

November 2021 Newsletter

Burwell Elementary

By: Katie Moon

NOVEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

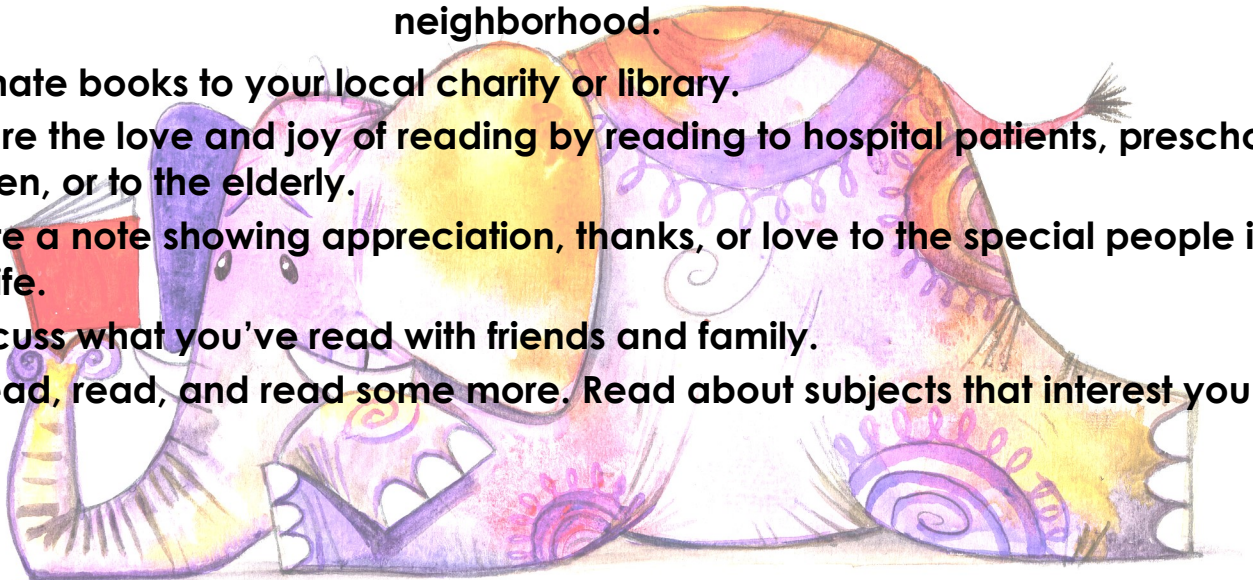
Final Day for Scholastic Book Fair	Thursday Nov. 4th
Picture Retakes	Wednesday Nov. 10th
Veteran's Day Program	Thursday Nov. 11th
November Longhorn Pride Celebration 2:15 P.M.	Friday Nov. 19th
1 P.M. Dismissal	Wednesday Nov. 24th
Thanksgiving No School	Thursday Nov. 25th
No School Thanksgiving Break	Friday Nov. 26th

NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY MONTH



10 Ways to Celebrate National Family Literacy Month

1. Visit your local library with your family.
2. Join and participate in a book club or start a book club.
3. Try reading in a different format such as audiobooks or digital books.
4. Attend a book fair together.
5. Create a book exchange in your neighborhood.
6. Donate books to your local charity or library.
7. Share the love and joy of reading by reading to hospital patients, preschool children, or to the elderly.
8. Write a note showing appreciation, thanks, or love to the special people in your life.
9. Discuss what you've read with friends and family.
10. Read, read, and read some more. Read about subjects that interest you.



Kindergarten

The Kindergarten class would like to thank the Farm to School program for donating apples for the "Nebraska Crunch Off" that took place on October 20th. Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Crawley, and the Kindergarten class used a few of the left over apples to make applesauce!



Calamus Kids Preschool

By: Tonya Lakin

Time flies when you're having fun learning! This month we have been very busy learning letters H T and I. H week was full of lots of hard-working kids. We made hats, and discussed the word harvest, many of us have seen combines out harvesting corn and beans right now. We also talked about different types of homes from around the world, then we looked at pictures of our own homes. Lastly for H week we celebrated with Husker day. Letter T was just as terrific as H! We learned about our teeth, and turtles, but the best part of the week was Thoene Farm Service, bringing a Tractor for us to see. Krista read us a fun book about a red tractor, then Jeff brought a real red tractor for us to see.

It was so "Thrilling"! Although letter I doesn't have as many things to talk about, we still found some intriguing things to do. Like talking about Indians, Igloos and playing with Ice. Lastly for October we celebrated Head Start Awareness month. We had a fun balloon lift and cheered "yeah for preschool."





This month's Teacher Spotlight will come from Mrs. Swett from the 5th Grade classroom.

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

Mrs. Swett—"Get your homework done. Write your name on your paper. Show respect."

