

NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

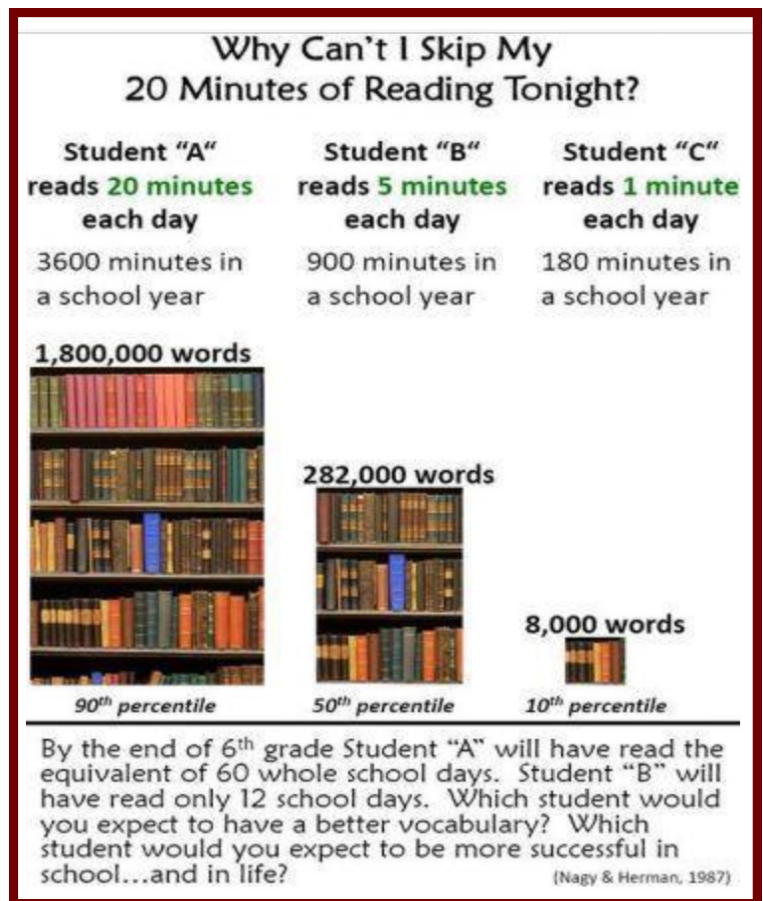
BURWELL ELEMENTARY

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

MR. MAX, PRINCIPAL

One criteria of a student's success in school is regular and punctual attendance. Prompt arrival at school is expected of all students. Late arrivals disrupt class and cause loss of valuable instructional time. Burwell Elementary has made a change to our attendance policy regarding being tardy. Any student who arrives after 8:15 a.m. is considered tardy. Any student arriving after 9:30 a.m. will be counted absent ½ day and any student leaving prior to 1:45pm will be counted absent ½ day. Please contact the school as soon as possible when your child is sick so we can make the necessary arrangements with your teacher. The purpose of this change is to be more consistent with the attendance policy and to stress the importance of getting to school on time. If a student is habitually tardy or absent, parents will be notified and a plan will be made.

IMPORTANT DATES:	
Scoliosis Screening for 5th & 6th Grades	Nov. 6
Smiles Program 8:15am	
Veterans Day Program 10:00 @ High School	Nov. 9
Dismiss at 1:00 Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 21
Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL	Nov. 22- 23
Longhorn Pride Assembly	Nov. 30



****Hope you enjoyed our November newsletter!**

Check out our Elementary website for future monthly Newsletters **

Kindergarten News



The Burwell Kindergarten Class enjoyed a day at the Bumpkin Pumpkin Patch in Anselmo. They enjoyed a hayrack ride, slides, and train rides. The students even got to bring home their own pumpkin!



Burwell Elementary attends Nebraska Game & Parks Wildlife Day at Fort Hartsuff.



The 4th, 5th and 6th Grades of Burwell Elementary attended a Wildlife Day at Fort Hartsuff on Sept. 19th. They went on a scavenger hunt, explored animal hides/skulls, and played a food chain activity game and trivia.



Liv Chaffin and Brextin Stout listening to Amy Hughes as she shares her knowledge of butterflies at the outdoor activity day at Fort Hartsuff.





Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 22-26



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.

Longhorn Pride

We kicked-off the 2018-19 "Longhorn Pride" Program on Sept.21st. Each student received a shirt as they took their oath into the program. This year we have made a few changes to the program so that students continue to take "Pride" in our school and their education. Longhorn Pride assemblies will be held the last Friday of every month that we have school and students are to wear their Longhorn Pride shirt every Friday.

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 took our annual Longhorn Pride school picture as seen below. We had a drawing for coupons to The Pizza Palace for a free personal pan pizza. 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.



October Longhorn Pride Winners



Front row: Jesa Anderson, Cole Williams, Titan McCutchen, Brayden Gideon, Paisley Iwanski, Karyn Hagemeier, Gabe Worden
Back Row: Brextin Stout, Tysen Welton, Sidney Spanel, Hildy Mann, Jessica Dawe, Jackson Joy, Josiah Koenigsberg

Can you Help our School?

