

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

BURWELL ELEMENTARY

By: Kyle Drake, Elementary Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

No School (Fall Break)	Nov. 1
Daylight Savings Time (Fall Back)	Nov. 3
Veteran's Day Program @ High School 10:00	Nov. 11
Elementary Book Fair	Nov. 11-15
2:30 Dismissal	Nov 12
LHP Celebration	Nov 22
Dismiss at 1:00 Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 27
Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL	Nov. 28-29
Calendar Change 10:00 Late Start	(Mon) Dec 2nd

A Note from the Principal:

On behalf of Burwell Public Schools, we want to thank you for your assistance in successfully completing the evacuation/reunification drill that we conducted on October 25th. The Nebraska State Patrol, Garfield County Police, and the Burwell Police Departments were all in attendance. An officer from the state patrol commented on how organized and efficient our students and parents were. We completed this drill in about 1 hour and 15 minutes. We hope we never have to use this procedure, but doing it gave us a lot to think about and plan for if we ever do need to do this. Remember to keep your students emergency contact list updated as we will utilize that as the only people who could pick up your students in that type of an emergency.

It was great seeing everyone at parent/teacher conferences. Thank you for being involved in your student's education. If you ever have questions or concerns please stop by the office or give me a call at 346-4431. We appreciate you!

On October 25th, Burwell Elementary held our Longhorn Pride Celebration. This is a great opportunity for us, as a school, to recognize the students who are the leaders and role models of our building and community. These students are the epitome of Longhorn Pride. Longhorn Pride is illuminated through five pillars: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, perseverance, and compassion. It is our belief that when students embody these five traits, they are doing good things and when you do good things, good things happen. We were thrilled to award 14 students with gift cards to Trotter's Truck Stop. Mr. Stolzer came over to join us for the afternoon and played, *Mr. Stolzer Says, with our students and we all had a blast.*

It is our goal to have every student in our school attend our monthly celebration. Qualifications to attend the celebration are: zero office referrals for misbehavior, no more than three late homework assignments, and zero negative incidents within the areas of those five pillars.

Our next celebration is scheduled for November 22nd. Longhorn Pride is funded through donations and proceeds from our Concession Stand at Jr. High events. If you would like to support Longhorn Pride or have ideas for future celebrations, please stop by the elementary office. We appreciate all you do for the students in our community.

We will also have a calendar change on Monday, December 2nd. We will be having a 10:00 late start the Monday after Thanksgiving break.



Look for our future newsletters on our website at burwellpublicschools.org

Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Tetschner



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

In K, 1st grade, and 2nd grade we have been working on "Good Manners" and using good mannered words and actions.

In 3rd grade we are learning about "What Makes Us Feel Special" and how we can make others feel special, too.

In 4th – 6th grade we are learning more about each other and the importance of knowing others interests, strengths, weaknesses, etc...

This will lead us into our "Be a Buddy, not a Bully" unit. In all grades 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.

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, Darrin Max, at 346-4150.



Join us November 11-16th

Burwell Elementary Library

Monday 7:30-7:30pm

Tuesday-Friday 7:30-5:00pm

Saturday 8:00-12:00

All purchases benefit our school!

4th Grade News

Burwell Elementary welcomed Reita Petersen to their classroom on Wednesday, November 6th to learn about the history of the flag and flag etiquette. We are so thankful to have Reita visit our classroom every year before Veterans Day.



Technology News



October 1st Mrs. Sikes and Mrs. Critel took a team of 4 students to the Digital Citizenship Symposium in Kearney. The elementary students that were chosen to attend were Ericka Larsen and Regan Smith from the 6th grade. Several other schools from ESU 10 and around the state, via distance learning, were in attendance. The objective of the workshop was two-fold. One purpose was to have students learn how to exhibit safe and responsible online behavior, and the second purpose of the symposium was to provide teams work time to develop a plan on how they could bring back the message of being a good digital citizen to their respective schools. Ericka and Regan shared this message during Digital Citizenship Week (October 14th – 18th) in Mrs. Sikes' Future Kids classes.

Ericka chose to present a simple message on bullying/cyberbullying to students in kindergarten through 3rd grade. She developed a Google slide presentation to explain and show the difference between bullying and cyberbullying. She also addressed things kids can do to “stand up and speak out” when they see bullying occur.

Regan chose to present to 4th – 6th grade. She too created a Google slide presentation. Regan shared some do's and don'ts of using social media, and how important it is to always make sure you know who you are associating yourself with online because you never know who is behind the device. Both girls engaged the students with some fun learning activities to further reinforce their message.