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

Mrs. Swett—"In the morning, when the students first come into the room. They always have things to tell you."

3. What is your favorite class to teach?

Mrs. Swett—"Favorite class is a tie between Phonics and Math."

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

Mrs. Swett—"I would not have an animal in my room."

5. What inspires you to teach?

Mrs. Swett—"It definitely is not the paper work, ha-ha. My inspiration comes from my mom."

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

Mrs. Swett—"It depends on the day. A blind person would hear students in discussion. They might hear some commotion. I hope they hear positive words and feel a comfortable and welcoming environment."

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

Mrs. Swett—"I think I would like to switch with a para because they get to move around and see how other teachers teach and observe other students in their environments."

8. What's your favorite recipe?

Mrs. Swett's Favorite Recipe

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients:

3/4 cup Crisco Butter Flavor Shortening
1 1/4 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
2 tablespoons milk
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 egg
2 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 cup coarsely chopped pecans (optional)

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Beat shortening, brown sugar, milk and vanilla in large bowl with mixer on medium speed until well blended. Beat in egg. Stir flour, salt and baking soda in medium bowl. Gradually beat into creamed mixture until just blended. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts.

2. Drop by rounded measuring tablespoonfuls 3 inches apart on baking sheet.

3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes for chewy cookies, or 11 to 13 minutes for crisp cookies. Cool 2 minutes. Remove to wire rack to cool completely.

Classroom Spotlight

5th Grade



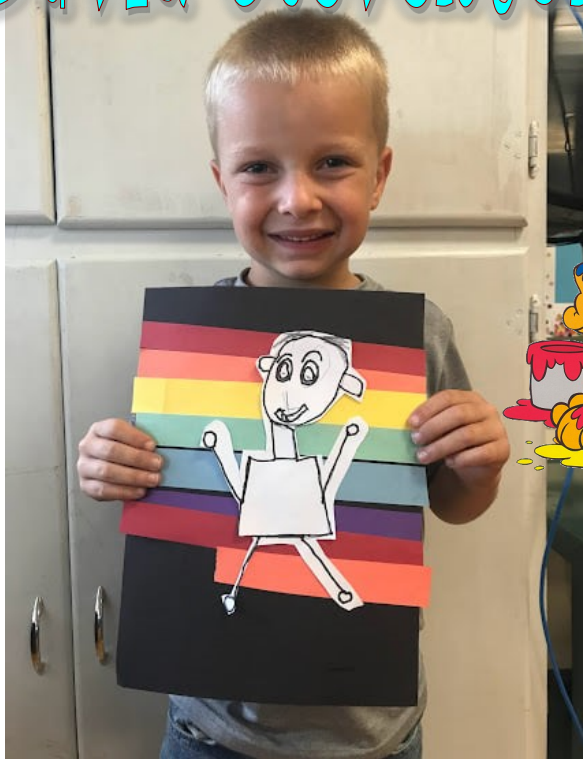
Fifth Graders have been working on adding fall subjects to their bare trees. When a student receives a 90% or higher on an assignment they have completed of a core subject, they receive a fall item to place on their tree. Some of these items include leaves, squirrels, birds, and a few students are working on getting themselves a turkey!



Elementary Artists

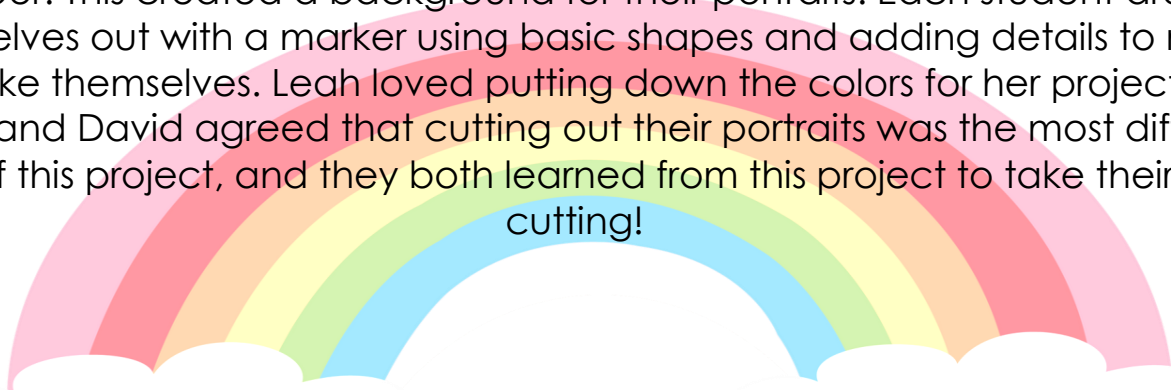
David Stevenson

Leah Copsey



By: Ms. Heerten

David and Leah were the chosen artists for their Rainbow Line Portraits. After reviewing the colors of the rainbow, students glued in order strips of colored paper. This created a background for their portraits. Each student drew themselves out with a marker using basic shapes and adding details to make it look like themselves. Leah loved putting down the colors for her project. Both Leah and David agreed that cutting out their portraits was the most difficult part of this project, and they both learned from this project to take their time cutting!



