

February 2022 Newsletter

Burwell Elementary

By: Katie Moon

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES

4—H Spirit Day	Wednesday Feb. 2nd
10 AM Late Start	Wednesday Feb. 9th
Valentine's Candy Bar Sales Due	Thursday Feb. 10th
No School— Hosting Speech Meet	Friday Feb. 11th
Valentine's Day	Monday Feb. 14th
Elementary P/T Conferences 3:30—7:45 PM	Wednesday Feb. 16th
No School— Elementary P/T Conferences 8—12 PM	Thursday Feb. 17th
No School— Winter Break	Friday Feb. 18th
Presidents' Day	Monday Feb. 21st
TWOS-DAY	Tuesday Feb. 22nd
Longhorn Pride Celebration— 2:15 PM	Friday Feb. 23rd



Presidents' Day | February 21st, 2022 | Celebrated annually on the third Monday of February, even though the federal holiday is recognized as Washington's Birthday which is February 22nd. Other Presidents' Birthdays in February are Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan, and William Harrison.

Fun Facts about our Presidents

1. George Washington is the only president to be unanimously elected, meaning all state representatives voted for him.
2. William Howard Taft weighed 330 pounds. After he became stuck in the bathtub, a larger tub was installed to fit four average-sized men.
3. William Taft also served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court 8 years after leaving the White House.
4. Franklin D. Roosevelt won four elections. He died of a stroke just a few months into his final term. In 1947, Congress passed the 22nd Amendment, which limited future presidents' terms to a maximum of two.
5. In 1909, Henry Ford's Model T became the official means of transportation for the White House, thanks to William Taft.
6. The first woman to run for president was Victoria Woodhull in 1872 and lost to Ulysses S. Grant.
7. Thomas Jefferson disliked public speaking so much he submitted his State of the Union messages to Congress in writing.
8. Every president except James K. Polk and Donald Trump have had a pet of some kind while in office. Pets included dogs, horses, parrots (James Madison), tiger cubs (Martin Van Buren), a turkey saved from Thanksgiving dinner (Abraham Lincoln), and a couple alligators (John Quincy Adams and Benjamin Harrison).
9. Abraham Lincoln was defeated only once in 300 wrestling matches and won his county's wrestling championship at age 21.
10. John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe were three Founding Fathers that later served as presidents died on July 4th. They all played a special role in establishing July 4th as Independence Day.



Teacher Spotlight

This month's Teacher Spotlight will come from Mrs. Hughes in the Kindergarten classroom.

1. What is your #1 rule in your classroom?

Mrs. Hughes— “Be kind to each other. Treat others the way you want others to treat you.”

2. What is your favorite part of the school day?

Mrs. Hughes— “The start, we are always excited for the day.”

3. What is your favorite class to teach?

Mrs. Hughes— “I love Phonics it is our foundation for reading and writing.”

4. If you could have an animal in your classroom, what would it be?

Mrs. Hughes— “A turtle “slow and steady wins the race” great motto for kindergarten and easy care.”

5. What inspires you to teach?

Mrs. Hughes— “My favorite part of being a teacher is the (ah-ha moments), when they get it. Their faces are priceless.”

6. If you had to describe your classroom and students to a blind person, how would you describe it?

Mrs. Hughes— “Loud voices, soft voices, giggles, pitter-patter of little feet, smell of syrup, stories being read, stories being told.”

7. If you could switch roles with another teacher or staff member for one day, who would it be and why?

Mrs. Hughes— “The first grade teacher because once they are in first grade, they realize how great it was to be in Kindergarten. Also to see how they have grown and matured in time.”

Mrs. Hughes' Favorite Recipe

Cheese Dip

1 block of Velveta

1 can cream mushroom soup

1 can rotel

1lb hamburger cooked

1lb Jimmy Dean's hot sausage cooked

Put it all in a crockpot let cheese melt and enjoy.

Kindergarten



Kindergartener's have been busy preparing for Valentine's Day! Their bags will be ready to use for Valentine's Day next week!

Thank you Shurfine Food Center in Burwell for donating the bags!

Technology News

Burwell Public Schools Receives Federal Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant

By: Ronda Weber

Burwell Public Schools recently received a federal grant from the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund totalling \$17,573. Ronda Weber, BPS Technology Coordinator, applied for the funds that are earmarked to help schools and libraries provide equipment for remote learning and to close the homework gap for students who do not have adequate access to internet or technology devices.

BPS applied for and received approval to purchase 48 HP Chromebooks for student use, 4 iPads as well as 4 mobile hotspot devices that can be used to provide internet access on buses or in homes where access is not available. This equipment will be instrumental in assuring the success of all students at Burwell Public Schools.

