January/February 2018 Newsletter

Looking Ahead

Jan./Feb. 2017

10:00 Late Start	**Jan 17**
Longhorn Pride Assembly	**Jan 26**
NO SCHOOL FCCLA Star	**Jan 31**
Lions Bus	**Feb 7**
10:00 Late Start Parent Teacher Conferences PM	**Feb 14**
NO SCHOOL P/T Conferences	**Feb 15**
NO SCHOOL Break	**Feb 16**

Principal's Corner

Mr. Max, Principal

Choose to make 2017 a positive year for you and your children.

***You can choose to be optimistic.** You've probably heard that a pessimist sees a glass of water as half empty, while an optimist sees it as half full. The pessimist focuses on the negative (the missing water), while the optimist sees the positive (the water that's there). Who's likely to be happier?

***You can choose to accept things as they are.** This doesn't mean that you give up. It means that you don't struggle and whine when things don't go right- behaviors that make you a helpless victim. Instead you get on with your life and move forward.

***You can choose to be resilient.** Have you ever watched a tree swaying in a storm? A tree that stands rigidly will never win a battle against the wind. Trees that bend with the wind are those that survive. Like a tree, you can bend and sway as life batters and blasts you- then bounce back again, supported by your strong, deep roots. When you're resilient, you can survive almost anything- being hurt, frustrated, losing friends, and much more.

***You can choose to be cheerful.** Have you spent time around cheerful people? If you have, then you know that they energize you. They're like human battery chargers. You can be one too. When you send out positive words, thoughts, and feelings, positive people (and things) are attracted to you.

***You can choose to be enthusiastic.** Greet each day with excitement. Approach tasks and chores with zest. Enthusiasm is catching! The more upbeat you are, the more people around you will feel and act the same.

***You can choose to be more alert.** If you're more alert to potential problems, you can be better prepared for them and even dodge some. Of course, you can also be alert to opportunities for positive experiences.

***You can choose to have a sense of humor.** When you do something silly (and everyone does), don't miss the opportunity to laugh at yourself. It's one of life's greatest joys.

***You can choose to be a good sport.** This attitude can win you friends even if you don't win the game or competition. Being a good sport means losing gracefully and not blaming other people or circumstances for your loss.

***You can choose to be grateful.** Think about it- you probably have a lot to be grateful for. Gratitude puts a smile on your face. If makes you feel good about your life. Other people feel good about being around you.

***You can choose to have hope.** Without hope, life has no meaning or point. We expect nothing, plan nothing, and don't set set goals for ourselves. Hope may be your most important positive attitude- the basis for all the others.

Counselor's Corner

by Miss Tetschner

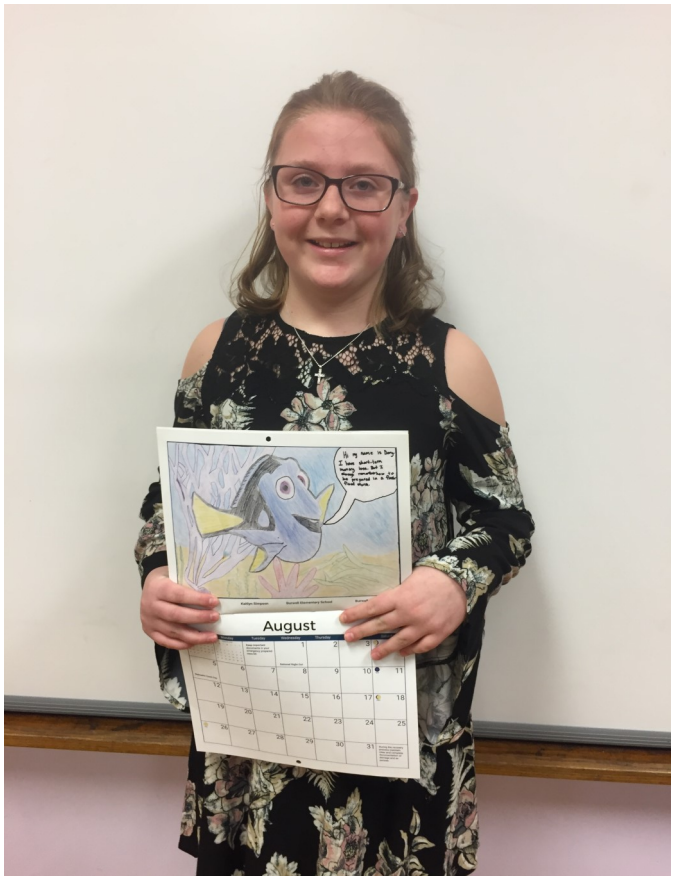
February is Dental Health Month and we will be doing several activities in the Kindergarten and First Grade to discuss teeth brushing, flossing, the parts of a tooth, eating healthy foods, and many other aspects of dental health.

