

Burwell Elementary March Newsletter

2023

2024

by Katie Moon

Spotlight on Service

We are incredibly grateful for the Burwell Elementary Parent Advisory Committee for their generous support and dedication to our school. The PAC has recently contributed an iPad for 3rd grade, a set of books for Miss Tetschner's elementary guidance classes, a Cricut Explore 3 for staff and teachers, and bleacher covers for the elementary gym. These tools and resources will make a significant impact on our students' learning and a welcoming environment.

The iPad will be an invaluable tool for more interactive learning, helping to engage students in innovative ways and prepare them for success in a digital age. We are excited to see the many ways Mrs. Gideon will incorporate the iPad in her classroom and teaching strategies.

The addition of elementary books for Miss Tetschner's guidance classes will be a great resource to support the social, emotional, and academic development of our students.

With these new books, Miss T. will be better equipped to address a wide range of topics and provide guidance and support to students facing various challenges. Whether it's coping with emotions, building resilience, or navigating social relationships, these resources will help empower our students to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

The Cricut Explore opens up a world of creative possibilities for our staff, teachers and their students. With this versatile tool, they can enhance their lesson plans, create engaging visual aids, and design interactive materials that captivate and inspire students in their classroom. It will enable us to personalize learning experiences and bring our ideas to life in ways that were previously unimaginable.

The new bleacher covers not only create a positive and welcoming environment but provide protection and support for our students, staff, and visitors in our elementary gym. Our students spend quite a bit of time in the gym before school begins or at recess when it is too cold to be outside, during Longhorn Pride celebrations, and during school activities. We are very excited to have a safe seating area for students and visitors. A huge thank you to our custodians, Kerry Fink and Sarah Lindsay, for taking time out of their normal routines to brainstorm a way to put on the new covers. In conversation, it took almost 1 hour for each bleacher to be removed and recovered. Thank you, PAC, for contributing these essential resources for our school. Your ongoing support truly makes a difference.



1st Grade GAZETTE

where learning
BEGINS!

READING



Our story is Hunter's Money Jar, which is about a boy saving his money to buy a skateboard. We talked about who is the narrator of the story. Students also learned the sounds for soft c and soft g.

SOCIAL STUDIES



In Social Studies we are learning about jobs at home and school. We are also distinguishing between needs and wants.



We are learning about defining & nondefining attributes of shapes. We have taken apart shapes and used those pieces to make new shapes. We will also be learning about 3-D shapes. We continue to practice our addition facts and have learned some subtraction facts.

We completed our Night Pattern unit and have started the Day Pattern unit. Students used flashlights and gnome patterns to show how a statue's shadow can move without the statue moving. They also used the flashlights to make animal shadows.

SCIENCE



Our Longhorn Pride prizes in February were Game Day and reading with a snack outside. Students thoroughly enjoyed those two activities. We had two guest speakers in our classroom to talk about their community jobs. Mayor Terry Cone spoke about his job as mayor of Burwell and Sheriff Corey Johnson talked about being the Garfield County Sheriff.








The Secretary's Desk



March



Friday MAR. 1ST	Maintenance Worker & Employee Appreciation Day
Saturday MAR. 2ND	 Dr. Seuss's Birthday 
Sunday MAR. 10TH	Daylight Saving Time Begins
Monday MAR. 11TH	School Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Tuesday MAR. 12TH	3rd Quarter AR Deadline 4 PM
Wednesday MAR. 13TH	3rd Quarter Ends
Thursday MAR. 14TH	NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day
Friday MAR. 15TH	NO SCHOOL Spring Break
Sunday MAR. 17TH	 St. Patrick's Day 
Tuesday MAR. 19TH	 First Day of Spring 
Thursday MAR. 21ST	Elementary Spring Concert 7 PM
Wednesday MAR. 27TH	3rd Grade to Nursing Home Cookies & Crafts @ 2PM
Thursday MAR. 28TH	Longhorn Pride Celebration 2 PM 2:45 DISMISSAL
Friday MAR. 29TH	NO SCHOOL Easter Break
Sunday MAR. 31ST	 Easter Sunday 