BURWELL ELEMENTARY
 WOULD LIKE YOU TO ASSIST THEM WITH
 THESE PROGRAMS.



Pull for the House.

Please collect pull tabs



Earn Cash for Our School!

**CLIP & SAVE
 BOX TOPS**



**Cut upc symbols
 from Best Choice
 grocery products**

Please drop off your collected items at the elementary school office, or send with a student.

LONGHORN PRIDE

If you or your business are interested in helping support the Longhorn Pride Program you may do so with a financial donation of any amount, gift certificates, prize donations, etc. We appreciate your involvement in this program promoting positive strong character.

Third Grade News



3rd Grade Visits Nursing Home Residents

On a crisp fall afternoon, Burwell Elementary 3rd graders walked to the nursing home to take part in some fun crafts with the residents. Upon our arrival, Jenna Woolsey read the story "Wilma Jean the Worry Machine" to us. Following the story half of the class went to make monster bookmarks with the residents in Nature and the other half enjoyed some Halloween coloring and a snack with residents on Sunset. Halfway through our visit we switched places so all of the students and residents had a chance to meet and visit with each other. It is always fun to bring a smile to the Residents' faces.



PUMPKINS PUMPKINS PUMPKINS

Math doesn't always have to come from a book as the 3rd graders discovered last week. Mr. Mann's garden produced a plethora of pumpkins this year so we used them to help practice our math skills. Each group had to measure the height and circumference of their pumpkin as well as make a prediction of how many seeds were inside. Then we cut them open and cleaned them out, being very careful to save all the seeds so they could be counted. Although most of the pumpkins were similar in size, we found out they were not all similar in the amount of seeds that were in them. The tallest pumpkin had the most (826) and the smallest one had the least amount of seeds (343). It took a lot of teamwork to clean and count all those seeds. We took some of the seeds home to save and plant next year and the rest Mrs. Jeffres roasted for us to eat!

You are invited!

What: Movie Celebration
 When: December 21, 2018
 Where: Rodeo Theatre, Burwell, NE
 Who: Everyone meeting his/ her AR goal*



*The **deadline** for AR goals is Thursday, **December 20th** at 4:00 p.m.

Burwell Elementary Library staff enjoys celebrating with each student as he/she rings the bell after a completed goal. Our goal is to give every student his/her picture to add to the movie theatre movie seat display hanging in the hallway. Come in and check out the display.

What is AR?

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a reading management tool within the Renaissance Learning program.

Who sets the goals?

Each quarter individual goals are set for each student by his/ her teacher. Goals are communicated and monitored by various means for each of the classrooms. Ask your student(s) about his/ her goal and progress toward making that goal.

Can I see my student's progress?

Yes – Renaissance Home Connect is available for parents to view reading progress towards goals. Through Home Connect parents can receive automatic updates to specific email addresses.

What do I do if my student needs help with the goal?

Communicate with your student throughout the quarter. Days go by and before we know it the end of the goal period is upon us, and students feel the pressure to reach their goal. Teachers and staff at Burwell Elementary are here to help throughout the quarter. Please contact the school if you have questions. We are there to help students throughout the quarter. We want to encourage continued reading practice on a daily/ weekly basis rather than last minute cramming to complete a goal. Students and parents are welcome to spend time in the library after school to read books and take tests.

Will an unmet AR reading goal affect my child's classroom reading grade?

No. AR goals, points and percentages, will not impact a student's grade in the short-term; however, making time for reading towards a goal will positively impact student's growth as a reader which can help improve grades across subject areas.

What happens if my student does not make his/her goal?

Students with unmet goals will not be able to participate in the AR movie on December 21. The movie is an incentive for students to finish a goal which has been set. We understand many circumstances arise which may interfere with a student's ability to complete his/her goal by the deadline; therefore, an unfinished goal should not be seen as a failure and students will not be punished or disciplined.



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, H and P.

Letter of the Week

For letter D, we had Doctor Hugh come to visit us and tell us what a doctor does. We loved the book he read to us "Nicki Bunny Goes To The Doctor."

D



H



For H week we celebrated by having a Hat day and Husker day, We thought wearing our red Husker gear was so much fun.



P



For letter P week, we had Police officers Ben and RJ stop by to show us their police cars.



Nov. 3 Laurel Mann

Nov. 5 Addyn Stout

Nov. 15-Chance Hanks

Nov. 22 Hudson Redman

Nov. 27 Mrs. Tetschner

Parents:

If you would like access to your child's grades, announcements, attendance, lunch balance, etc., please contact the Elementary office to find out how to sign up for our PowerSchool program.



Cold Weather



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

(Hats, gloves, coats, and boots)

Please put your child's name in all of their outerwear as it will make it easier to reunite them if they get separated.

Backpack Notes

As we approach the November/December months holiday breaks, concerts, parties, 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.

Sign Up Today!

We are on the Web
Burwellpublicschools.org