In grades Second through Sixth Grades we have the privilege of having guests, Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Crandall, from the GLW Children's Council share lessons from the "Too Good for Drugs" program and the "Character All-Stars" program. Look for their homework assignments and information to parents each week.

Geography Bee

Burwell Public Schools held their Geography Bee on Tuesday, January 30th. Congratulations to Cooper Phillipps who the competition and will advance to the next level.

Front row: Titus Gideon, Cooper Phillips, Bailey Desrosiers, Jymmie Jensen, Aiva Koenigsberg
Back row: Hagen Hodges, Gus Elliott, Devin Konicek, Carter Mann, Hans Gideon



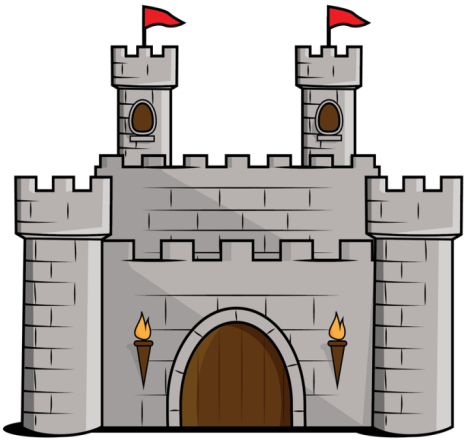
Simpson wins Poster Contest

Kaitlyn Simpson, a student at Burwell Elementary, is shown with her prize winning poster entry. She won honorable mention in the 2017 Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest as a fourth grade student last year! Kaitlyn's poster was published in the 2018 Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness calendar. Her poster stated: "Hi my name is Dori. I have short-term memory loss. But I always remember to be prepared in a flash-flood storm."

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Philip and Nicki Simpson. Proud grandparents are Ron & Judy Simpson and Chuck & Linda Fryzek all of Burwell as well as Doug & Pat Bebee of Liberty, Missouri.

Reindeer Visit Burwell Elementary

Burwell Public students enjoyed a visit from Flip Licking and his reindeer in December. Students had the chance to ask questions about the reindeer and pet the reindeer.



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5th Grade

Burwell Elementary's 5th grade class have been working on its Passport to Germany unit. One of the big projects for the students has been researching and building castles. Castles were an important part of medieval German history.

Parents:

Its that time of year when the Art Classes will be painting. If your child has not brought an art shirt yet, please make sure they bring one to keep in their locker.

~Mrs. Anderson

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Friday, March 16th at 10:00am.
Mark your calendars!

Local Beef Kick Off

Burwell kicked off their Local Beef Program on Tues., Jan 9th. Students enjoyed grilled hamburgers that were grilled by Larry Donner and the local Nebraska Cattlemen. They also recognized their first donor, Mike Burnham. If you are interested in being a donor, please contact Mr. Bird or Mr. Max.

3rd Grade News

The Burwell Rotary Club presented dictionaries to each third grade student at Burwell Elementary on .Wed., Dec. 20th The Rotarians presented the dictionaries and briefly talked to the classes about the importance of education and service. The students were excited to receive the dictionaries and Burwell Elementary is grateful for the partnership we share with our local Rotary chapter.