April



MONDAY APRIL 1ST	No School
WEDNESDAY APRIL 3RD	Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
THURSDAY APRIL 4TH	School Librarian Appreciation Day
MONDAY APRIL 8TH	School Board Meeting - 6:30 PM Extra Library Hours 5:30-7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY APRIL 10TH	NSCAS Testing 5th Grade
THURSDAY APRIL 11TH	NSCAS Testing 3rd - 6th Grade
FRIDAY APRIL 12TH	NO SCHOOL Staff Development
TUESDAY APRIL 16TH	MAP Testing K-2nd Grade
WEDNESDAY APRIL 17TH	NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day
FRIDAY APRIL 19TH	Kindergarten Round Up Longhorn Pride @ 2 PM
WEDNESDAY APRIL 24TH	NSCAS Testing 3rd - 6th Grade
THURSDAY APRIL 25TH	MAP Testing K-2nd Grade
FRIDAY APRIL 26TH	NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day



March

birthday's

3/1: Talen Klimek
3/4: Noah Stevenson
3/5: Harmony Roth & Mrs. Christen
3/9: Mrs. Jensen
3/10: Corynn Woolsey
3/12: Coytn Hurlburt & Mr. Mann
3/13: Brayden Gideon & Tevon Groshans
3/14: Emery Baker & Hagen Taylor
3/16: Mrs. Fink
3/18: Roland White
3/23: Claire Danner & Quentin Thoene
3/25: Macee Iwanski
3/28: Mrs. Helgoth
3/29: Rowdy Sievers

Happy Birthday



April birthday's

April 5th: Christian William & Ryker Taylor

April 7th: Chase Dawe

April 8th: Mrs. Dawe

April 9th: Mrs. Sikes

April 11th: Eli Lakin

April 13th: Fiona Trausch

April 16th: Brye Burnham

April 29th: Mr. Nelson & David Stevenson

April 30th: Hadlee Dunbar



2nd Grade

SCOOP

READING



We're reading informational books on Natural Disasters.
In Grammar, we are going over adverbs and contractions
In Phonic's, we are learning about prefixes

SOCIAL STUDIES



We're learning about our country long ago, focusing on the 13 colonies, Pioneers moving out west, and some American History.



MATH

We're working on money, telling time to the 5 minutes, 3 digit addition using regrouping, decomposing, and finding friendly numbers.

SCIENCE

Paleontologists
fossils
extinction
dinosaurs



Our class earned a popcorn & board game party at the last Longhorn Pride celebration. We'll be partaking in these during the month of March, as well as Celebrating Read Across America





STAY SECURE

ONLINE

Tech Tips by from Mrs. Weber



WHAT SHOULD CHILDREN KNOW ABOUT SAFE ONLINE BEHAVIOR?

Technology is a part of everyday life for children in 2024. At Burwell Public Schools, it's important to us that students utilize the many benefits of technology in a safe way. We celebrated "Safer Internet Day" in February by learning how to be good digital citizens. Here are some basic topics that we teach and encourage you to discuss with your child.



KEEP PRIVATE THINGS PRIVATE



Don't share private information, including passwords, your home address, date of birth, your location, or revealing photos.



BE AN "UPSTANDER"

If someone you know is being bullied on the internet or social media, find a way to support them and speak up to an adult.



THINK BEFORE YOU POST, TEXT, OR SHARE.



Consider how you and others might feel after you've posted something. It's not always easy to take back what you've said online, and your online behavior can be there forever.



RESPECT OTHERS & AVOID DRAMA

Be nice! If you wouldn't say it in person, don't say it digitally.



FOLLOW THE RULES



Follow the rules. If your parents or teacher tells you to avoid certain websites or to stop texting after a certain time, respect their wishes. It's for your safety!





Phoneme Magic

with Mrs. White



The first grade and kindergarten class wrote about their favorite phonemes on Valentine's Day. The next activity was to decorate a Donita sugar cookie with that phoneme on it. Here are some of the reasons they chose the sounds they did:

Bennet

"ar"

"because I sound like a pirate."



Quinn

"h"

"because I make that sound when I am tired."



Stetzyn

"x"

"because it is fun to write."



Raygan

"ea"

"because it can make the short or long e sound."



