

# NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

## BURWELL ELEMENTARY

### IMPORTANT DATES:

<b>Veteran's Day Program</b> @ High School 10:00	Nov. 10
<b>Longhorn Pride Assembly</b>	Nov. 17
<b>Dodgeball Tourney &amp; Burger Bash at High School</b>	Nov 17
<b>Dismiss at 1:00 Thanksgiving Break</b>	Nov. 22
<b>Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL</b>	Nov. 23-24

### Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Tetschner



I continue to make weekly visits to the elementary classrooms to discuss a variety of topics.

In grades K-6 we have spent the majority of October discussing "Be a Buddy, not a Bully". We discussed three important behaviors of a bully: 1. Hurtful behavior (verbal or physical), 2. Actions are on purpose (not an accident), 3. and the behaviors happen more than one time.




We also talked about what to do if we are being bullied or if we see bully behavior: 1. Ignore it, 2. Walk away, 3. Tell an adult, 4. Stick up for yourself or someone else.

Lastly, we discussed 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.

October was Red Ribbon Week. The GLW high school students and Mrs. Smith visited each elementary class room to share the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and bad choices. I will continue these topics with the students in November.

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads 20 minutes each day	Student "B" reads 5 minutes each day	Student "C" reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year
1,800,000 words	282,000 words	8,000 words
		
90 <sup>th</sup> percentile	50 <sup>th</sup> percentile	10 <sup>th</sup> percentile

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

### Accelerated Reader



The Accelerated Reader program is a computerized program that tests reading comprehension. Students select books on their reading level, read independently, and take an independent comprehension test on the computer. Each book is worth a certain number of points based on its length and reading level. Students get a percentage of these points based on how many of the test questions they get right. The program tracks their progress over the course of the school year.





# Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 23-31





# Longhorn Pride

We kicked-off the 2017-18 "Longhorn Pride" Program on Sept.29th. Each student received a shirt as they took their oath into the program. Longhorn Pride assemblies will be held the last Friday of every month that we have school.

The program is called, "Longhorn Pride." The program is designed to recognize students for positive behavior characteristics in the areas of; Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Perseverance and Compassion. Each month the students are nominated by the school staff and by any community member that see students exemplify the following criteria:

1. No office referrals for the month.
2. Turn in homework on time and up to teacher's standards.
3. Demonstrate respect toward the teachers and other students.
4. Works hard academically in the classroom and up to their ability.
5. Helpful within the community.

During the assembly, we discussed proper ways to approach adults when talking to other adults. We also took our annual Longhorn Pride school picture as seen below. We had drawings for a coupon to The HUB for a free ice cream cone. We are very excited about this program. Hopefully, the program will expose the positive things kids are doing on a daily basis and reward those who are showing positive traits.



## September Longhorn Pride Winners



**Front row:** Weston Brown, Hudson Redman, Leo Franson, Landen Wegener

**Second row:** Ora Chaffin, Kolton Thoene, Clayton Wegener, Jalise Busch, Kadense Jeffres

**Third row:** Hayes Plugge, Jayme Bower, Jaxon Thoene, Devony Thoene, Avery Mann

## October Longhorn Pride Winners



**Front row:** Weston Brown, Isannah Woods, Merit Wietzki, Cort Hicks

**Second row:** Sierra Slagle, Cole Williams, Dane Svoboda, Royce Green

**Third row:** Jessica Redman, Tysen Welton, Kennedy Klimek, Patrick McBride, Colter Wright, Natalie Williams



# October Longhorn Pride Assembly



During our October Longhorn Pride assembly, Micheala Kelley talked to the students about her experience being a Cross Country runner. Micheala shared her story about how she decided to try something different from her friends to become her own person and become a runner. Micheala talked to the students about Perservence and working hard to accomplish their dream. Micheala placed 5th at the Nebraska State Cross Country meet this year. This month our Longhorn Pride winners won Burwell Chamber Bucks.



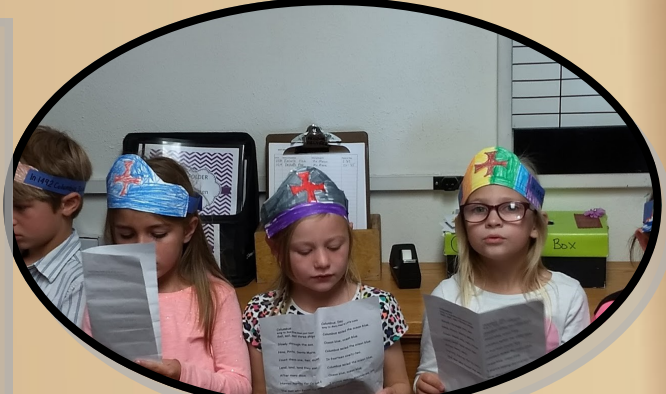
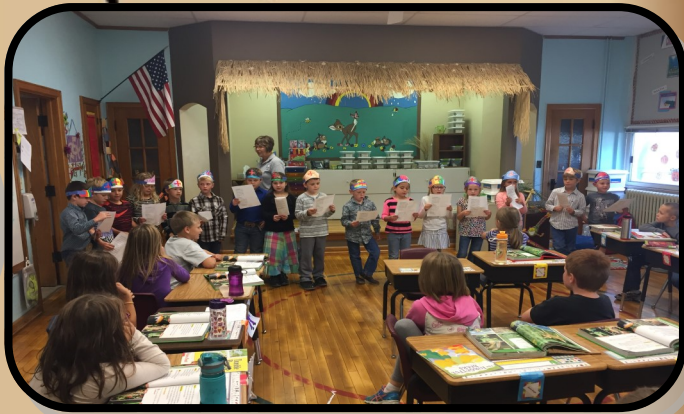
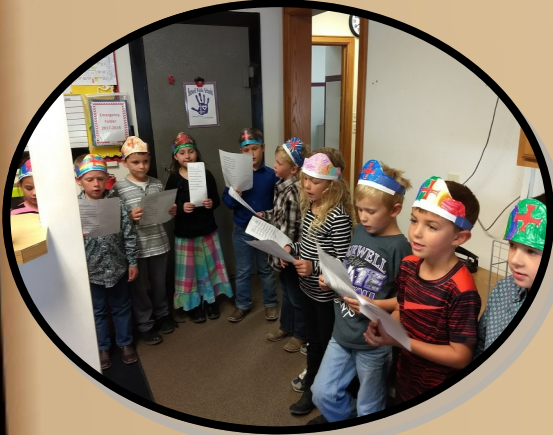