December Longhorn Pride/Food Drive

Burwell Elementary collected food to donate to the Burwell Food Pantry this month for Longhorn Pride.

December Longhorn Pride Winners

Front Row: Tayten Ferris, Cort Hicks, Brogan Dunbar, Brody Dawe
Second Row: Aiva Koenigsberg, Brextin Stout, Jalise Busch, Sierra Slagle
Third Row: Brookelyn Gideon, Kolton Thoene, Wyatt Larsen, Avery Mann, Kylee Simon, Reagan Stevenson

January Longhorn Pride

January's Longhorn Pride assembly brought a special guest, Trent Marshall and his newborn baby piglets. Trent talked to the students about the birth of the pigs and loss of their mother during delivery. Trent talked to the students about the responsibility that comes along with animals and the unexpected events that may happen. Stacie Roblyer, Burwell Chamber, also presented Burwell Elementary with a check for $451.63 donated from the Puzzle Tournament held in December.

January Longhorn Pride Winners

Front Row: Peyten Short, Jordan Hulinsky, Kalli Franson, Keelin Patrick, Reagan Schaaf
Second Row: Teague Stout, Caleb Elliott, Myah Wright, Kadynce Jones, Josiah Hagemeier
Third Row: Hali Wamsley, Katie Hughes, Calah Archibeque, Hanna Carstens

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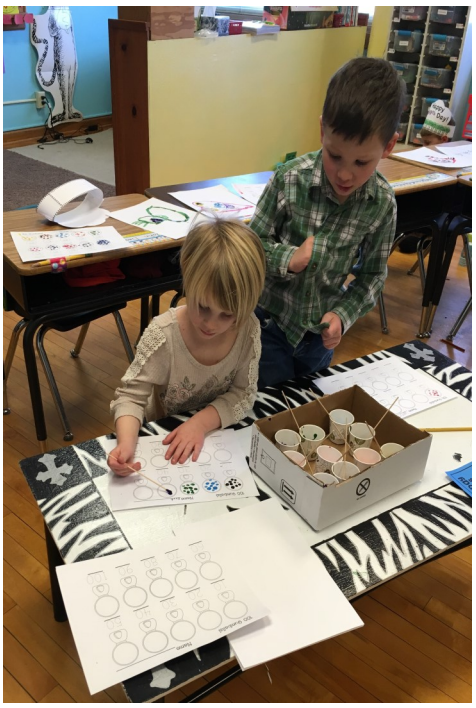

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Future Kids

This year Burwell Elementary is taking advantage of an online keyboarding program in Future Kids class called Star Typers. In addition to class time, each student can log-in and practice outside of class. The program allows the teacher to monitor progress and practice times. During second quarter, the 5th and 6th graders learned keyboarding skills and why it is important for one's health and safety to have good posture when typing. During the third quarter, Kindergarten, 3rd grade and 4th grade will all begin keyboarding. As part of our keyboarding unit, students use keyboard covers so they are less likely to look at their fingers and develop bad habits that will prevent them from typing with speed and accuracy as they become more proficient. Weekly awards are given to students for "Best Average", "Most Stars" and "Most Lessons Completed Outside of Class". Students who earned awards for "Best Average" included: Gauge DeGroff, Shaylee Hulinsky, Jessi Jeffres, and Dillon Simpson. Students who earned "Most Stars" included: Jessica Dawe, Wyatt Larsen, Hadyn Welniak, and Natalie Williams. Those who earned awards for "Most Lessons Completed Outside of Class" included: Kalli Joy, Halli Wamsley, Avery Mann, and Hadyn Welniak.

In conjunction with library class, the 3rd and 4th graders have busy learning how to use OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) to look up books in our school library using different methods by keyword, title, author, subject, copy category and visual. They have also been exploring all the information they can learn about a book from using this form of online tool. Technology has made finding a book so much easier and informative than using the old card catalogue like their parents had to use "back in the day".