Bray

"ed"

"because it is cool."



Aubrie

"au"

"because it is the sound my name begins with."

((((Au)))brie



Creed

"ch"

"because of its sound. It's fun to say."



Brooklyn

"a"

"because it's the first sound in alligator."



Truman

"T and B"

"for the sound of his name and his brother's name."



Natalie

"N"

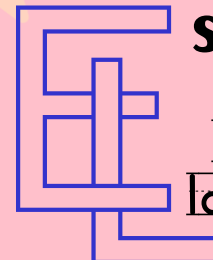
"because the sound begins with my name."

((((N)))atalie

Eli

"E and L sounds"

"for my first and last name."



HERE WE GROW

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK 2024

MARCH 17 - 23

ACTIVITIES



Crop Search

Have you ever wondered what plants farmers grow in Nebraska? A crop is a plant meant for human consumption.

Search for crops grown in Nebraska in the word search!

I	X	J	G	S	U	W	W	V	D	A	Z	F	I
L	V	Q	B	L	O	I	E	I	L	X	T	R	V
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V	B	P	S	K	J	E	J	A	S	F	F	V	V
D	R	Y	E	D	I	B	L	E	B	E	A	N	S

- ☐ CORN
- ☐ SUGAR BEETS
- ☐ SOYBEANS
- ☐ WHEAT
- ☐ POTATOES
- ☐ SORGHUM
- ☐ DRY EDIBLE BEANS



Nebraska Fast Facts

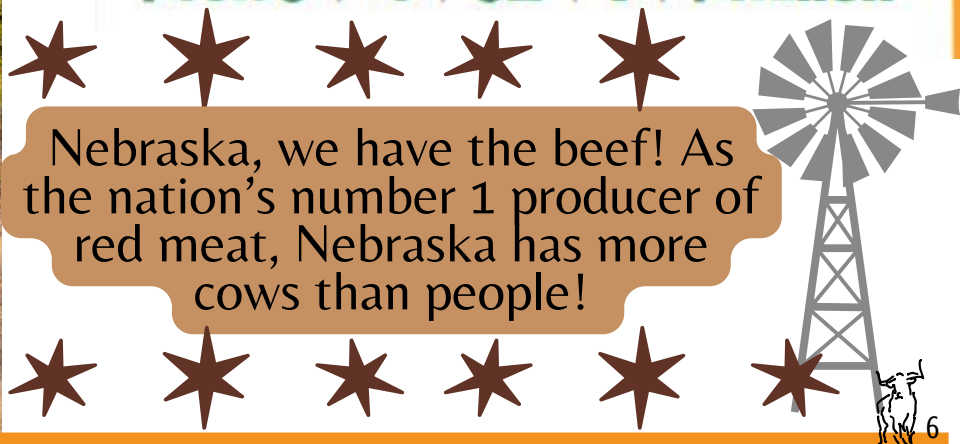
Put your knowledge to the test!

Fill in the blank with a word from the word bank.

- _____% of the state's total land area is used for farms and ranches.
- 1 in _____ jobs in Nebraska are related to agriculture.
- Agriculture is the number _____ industry in Nebraska.
- More than one _____ bushels of corn are grown each year in Nebraska.
- _____ beef cattle than people live in Nebraska.

Word Bank

MORE | 4 | 92 | 1 | MILLION



February Longhorn PRIDE

February's Longhorn Pride Celebration was a cakewalk. Believe it or not, the weather in February allowed us to celebrate outside! The game we played was called "Cake Walk". Winners were called down from the track grandstands and stood by a characterized Frisbee on the track and the game began, much like musical chairs. Prizes were written on the back of each Frisbee.