# 1st Grade News



The First Grade class has been studying Columbus Day this month. They entertained other students by singing three songs about Christopher Columbus.



## ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

The A.H.R.A. (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) regulations require yearly notification to parents of the presence of asbestos within the district buildings. Asbestos is a mineral fiber associated with lung disease when inhaled. However, asbestos within building materials usually does not pose a health problem when maintained in good condition and not disturbed. Such is the case at Burwell Elementary Schools.

Burwell Jr. Sr. High School and Burwell Elementary has an asbestos management plan on file at the district office located at the Burwell Jr. Sr. High school. All three schools had their inspections completed on October 9, 2006 and everything was found satisfactory. The District's management plan is available for inspection upon request. If you have any questions regarding the district's management plan you may contact, Dan Bird, at 346-4150.



## 3rd Grade News



On a beautiful fall afternoon the 3rd graders from Burwell Elementary walked to the nursing home. Upon our arrival, we split up into three groups. One group enjoyed talking to the residents about fall and all of the things about fall that they liked. Then, together, the students and residents created & decorated a poster about fall. A second group enjoyed making popcorn pumpkins with the residents. We think there was more eating of the popcorn going on than making of the pumpkins!! Finally, a third group created a bulletin board full of pumpkins, sang songs, and marched with the residents. When the crafts were finished we enjoyed cookies and popcorn with our new friends.



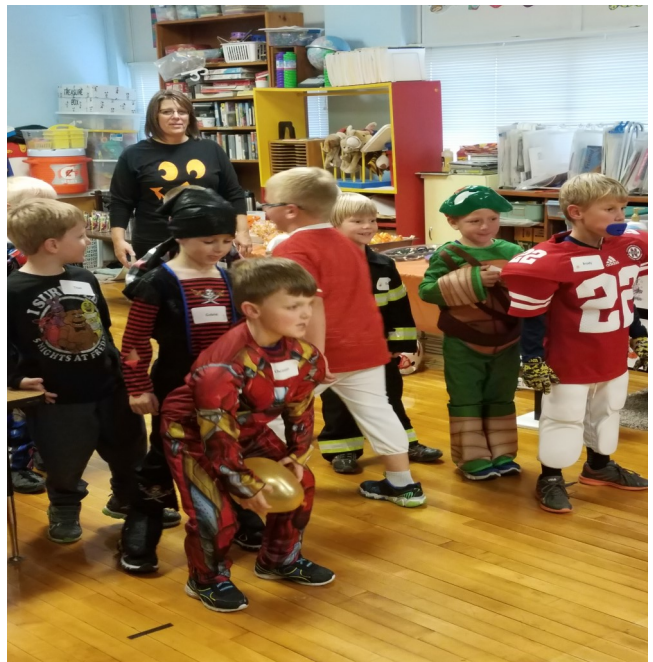
## 4th Grade News



Burwell's fourth grade class had a short Nebraska History lesson at the former country school on October 12. The 23 students made a paper drinking cup that held water. Years ago in some country schools the students made their own drinking cup every day.



# Fall Classroom Parties









# Calamus Kids Preschool

Calamus Kids Preschool has been having fun this month with Letter of the week and having special visitors stop by to teach us about their favorite things. This month we have been working on letters D, P, and E.

## Letter of the Week

# D

For letter D, we had Doctor Hugh come to visit us and tell us what a doctor does. He also let us listen to our own heart beat with his stethoscope.



# P

For letter P, we had Police man Ben here. We loved looking inside his car.



# E

Letter E week was exciting to have Amy Hughes an entomologist stop in and show us her bugs. She left a caterpillar for us to watch turn into a monarch butterfly!







### November Birthdays

Nov. 2 Mrs. Simpson  
 Nov. 3 Laurel Mann  
 Nov. 5 Addyn Stout  
 Nov. 22 Hudson Redman  
 Nov. 25 Dylan Larsen  
 Nov. 27 Mrs. Tetschner



## Cold Weather



It's that time of year again, the weather outside is getting cooler, and we are encouraging the students to come to school dressed appropriately.

**(Hats, gloves, coats, and boots)**

**Please put your child's name in all their outer wear, it will make it easier to reunite them if they get separated.**

## Backpack Notes

As we approach fall/winter break, holiday concerts, parties, breaks, etc. happen at school. Please make sure you are checking your child's backpack each day for notes about what is happening in the classroom.

At the end of every month, you will get a note with **Important Dates** for the next month. Please look over these dates and add them to your calendar.



**TEAMMATES™**  
 MENTORING PROGRAM  
**NEBRASKA**

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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