Counselor's Corner

by Miss Tetschner

February is Dental Health Month and we will be doing several activities in the Kindergarten and First Grade to discuss teeth brushing, flossing, the parts of a tooth, eating healthy foods, and many other aspects of dental health.

In grades Second through Fourth we have the privilege of having a guest, Mrs. Larsen, from the GLW Children's Council to share lessons from the "Too Good for Drugs" program. Please look for their homework assignments and information to parents each week.

In grades Fifth and Sixth we are starting to learn about the Communications Model and the importance of good communication skills.

Mid-Nebraska Makerspace Lab

visits Burwell Public Schools

By: Ronda Weber

The Mid-Nebraska Makerspace Lab is a full set of hands-on activities that are designed to expose students in central Nebraska to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) skills and allow them to create, explore and dream about careers in the STEM field. The lab is sponsored by several central Nebraska businesses and is maintained and setup by ESU10.

The mobile trailer for MNM was not able to travel last year due to the pandemic so students at BPS were excited to see the many labs available. The individual lab stations were set up in the STS shop for students to explore. The labs consisted of: Branding and Marketing, Control Systems, Engineering, Precision Ag & Drone Programming, Robotics, Sustainable Smart Home, Virtual Reality, Pneumatics and Welding. The labs allowed students to try 3d printers, robots, CNC machines, vinyl cutting machines, and many more fun things. All teachers were invited to bring their classes to the labs. Burwell Public Schools was lucky to have the lab available for two weeks which gave students the opportunity to really delve into the labs and a variety of projects!



Calamus Kids **P**reschool News

By: Tonya Lakin

Calamus Kids have lots of fun things happening at Preschool. Letter P week was a super busy week filled with PERFECT activities. Our visitor for P week was Policeman Ben. He told us the important jobs a policeman does and told us we should never be afraid of a policeman, they are there to keep us safe. He also showed us inside his police car. Also for P week we had Pajama Day! We think it's so great to see everyone's different pajamas. Lastly for P week we made our own Pizzas. We decided we were great chefs!

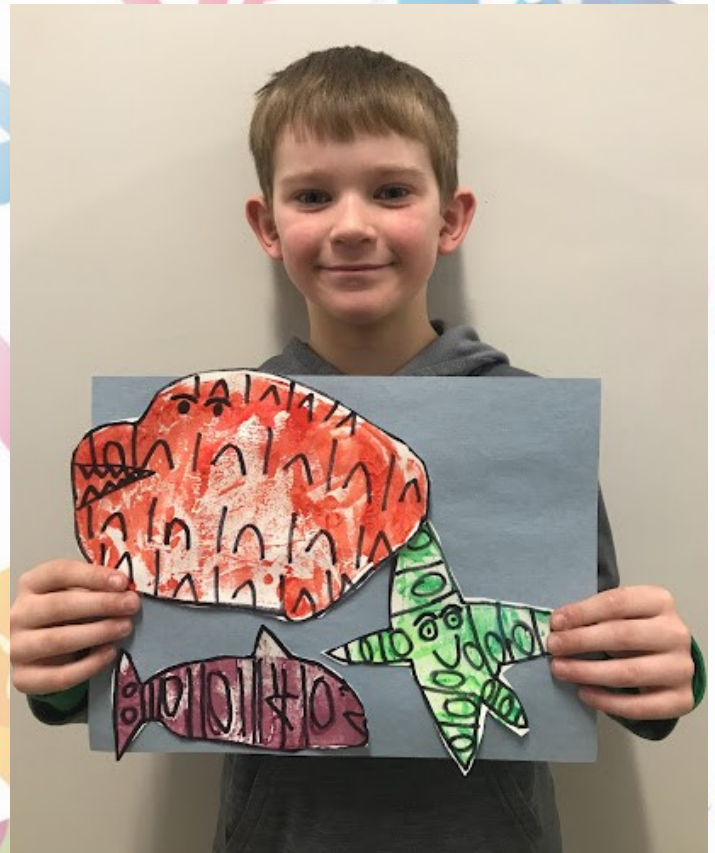


Elementary Artists of the Week

Week of January 17th - Jayna Fricke & Brecken Gideon

By: Ms. Heerten

The 2nd graders made printed pattern fish! Jayna and Brecken are our featured artists of the week. 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 orange, purple, and green using the primary 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 a Sharpie, cut them out, and glued them to a blue background. Brecken said he learned how to draw fish and this was his favorite part of the project. Jayna said her favorite part was the printing with paint. She learned how to mix the different colors. Brecken said the hardest part was drawing the patterns, while Jayna said the most difficult part was cutting out the fish.