Sweet



Kaleb Kloppenborg
Kindergarten

Pizza on the playground with Sarah & Mrs. White

Brianna Cox
4th Grade

Mr. Nelson's assistant for 1 hour

Sophia Weaver
4th Grade

Extra Recess

Radley Rambat
2nd Grade

Board Game Hour

Sam Olcott
4th Grade

Pizza on the playground with Sarah & Mrs. White

Harmony Roth
6th Grade

Ice Cream Party

Faye Williams
3rd Grade

Popcorn Party

Lila Rowse

1st Grade

Reading with a Snack Outside

Taittin Freeman

2nd Grade

Popcorn Party

Aloy Seamann

5th Grade

Activity Day with Another Class

Laykley Lowe

3rd Grade

Extra Computer Time

Natalie Olcott

Kindergarten

Activity Day with Another Class

Thomas Shetterly

1st Grade

Board Game Hour

Leah Hunter

6th Grade

Extra Recess

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Burwell Picasos ELEMENTARY

By: Mrs. Heerten

Creed & Marleigh



Two of our first graders were featured artists in February: Creed Hurlburt and Marleigh Lowe. Their projects are all about the most recent holiday – Valentine's Day! Students listened to the book "Love Monster" by Rachel Bright, where a monster, unique from others, still finds love. Students created their own love monster with the focus on the principle of design: balance. Symmetry was discussed to cut out from construction paper the monster, hearts, and eyes to look the same on each side.

Students created texture you can see by adding lines for fur for their monster. Marleigh and Creed both agreed cutting out the eyes was the most challenging part to have them both look the same. Creed enjoyed drawing the fur for the monster using lines. Marleigh liked cutting the monster and hearts out for the project. Both students said they learned how to make the shape the same on both sides, which is symmetry.



Robyn & Lola



The 2nd graders made printed pattern fish! Lola Badura and Robyn Smith are our featured artists in March. Each of them made a printing plate out of styrofoam in the shape of a sea creature with patterns on it. They reviewed how to make secondary colors: orange, purple, and green using primary paint colors to print the sea creatures on paper. As a class they worked together, using each other's printing plates, to create a "school of fish". Each student outlined the fish with Sharpie, cut them out, and glued them to a blue "sea" background.

Lola said drawing different sea creatures was her favorite part of the project. For her, the most difficult part of the project was cutting out the fish. Robyn enjoyed rolling out the primary colors to make secondary colors from paint. She thought the most challenging step was printing the sea creatures from the styrofoam printing plate onto paper. They both learned more about sea creatures through this printmaking project.



FOURTH GRADE

News

MATH

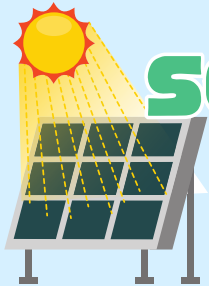


We just completed our unit on division. We learned three strategies for dividing a multi-digit number by a one-digit number: t-chart, area model, and algorithm (long division). The students had some growing pains, but they have done a great job of catching on to the new concept. We've realized why it's important to master our multiplication facts! We are currently working on fractions. We're learning about how to determine if fractions are equivalent. We have learned that we can use a model, number line, or multiplication/division.

We're currently learning about how Nebraska became a state and what it was like for the pioneers to settle in the newly purchased, Louisiana Territory. We recently constructed "ferries" out of aluminum foil and used pennies to represent belongings. This activity helped demonstrate what it was like for the pioneers travelling west as they were faced with crossing the Platte River. Their wagons were loaded with their belongings and necessities. For various reasons, the pioneers would often be forced to lighten their load as they were making the journey west.



SOCIAL STUDIES



SCIENCE

We are wrapping up our unit on electrical systems. We have been engineers trying to determine why "Ergstown" has been experiencing blackouts. Our studies have included learning about energy sources and each part of an electrical system. We've talked about renewability, reliability, cost, and environmental impact when it comes to determining the best energy source. During our studies, we went on two local field trips to reinforce our learning. We visited the local power plant and then looked at a solar powered electrical system. Both experiences were great!

We just finished reading a Philippine Legend, Why the Sea is Salty. The students learned about theme, the message an author wants his/her readers to get from the text. We're now reading a Navajo legend, How the Stars Fell into the Sky. The focus during this unit is on text structure. This current legend follows a problem-solution text structure. New vocabulary words and grammatical skills are also introduced throughout each unit.

READING



From Mrs. Dawe



Thank you, Sarah, for being a positive face for the students. Thank you also for keeping my room so nice and clean! Thank you, Katie, for working hard to keep everything running so smoothly. Thank you especially for always finding ways to cover my class when needed! Thank you, Mrs. Swett, for always making sure my classroom door is unlocked in the morning!

