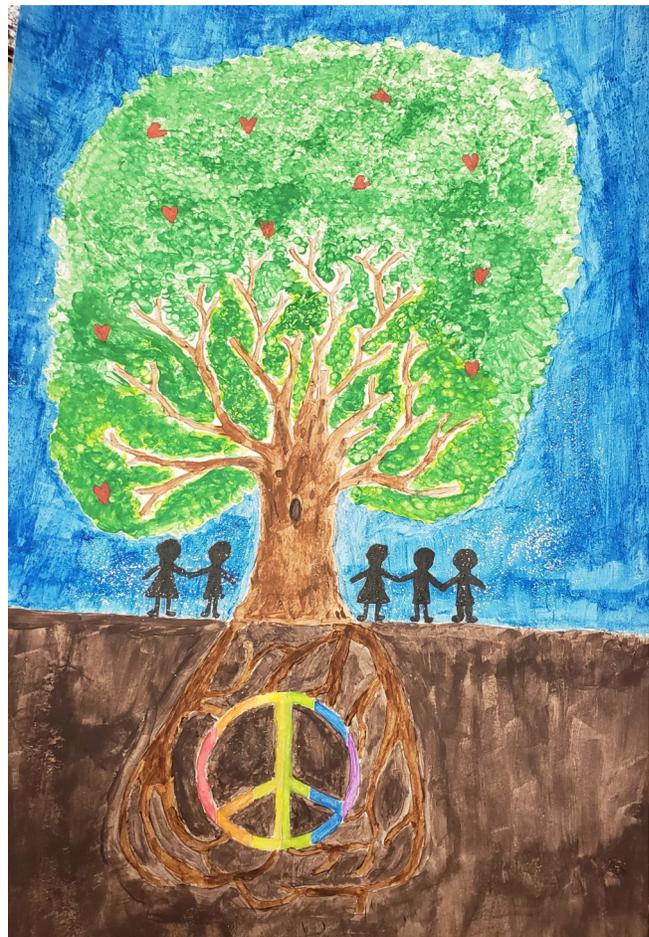
As the 6th grade students are drawn into their next literature unit, set in the world-renowned, Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, a local poster contest became the perfect supplemental tool. When shown past winning poster entries, it would have been very easy to be discouraged because of the level of expertise. There were some "amazing" entries!

Which students were going to rise to the top and flourish in the face of such stiff competition? A more tenured artist of the Italian Renaissance period, Leonardo da Vinci, known for painting *The Last Supper* and *the Mona Lisa*, was noted as saying, "All of our knowledge has its origins in our own perceptions." This means that we must perceive ourselves as being able. Both of the artists mentioned lived during the same time and even knew each other. Michelangelo was much younger than Leonardo, but both are known today as two of the **greatest** of all times. What if Michelangelo was discouraged by competition? Just think of the masterpieces the world would never have known! The Sistine Chapel ceiling would certainly be lacking! He is noted as saying, "If you knew how much work went into it, you wouldn't call it genius."

The 6th grade students that flourished in this Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest challenge were Josiah Koenigsberg taking first place in the local competition and also the district level. His masterpiece (located on the page) was sent on to the regional level! Two other notable competitors were Jessica Dawe winning second and Calah Archibeque taking third place in the local Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Great job to those students who gave effort in their attempt!

Thank you to Ardith Davenport and the Lions Club for giving us this opportunity to realize our potential!

*"AS YOU GIVE OUT SO SHALL YOU RECEIVE."* by Michelangelo Buonarroti



# Calamus Kids Preschool News

This month our friend, Amy Hughes, stopped by to talk to us about recycling. We played a matching game and matched the items to the correct recycling boxes.

We also had Little Miss Burwell Rodeo, Sidney Spanel, stop by for a visit. She talked to us about all the things she has to do as a Rodeo Queen. She brought coloring pages for us to color and also signed autographs.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## December Birthdays

- Dec. 3- Mrs. Swett
- Dec. 6- Brody Gumb
- Dec. 7- Addison Critel
- Dec.9- Mrs. Urbanovsky
- Dec. 16- Alahnah Hillman
- Dec. 19- Clayton Wegener
- Dec. 20- Devony Thoene
- Dec. 22- Kalli Franson & Mrs. Johnson
- Dec. 23- Mrs. Freouf
- Dec.26- Drew Dawe
- Dec. 28- Colter Wright
- Dec. 29- Conley Feeken
- Dec. 30- Zoe Slagle & Mrs. Elliott

## January Birthdays

- Jan. 2-Dana Plugge
- Jan. 9-Jasper Borgelt
- Jan. 11-Emily Slangal
- Jan. 12-Halle Woolsey
- Jan. 20-Kamdyn Wamsley
- Jan. 22-Adyson Dilsaver
- Jan. 23-Lainee Pelster
- Jan. 30-Tayten Ferris & Mrs. Schott

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