

SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER BURWELL ELEMENTARY

IMPORTANT DATES:

Labor Day NO SCHOOL	Sept 4
Map Testing Grades 3-6	Sept 6th/7th 11th/12th
10:00 Late Start	Sept 13th
Elementary Picture Day	Sept 14th
1:00 Dismissal	Sept 15th
Smiles Program	Sept 19th
Longhorn Pride Assembly	Sept 29th

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER
MR. MAX, PRINCIPAL

The Three R's of school success

The new school year is here! You can help make it a successful one by setting the stage for learning. Share these three R's with your youngster: readiness, routines, and responsibility.

Readiness

- Ensure that your child goes to school ready to learn everyday:
- Speak positively to your child about school and the teachers. Your attitude toward learning will send a powerful message to your child.
 - See to it that your child gets at least eight hours of sleep and a nutritious breakfast so they'll feel rested and alert.

Routines

- Develop simple routines for smooth, stress-free mornings:
- Help your child pick an outfit and pack their lunch in the evening.
 - Have them put everything they need for school in a special grab 'n' go corner.
 - Together, create a regular morning routine. For example, you might make your bed while your youngster gets dressed. Then, you could both eat breakfast.

Responsibility

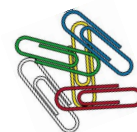
- Teach your child responsibility by helping them get organized.
- Make sure your child has a notebook for writing down assignments and due dates. You can show a younger child how to mark dates on a calendar so you can both keep track of assignments.
 - Keep your child's take home folder in their book bag. Suggest that he tuck permission slips and notices of special events into the folder so they don't get lost.



Counselor's Corner

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, social skills, and building communities in the classroom through a variety of activities and discussions.

Miss Tetschner



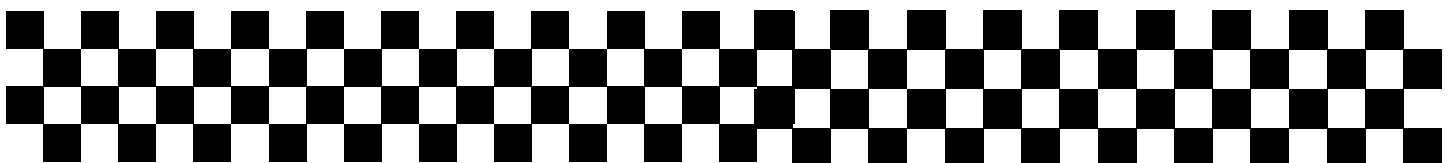


Longhorn Pride



At Burwell Elementary School we hold our students to a level of high success both in the classroom and out. Our Longhorn Pride Program instills common character behavior traits into each student by the choices they make and the effort they put into their studies. We reward great character with a certificate given to a student by the adult that recognizes their behavior and hard work.

Once a month we hold a Longhorn Pride Assembly where the students come together and celebrate their accomplishments. 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.



Brain Power

Beginning September 14th

2nd Grade Tuesdays

3rd & 4th Grade on Wednesdays

(No Club on Late Start Mornings)

*****3rd & 4th will have Brain Power on Fri.**

Sept 15th —one time only due to late start

5th & 6th Grade on Thursdays

Starting at 7:45 each morning.



Geography Club

Geography will be included with Brain Power this school year.



School Pictures are just around the corner. We will be taking individual school pictures on Thursday, Sept. 14th. Remember to dress nice and SMILE! Smaller siblings are welcome to come in and take pictures as well.



2017-2018 School Lunch & Milk Prices

Breakfast

Daily \$1.75

Weekly \$8.75

Monthly \$35.00

Lunches

Daily \$2.55

Weekly \$12.75

Monthly \$51.00

Seconds \$1.15

Adults \$3.25

Milk

Single Milk .60

Milk Ticket \$12.00 for 20

Cracker

\$8.00/one time a year (K-2nd)

Thank You for participating in these programs

You may bring in your box tops and soup labels to a classroom or to the elementary school office.

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.



Calls to School

Please let your children know in the morning what they are supposed to do after school. The end of the day can become very hectic making it difficult to get notes to students. Thank you!

Absences & Tardies

If your child will be absent or tardy, please call the school before 8:15. We provide a 24 hour answering machine.
308-346-4431

Burwell Students View Wondrous Solar Eclipse



On August 21, 2017, millions of people across the United States watched in amazement as nature's most wondrous spectacle, a total eclipse of the sun, took place. The moon completely blocked the sun, day became a deep twilight, and the sun's corona shimmered in the darkened sky. Nebraska had 468 miles of eclipse viewing, the longest of any other states. The eclipse started at 11:33 a.m. and was completed by 2:33 p.m. in Burwell. Totality reached 99.7%.

Burwell students, K-12, were given the opportunity to view the marvelous event. High school students were released to the football field at 11:30 a.m. followed by junior high and then elementary students. Students lined up at the concession stand to pick up a sack lunch and a grilled hot dog. They were able to join their friends and teachers in witnessing the eclipse. The school provided the glasses needed to safely view the moon crossing over the sun.

At its peak, the moon covered the sun to create the same darkness dusk brings. Some of the street lights came on, the wind died down, and a quiet calm filled the air. As students gazed in amazement as the moon covered the sun, a distant planet was also noticed. Viewers were grateful for the change in temperature as well. The solar eclipse experience at Burwell Public Schools was something students and staff will remember forever.