Thank you, Mrs. Gideon and Mrs. Archibeque, for covering my class when I needed to be absent for an appointment.

Thank you, Mrs. Doggett and Mrs. Johnson, for aiding in the local 4th grade field trip!

Thank you, Mr. Carson, for scheduling transportation for our local field trip.

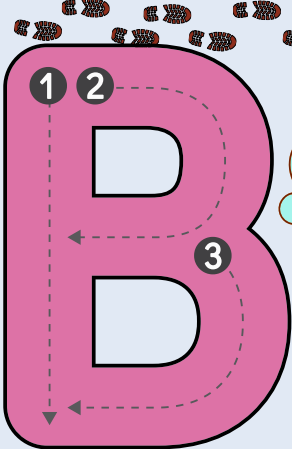
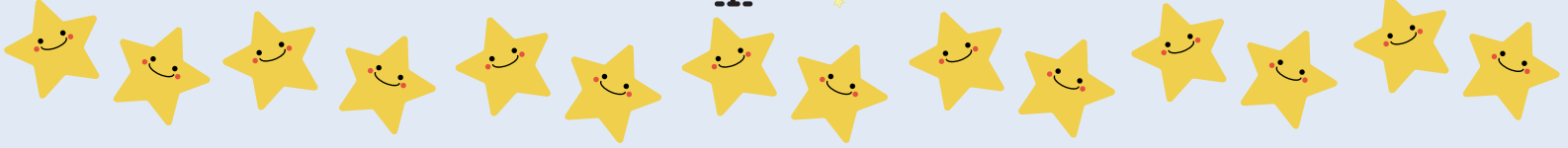
Students, thanks for being you. It's always a joy to see you learn and grow throughout the year. I really enjoyed watching your check your 3rd Quarter progress on PowerSchool. What an improvement from the first time at the beginning of the year.

You've matured so much!



CALAMUS KIDS Preschool

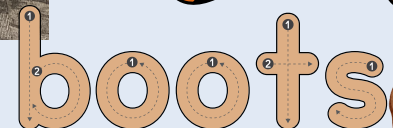
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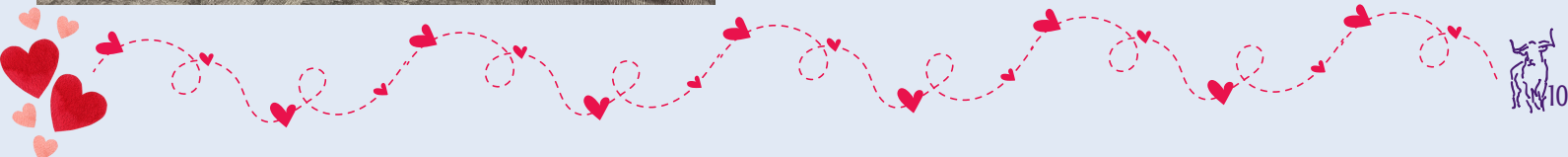
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On Valentine's we were all dressed up in our red and hearts!



