

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

BURWELL ELEMENTARY



IMPORTANT DATES:

10:00 Late Start 9:30 Breakfast in a Bag Program *Flu Shots from 8-10am at Burwell High School	Oct. 10
End of 1st Term	Oct. 17
Longhorn Pride Assembly	Oct. 19
<i>Smiles Program</i> 9:30	Oct. 23
Parent/Teacher Conferences <i>(Elementary Only)</i>	Oct. 24
Parent/Teacher Conferences <i>(Elementary Only)</i>	Oct. 25
FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL	Oct. 26
Classroom FALL Parties	Oct. 31

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

DARRIN MAX, PRINCIPAL



Communicating With The School Year-Round

- Stay attuned to your child's academic accomplishments on a weekly basis. Praise those accomplishments appropriately.
- Communicate with the school regularly. When you have a concern or question, write a note, email or phone the teacher. We need you on our team!
- Think ahead; at the end of the school year, schedule a meeting to discuss with the teacher your child's



Teaching Responsibility

- Teach your child responsibility. Every child should have home chores that they are expected to complete. Allowances might be tied to completing those chores.
- When appropriate, motivate your child with rewards and consequences.
- Be understanding with your child when he or she makes a mistake. We all learn from our mistakes.

Quote of the Month

Believe you can
and you're halfway there.

-Theodore Roosevelt

For up to date school information please checkout our Elementary webpage at www.burwellpublicschools.org

Counselor's Corner

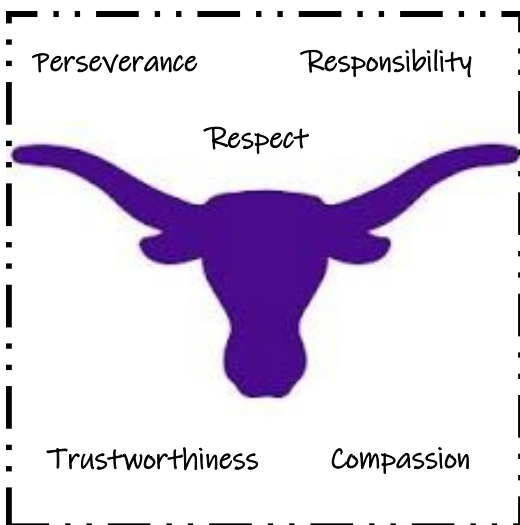
By Miss Tetschner



I have started to make weekly visits to the elementary classrooms to discuss a multitude of topics. Our first few visits have been focused on reviewing topics from last year, making friends and building communities in the classroom through a variety of activities and discussions.

Longhorn Pride

This month during the Longhorn Pride assembly we recognized the 5th Grade class. Each year students bring home forms at the beginning of the year. All of the 19 students turned their forms in by the deadline and was the only class that accomplished this. A pillar of Longhorn Pride is responsibility and the class showed how responsible they were for their forms. Each student received a treat from Becky for making it much easier to track these forms.



October Longhorn Pride Winners

- Front row:** Natalya William, Corrien Shetterly, Peyton Short, Jordan Hulinsky
- Middle row:** Ava Petersen, Colten Patrick, Conley Feeken, Traigh Freeman, Violet Meckel
- Back row:** Axel Smith, Hayes Plugge, Avery Mann, Howard Fauss, Reagan Stevenson

Nebraska Beef in Schools



Local Nebraska Beef Producers Support the Burwell Beef Program

Burwell Public School has joined the growing number of Nebraska schools that are participating in the Nebraska Beef in Schools program. We have had enormous success with the local producers and patrons donating actual beef or funds for helping with the cost of processing. The program is set up to allow local cattle producers to donate beef to be used in the school's lunch program. If you would like to donate a beef or would like to contribute money toward the processing of the meat, please contact Superintendent Dan Bird at dan.bird@burwellpublicschools.com or Elementary Principal Darrin Max at darrin.max@burwellpublicschools.com

What Are The Benefits?

We will be making it known to students when the beef they are consuming is locally grown. This will help to increase awareness, and students will be able to recognize that people they know in our community have worked hard to provide positive nutrition for them and others. It will sure be a special opportunity for students to say they know the producer of the beef personally, or it may even be mom and dad, or grandma and grandpa.

There are also benefits for the school as whole and local beef producers. Local producers will receive exposure for their donation, but most of all it will create a connection between the school and community for the promotion of local resources to students and parents.

Our school lunch calendar will be marked with a beef symbol each time local beef is served on the menu. Our hope is that students and parents notice the symbol and enjoy the fresh local beef being served at lunch that day. It is important to remember that serving sizes and lunch prices are highly regulated by the federal lunch program and the Nebraska Department of Education. This program will not affect serving sizes or lunch prices.

Anyone can participate!!

Not everyone has the ability to provide a beef for the school. Therefore, monetary donations can also be made to the school under the Burwell Beef program. This will allow for many parents and patrons to be able to show their support for this program monetarily while not necessarily being a beef producer. These donations will help to curb the cost of processing for the school. In the future, monetary donations may be able to be used to purchase a local beef from a local producer. All donations will be tax deductible and donors will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

Making the Most of Parent-Teacher Conferences by Preparing Ahead



Parent-teacher conferences are a great way to establish a relationship with your child's teacher. You are the one who knows your child best and your insights help make the year a success. Make every effort to attend.