Elementary Artists

Abram Gideon



Brit Gumb



By: Ms. Heerten

It is fall! The first graders are celebrating the fall season by learning to draw multiple types of leaves. Brit and Abram are our featured artists of the week.

Students drew out leaves in black crayons and used warm colors to watercolor their leaves. Each student had to cut around their leaves and glue them to a black background. Students finished their projects by discussing lines that could represent wind to make their leaves look like they were swirling. Brit and Abram both said that using chalk pastels to draw the wind was their favorite part. They said the most difficult part was cutting out the leaves; good job!



Counselor's Corner

by Miss Tetschner

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

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

In grades 2-6 we have spent the majority of October discussing "Be a Buddy, not a Bully". 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, and Up-stander vs Bystander. Please discuss these topics with your son/daughter and encourage them to tell an adult at school if they see or experience bullying behaviors.

October was Red Ribbon Week. The GLW high school students and Mrs. Smith visited each elementary classroom to share the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and bad choices. I will continue these topics with the students in November.

Mrs. Larsen from GLW will be our guest in the 6th grade with a curriculum called "Project Alert" and in the 5th grade with a curriculum called "Too Good for Drugs". Please look for materials coming home with more information.

Third graders show off their Bully Free & Drug Free Activity Books donated by the GLW Children's Council.



Library

Library and Scholastic Book Fair News

By: Michele Archibeque

Can you guess how many books have circulated in and out of the library in the month of October alone? Students, bring your answer to the office and the closest guess will get a prize!

The annual Scholastic Book Fair was held from October 28th to November 4th and included some Saturday hours. For several reasons, the library staff feel this was a very successful book fair! This year, the fair made \$3,904.92 in total sales including books and miscellaneous supplies for students and parents to shop. There are many learning curves for students as they count a handful of pennies and tried to understand why there just isn't enough for that item they really want; or, when one student helps out another with an extra quarter if needed. Most importantly it is the number of books kids and adults, alike, are so excited to purchase and/or read.

During the book fair a daily contest was held amongst the classes called "Coins for Books". Classes were to bring pennies on Friday, nickels on Monday, dimes on Tuesday, and quarters on Wednesday. The winning class will get to pick out books for their classroom. Also, for every book purchased a chain link was added to the paper chain that ended with 277 books sold!! Tuesday was "Shop with an Adult" night, so shoppers enjoyed a variety of cookies while shopping.

After invoices are finalized with Scholastic, the school has the option to take a percentage of sales in cash or in Scholastic Dollars. In the past Scholastic Dollars has been a top choice because it provides the opportunity to expand not only the library selection but individual classroom libraries as well.

Results of the "Coins for Books" contest -

Pennies: \$41.10

Nickels: \$51.70

Dimes: \$189.30

Quarters: \$247.86

The 4th Grade Class were the Grand Winners!



Technology

By: Ronda Weber

Burwell Public Schools Marks Technology Staff Development A Priority

In an effort to provide the best possible educational experience for students and to create 21st century learners, Burwell Public Schools has made staff technology training a priority for the 21-22 school year. An instrumental part of this decision is the continuation of MobileMinds staff development and training in the area of technology.

"While the use of mobile technology in education has risen sharply, many schools have a difficult time keeping their educators up to speed," says MobileMinds CEO, Tyce Miller. "Much like their students, each educator is different, so MobileMinds created a tailored learning program that all stakeholders can benefit from." For Burwell Public Schools, much of the teacher training focuses on the implementation and integration of Google products into their curriculum and everyday use, as BPS is a "Google School." In fact, many teachers have already taken advantage of the opportunity to earn professional growth credits by completing MobileMinds training.