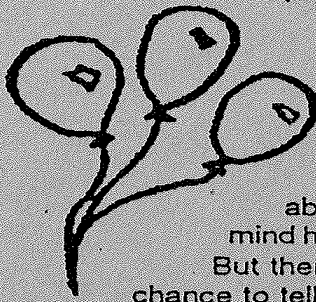


Solar Eclipse 2017



An open letter from children to their parents

Dear Mom and Dad,



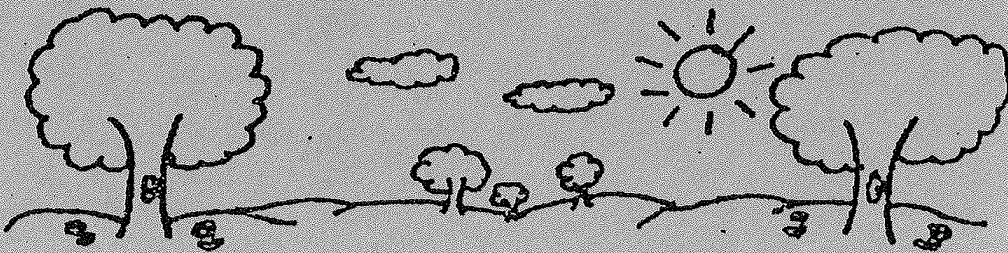
When I've been at school all day, I can hardly wait to see you and tell you all about my day. When one of the other kids tells a funny joke, I say it over and over in my head so I can remember and tell you later. And when my teacher writes "Good work" across the top of my paper, I imagine how happy you'll be when you see it. And when that boy in the other class calls me names on the playground, I think about how you'll help me figure out how to make him mind his own business.

But then sometimes at the end of the day I hardly have a chance to tell you anything. As soon as I start talking, you say, "Ssshhh...can't you see that I'm busy! I'll talk to you in a minute." And sometimes a minute is an awful long time! When you're busy cooking dinner or making a phone call or reading your mail, sometimes I feel all wiggly and just want to shout, "Look at me! I'm more important than what you're doing!"

My favorite times are when you put down your papers and smile right into my eyes and say, "Tell me all about it!" That lets me know that I'm the very most important thing in your life. And then when I've told you my news for the day, it's so much easier for me to go play on my own while you get your work done. I know sometimes you can't put your work down right away. At those times it feels good if you pull me in close to you so we can snuggle while you finish what you're doing. It even helps if you set the oven timer to show me how long I have to wait before I get my turn with you. It's not so hard to wait if I know that when the time goes off, you'll be ready to hear the things I want to tell you. I like to have my own special basket to put in all the stuff I want to show you. It's fun when you take the phone off the hook for ten minutes after dinner and we just sit together for our own "show and tell."

As I get older and have more homework and more friends to run around with, I suppose sometimes I won't have much time to talk to you. But together I'm sure we can figure out a way to be sure that we talk - at least for a little while - every day. After all, you've known me my whole life, so it's pretty important that you and I stick together - even when we're busy!

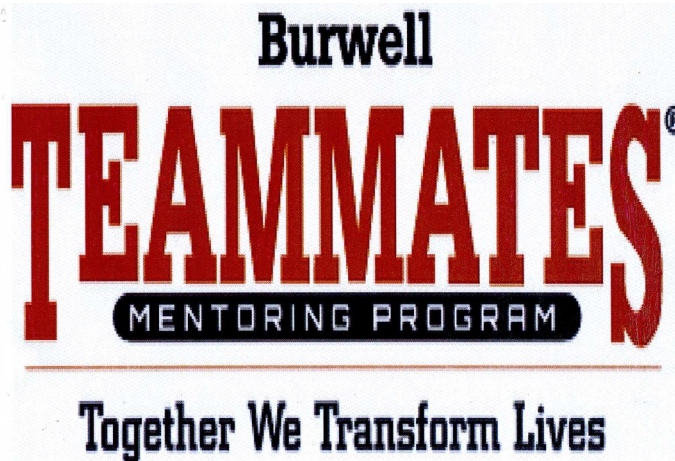
Love, Your son/daughter



CALAMUS KIDS PRESCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to our new 2017-2018 Preschoolers!! Calamus Kids Preschool is having fun and are busy learning this year. They currently have 25 children enrolled this school year.

The students have been enjoying the lovely weather outside for sand play and riding trikes.



We are looking for people who would like to be involved in changing students' lives. If you would like to be part of this great mentoring program, please call Linda Senn at 346.4088



September Birthdays:

- Sept. 1 Kalli Joy
- Sept. 4 Caleb Elliott
- Sept. 6 Brookelyn Gideon
- Sept. 7-John Dearmont
- Sept. 8 Cody Marshall
- Sept. 9 Kolton Thoene
- Sept. 12 Colten Patrick
- Sept. 13 Regan Smith
- Sept. 14 Ava Petersen
- Sept. 17 Jordan Hulinsky
- Sept. 19 Cy Feeken & Karli Fauss
- Sept. 25 Owen Stevenson & Cole Williams
- Sept. 30 Brody Jensen