Before the conference:

- **Write down topics** you want to discuss. Note areas where your child may be struggling. Include positive notes to discuss as well.
- **Talk with your child.** What do they like or dislike about school? Ask, "Is there anything you'd like me to discuss with your teacher?"
- **Look over papers** your child has brought home, handouts and textbooks. Do you have questions about your child's progress or how you can help at home?

At the conference:

- **Be positive.** Offer to work with his teacher to make this a great year for your child.
- **Make plans for keeping in touch.** Ask when to call or email the teacher. If necessary, schedule a follow-up meeting.

After the conference:

- **Talk with your child again.** Let them know, in upbeat terms, how the meeting went. Tell them how excited you are to work with their teacher.
- **Tell them you'll get help.** If they truly are struggling, contact their teacher. Explain where your child had trouble. Ask what you can do to help at home.

Health & Wellness



October is Infection Control Month so we will be encouraging good handwashing in school and at home. Loup Basin Public Health will be at Burwell High School to give “FLU” shots to the staff and students on October 10th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. With this being said, “Good Hand washing” and with getting your “FLU” shot we can hopefully prevent flu outbreaks and prevent flu symptoms from occurring. **Students should be kept home if they have thrown up or had a fever of 100 degrees in the previous 24 hours before school starts.**

How to Prevent the Spread of the Flu:

- Avoid contact with sick individuals if possible
- Encourage students to cough or sneeze into their elbow or use a tissue
- Avoid sharing food, utensils, cups, or water bottles
- Avoid touching eyes, noses and mouth

The Smiles Program will be at Burwell Elementary on October 23rd at 9:30am. Loup Basin staff will check the students teeth and apply fluoride if you would like this done. They will also get free tooth brushes. We will send out their flier soon so keep your eyes out for this in their book bags.



Calamus Kids Preschool News

Calamus Kids Preschool started on Aug. 15th and are excited for the new year. Its been a fun month starting letter of the week and having special visitors stop by to teach us about their favorite things.

Letter of the Week

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For Letter F week, we had our favorite Fireman John stop in and visit. He showed us his firetruck and reminded us to never play with fire. We love when Fireman John stops by!



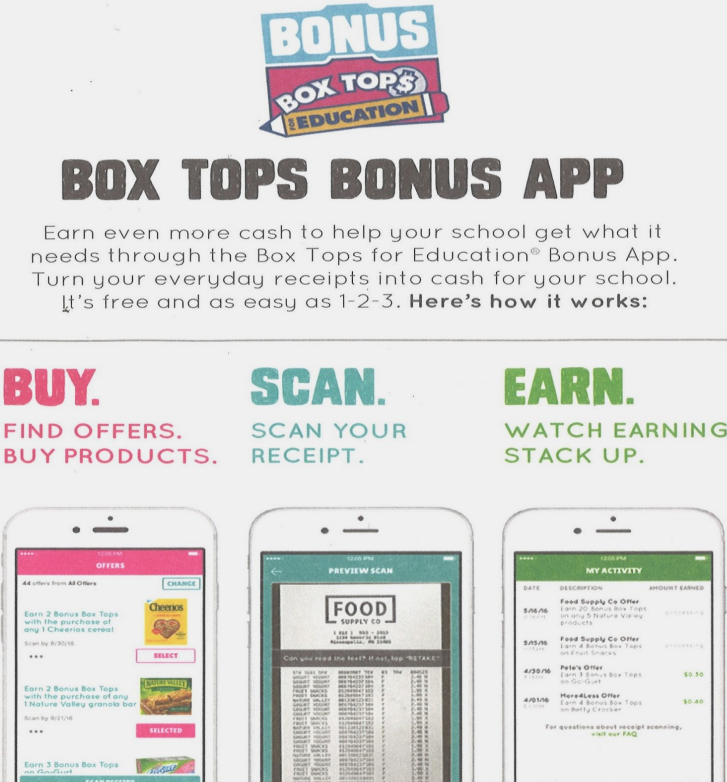
Our special friend, Amelia, came to visit the preschool this month. We love it when she comes and shares her stories with us!



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For Letter E, Amy Hughes came to talk to us about Entomology and taught us all we need to know about bugs.

Would you like to help our school?



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



October Birthdays

- 6-Paisley Iwanski
- 8-Mrs. Curry
- 9-Mr. Max
- 10-Mrs. Galvan
- 17-Ayden Ballagh
- 25-Olivia Brown
- 29-Brextin Stout
- 30-Teague Stout

**Money redeemed from the Box Tops you clip and bring in provides for field trips and some classroom supplies such as composition books and classroom planners.

PARENTS & STUDENTS:
There is a collection of lost and found that will be on display during Parent/Teacher conferences. Please stop by and see if any clothing belongs to your child.

PARENTS:
Please provide us with updates to your mailing address, your home phone and your cell phones numbers as they change.

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