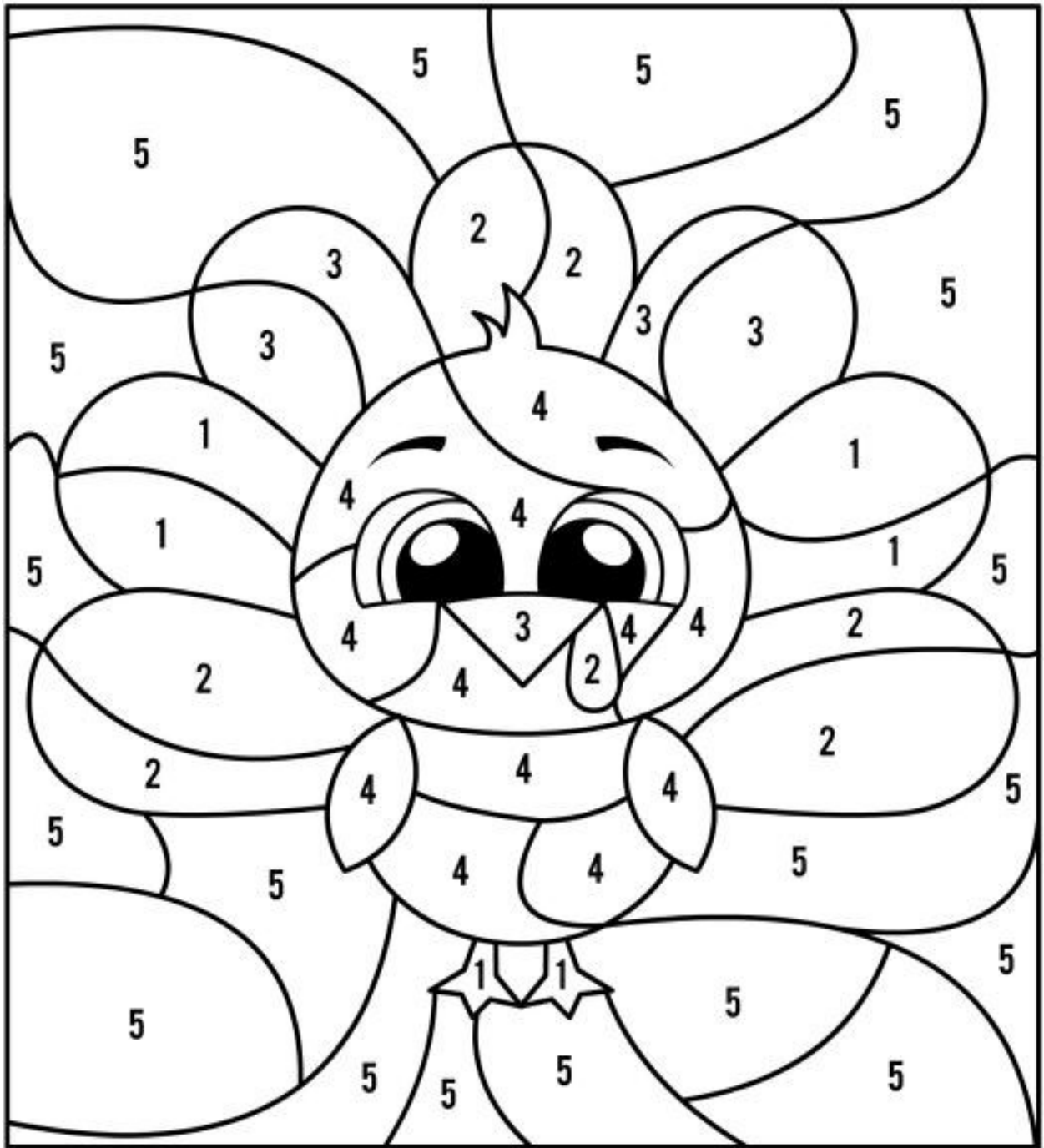
Longhorn Pride



On Friday, October 29th, students received their 2021-2022 Longhorn Pride T-Shirts and continued the afternoon with fall parties in their classrooms! We had 14 October LHP winners, each earning \$5 gift cards to Trotter's Whoa and Go!

Family Corner

Thanksgiving Color by Number



1 ORANGE

2 RED

3 YELLOW

4 BROWN

5 GREEN

**November Birthdays**

1st—Rozalynne Standlea
 3rd—Laurel Mann
 5th—Addyn Stout
 7th—Nataya Bozarth
 12th—Jace Morrison
 15th—Chance Hanks
 22nd—Madison Danner & Hudson Redman
 25th—Brigham Woods
 27th—Miss Tetschner
 28th—Kayden Bozarth

December Birthdays

3rd—Mrs. Swett
 6th—Brody Gumb
 9th—Mrs. Urbanovsky
 11th—Samuel Olcott
 17th—Jannessa Morrison
 17th—Finlay Trausch
 18th—Cody Williams
 19th—Clayton Wegener
 22nd—Mrs. Johnson
 22nd—Kalli Franson
 23rd—Robert Standlea
 24th—Kinley Taylor
 26th—Sullivan Trausch
 28th—Braxton Molesworth
 29th—Conley Feeken
 30th—Collin Jeffres

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

December 4th & 5th	Calamus Court Challenge
December 16th	Elementary Winter Concert
December 21st	End of 2nd Quarter 1 PM Dismissal
December 22nd through January 3rd	No School Christmas Vacation
January 4th, 2022	School Resumes

Save your Tabs!

Pull for the House.



Many Hearts. One Home.

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

Thank You!

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