This educational opportunity gave both girls experience in developing great leadership, public speaking, planning & organizational skills. It also helped the younger elementary kids to see positive student role models from their school in action. Overall, it was a wonderful way to share why it is important to be a safe and responsible digital citizen.



Calamus Kids Preschool

Calamus Kids Preschool celebrated "Invite Your Principal to School" for National Head Start Month. They'd loved having Mr. Drake the new Burwell Public Schools Elementary School Principal read to us. He read the book "Inside a Barn in the County." It was a lot of fun reading it with him!



Calamus Kids Preschool

In October, we welcomed Great Western Bank to the Preschool to celebrate National Bullying Month. Brenda and Tina talked with us about what bullying is and ways to be nice to others. They also brought us some goodies to enjoy!



C We celebrated "C Week" by taking a field trip to Normal Roasting Company to learn all about how coffee is roasted. Josh and Sara told us the coffee beans came from far away on a boat. The beans are then put on a truck and brought to the roastery. They use a forklift to get the coffee off the truck and into their building. After Josh and Sara roast the coffee beans, they bag it up and send it out with the UPS driver to all their customers. It was so much fun seeing the roastery- the kids learned so much and the teachers really loved that they got a cup of coffee also!





Fall Classroom Parties



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade



6th Grade



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October Longhorn Pride Winners:

Front row: Reagan Schaaf, Jacob Pryce, Rozalynne Standlea, Kynlee Jeffres

Second row: Jackson Joy, Cort Hicks, Brody Gumb, Cole Williams

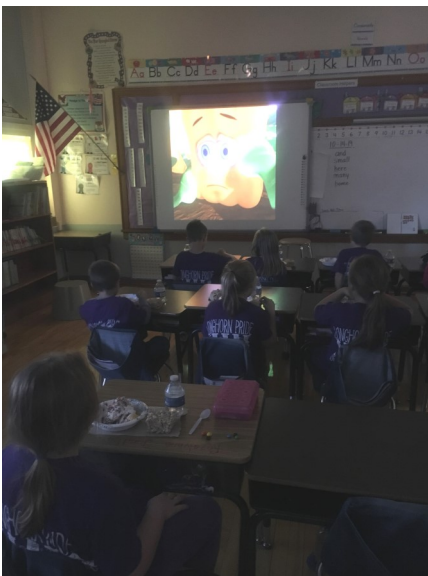
Back row: Caleb Elliott, Ericka Larsen, Robert Standlea, Binyam Sikes



Mr. Stolzer says.....

AR Parties

Students who met their first quarter AR goals enjoyed a party on Fri., Oct. 19th.



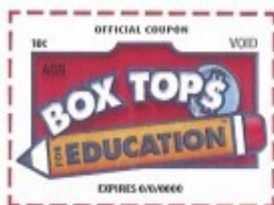
Mileage Reimbursement

The first semester mileage claim forms have been mailed. If you did not receive one, meet the following requirements and would like to collect mileage please contact Betsy Lamb at 308-346-4150 by Nov. 15th.

"State Law provides that parents who are legal residents of a Class III School District that have children attending grades K-8 and who live over four miles from school; or whose students 'option' (according to the Nebraska Department of Education-option students must qualify for free lunches to qualify for mileage) into the district, are eligible to submit a transportation claim for each mile the family actually traveled in excess of three miles on each day of attendance during a one way trip."

Box Tops

Just a reminder that you can drop your receipts off (& clipped Box Tops) at Burwell Shurfine to be scanned for BoxTops. These receipts can be from any store (Burwell Shurfine, Dollar General, Walmart, Sams Club, etc) and we will scan the receipts for you. Please help us to continue to raise money for our Box Tops program. Money raised helps to pay for classroom supplies and field trips.



SEE THIS...
CLIP IT



SEE THIS...
SCAN
YOUR RECEIPT

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

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	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



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th 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.



November Birthdays

Nov. 1 Rozalynne Standlea
 Nov. 3 Laurel Mann
 Nov. 5 Addyn Stout
 Nov. 12-Cason Vyhldal
 Nov. 14-Joseph Stevens
 Nov. 15-Chance Hanks
 Nov. 22 Hudson Redman
 Nov. 25th- Brigham Woods
 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.

Can you Help our School?

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



Pull for the House.



Earn Cash for Our School!

**CLIP & SAVE
 BOX TOPS**



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

Please collect pull tabs

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.

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