The first and second graders have been continuing to become more familiar with using Microsoft Office's Word and Publisher programs and learning how to save and find their documents. The students have been learning how to change paper orientation, draw text boxes, alter font style and size, align text, insert clip art, and save to their H:drive. In addition, the second graders have learned how to have more than one document open at a time so they can maneuver between both in order to copy & paste pictures using either right click or the Ctrl key short cuts. Soon the kids will be able to insert columns and add a border to their document as well. You can expect to see some fabulous-looking papers now!

How Can you help our School?

Box Tops

Remember to keep cutting and sending your box tops to the school. It is a great program to supply our school with new school supplies.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

We **no** longer collect Campbells Soup labels as this program is not available anymore.

NEW

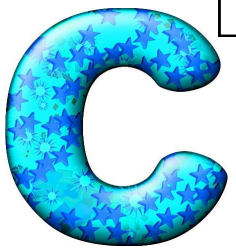
The Burwell 5th Grade has started to collect aluminum pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Those tabs, when recycled, help cover some of their operational costs. Thanks to schools, business, community organizations, and families, they have recycled approximately 35 million pop tabs last year. The money from those donations paid for their electric bill each month.

TEAMMATES™
MENTORING PROGRAM
NEBRASKA

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

Become A Mentor Today!!

Calamus Kids Preschool News



Letter of the Week

For letter C, we celebrated with costume day. We all wore our favorite costumes to school for the day.

We also had Sara Holmquist owner of Normal Roasting Co. here for C week and she talked to us about roasting coffee.

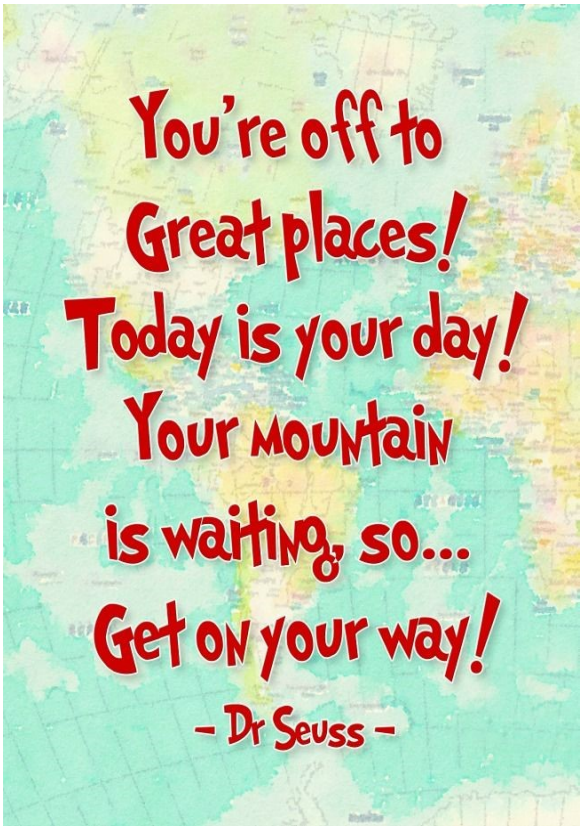
She brought some coffee beans that were not roasted and ones that were. We have been enjoying the smell of the coffee beans in our school.

January Birthdays

Jan. 2 Jayme Bower
Mrs. Plugge
Jan. 9 Jasper Borgelt
Jan. 11 Emily Slangal
Jan. 12 Halle Woolsey
Jan.20 Wyatt Larsen
Kamdyn Wamsley
Jan. 22 Adyson Dilsaver
Jan. 23 Lainee Pelster
Jan. 30 Tayten Ferris
Mrs. Schott

February Birthdays

2-1 Ericka Larsen
2-6 Kylee Simon &
Zella Smith
2-8 Daniel Gregorski
2-13 Rea Petersen &
Myah Wright
2-15 Sierra Slagle
2-16 Tysen Welton &
Holden Pinckney
2-17 Kelly Mayfield &
Mrs. White
2-22 Mrs. Williams
2-24 Landen Wegener
2-25 Mrs. Anderson
2-27 James Pryce



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