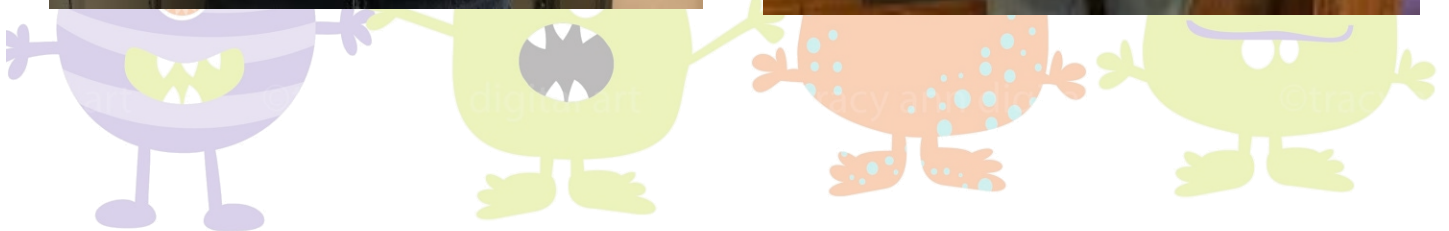


Elementary Artists of the Week

Week of January 31st - Quinci Brown & Ethan Ballagh

By: Ms. Heerten

The Kindergarteners have been learning the primary colors! After reading the book "Monsters Love Colors" by Mike Austin, students made their own primary colored monsters. Each student had to cut out a circle, triangle, and square from red, blue, and yellow construction paper. They added faces using black and white paper and will add arms and legs. The featured artists of the week were Quinci and Ethan. Quinci and Ethan both agreed that cutting out the eyes was the most difficult part. Quinci really enjoyed cutting out the teeth for her monster, and Ethan thought cutting out the shapes of the monsters was the most fun. Good job Kindergarteners!



Longhorn Pride



January's Longhorn Pride Celebration was held on Friday the 28th.

Each individual winner of the monthly Longhorn Pride drawing received a gift certificate to Longhorn Lanes!

First Row, Left to Right: Eleana Ohlman, Brecken Gideon, Kinley Taylor, Nash Stout, Robyn Smith, and Coy Taylor

Second Row, Left to Right: JJ Maynard, Sylvia Smith, John Dearmont, Isannah Woods, Brody Gumb and Paisley Iwanski.

Third Row, Left to Right: Clayton Wegener and Jalise Busch





February Birthdays

- 3rd—Riddick Garcia
- 8th—Moxon Shermer
- 9th—Brecken Gideon
- 12th—Lane Nelson
- 14th—Chloe Franson
- 15th—Ronda Weber
- 16th—Holden Pinckney
- 17th—Mrs. White
- 19th—Mrs. Archibeque
- 22nd—Mrs. Williams
- 24th—Landen Wegener

March Birthdays

- 1st—Mrs. Christen & Talen Klimek
- 4th—Cort Hicks & Noah Stevenson
- 5th—Harmony Roth & Brock Hruza
- 10th—Corynn Woolsey
- 13th—Mrs. Jensen, Tevon Groshans & Brayden Gideon
- 14th—Hagen Taylor
- 16th—Mrs. Fink
- 18th—Roland White
- 25th—Macee Iwanski
- 26th—Mr. Mann & Adren Brown
- 28th—Mrs. Helgoth
- 29th—Rowdy Sievers
- 31st—Peyten Short

LONGHORN LOOKOUT	
March 10th	End of 3rd Quarter
March 11th	No School—Winter Break
March 16th	10 AM Late Start
March 17th	St. Patrick's Day
March 18th	Kindergarten Round-Up
March 20th	First Day of Spring
March 31st	Elementary Spring Concert—7 PM



Friendly reminder to send your child with warm winter gear—coat, stocking hat, and gloves! Although recess may be inside, each class travels to and from the high school building for lunch.

GCEA would like to thank all the elementary students and parents who support us by purchasing our candy bars. Proceeds from the sales help with scholarships, member grants, and the Children's Fund. Once again thank you for your support.
- GCEA Member, Nancy Swett

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BURWELL Shurfine Food Center

& Buy Best Choice Brand Items?

Cut out the UPC label from your Best Choice Brand products and bring them to Burwell Elementary. We can redeem them for cash for our school!

DON'T TOSS IT...

SCAN or CLIP IT!

Shop these products and help earn money for Burwell Elementary!

Box Tops and receipts can be dropped off at Burwell Elementary

Save your Tabs!

Ronald McDonald House

Pull for the House.

Many Hearts. One Home.