Grade 5 Gazette

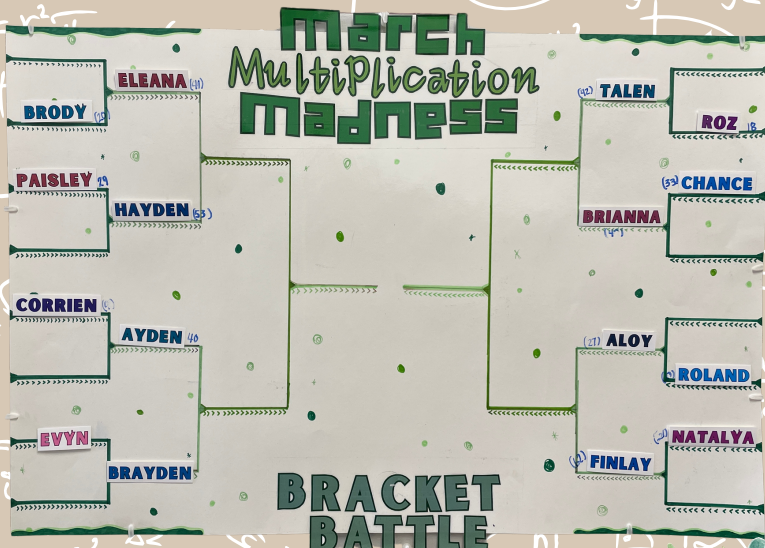
EXPLORING Fifth Grade adventures

MATH



SOCIAL STUDIES

This month we started working with fractions. We are learning what equivalent fractions are, adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators. We will be learning multiplication and division of fractions also. We are continuing to work on multiplication facts and started the March Multiplication Madness weekly competition. Who do you think will be the Bracket Battle winner?



In Social Studies we are reading about the

Thirteen Colonies and what life was like in the English Colonies. We also

talked about the slave trade and how that affected people's lives.

READING

In reading, we just finished a book called, "The Road to Freedom". Students learned what the Underground Railroad was really about and how hard and ugly slavery really was.



PROGRESS
- NOT -
PERFECTION



"thank you"

I would like to thank my students and Mrs. Larsen for the terrific job they did in my absence. They worked hard and accomplished a lot of the things that I had planned for them. It is hard being gone and we (Jim and I) appreciated all the thoughts, prayers and cards the students sent our way. A HUGE THANK-YOU to the 5th grade class and Mrs. Larsen.

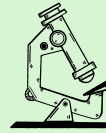
Mrs. Swett



SIXTH Grade News

SOCIAL STUDIES

We just finished learning about the California Gold Rush and the Oregon Trail. We are starting to learn about differences that split the North and the South before the Civil War.



Science

Reading



In reading we recently read about Nelson Mandela and what his life was like. We also started a March Madness Book Tournament. Each student selected their favorite book they have read this year and will present different information about their book to advance to the next round in the tournament.



In 6th grade science we are creating models that show how kinetic energy transfers to different object.

In 5th grade science we recently learned about emulsifiers and how they can help liquids stay mixed. We will soon be creating our own salad dressing based on our recent investigations.

CAMP Third grade

We are decomposing composite figures to determine the area.



Our class is mastering their multiplication facts! We are down to our final facts: 7's, 8's, & 9's. After we master them, we will be celebrating with an ice cream party at the end of the year!

Reading

Using key details to determine the main idea of a story!



Discovering different weather patterns, and cloud formations.



Social studies

We are creating our own communities, and learning the responsibilities in communities.



CHOOSE kindness



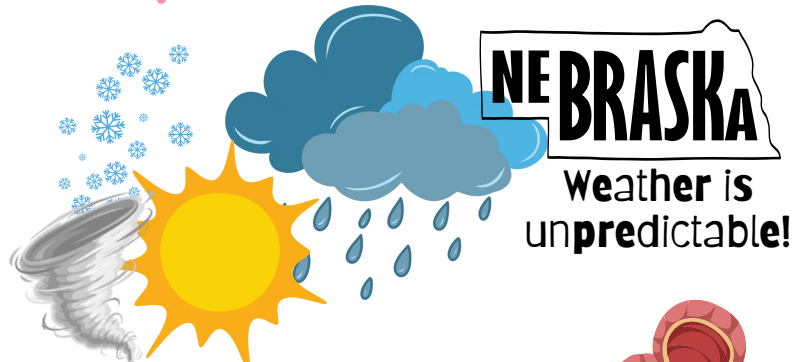
Multiple third grade students were rewarded LHP slips from Ms. Hunter for picking up trash on their way back from lunch! Keeping our community and schools clean! Way to go!

DON'T FORGET

Please feel free to drop off your aluminum can tabs at the office. When Sarah Lindsay travels to Omaha, she drops them off at the Ronald McDonald House for us!



REMHINDER



NEBRASKA

Weather is unpredictable!

As weather continues to change please make sure you are sending your child to school with appropriate outer gear. Students spend a majority of the time inside, however they may have outside recess and also walk to and from lunch at the high school. Thank you!



Download the "Box Tops" app on your smart phone to scan your receipt, or drop your receipt off at the office to be scanned!

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