

September 2021 Newsletter

Burwell Elementary

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IMPORTANT DATES

No School Labor Day	Sept 6th
Homecoming Week	Sept 13th-17th
10:00 AM Late Start	Sept 15th
1 PM Dismissal	Sept 17th
School Pictures	Sept 29th



Welcome back! It's hard to believe teachers, staff, and students have already punched in nearly a month of school time for the 2021-2022 school year at Burwell Elementary! You know what they say, "Time flies when you are having fun!" This month's newsletter will showcase what the students have been up to during their first month back to school.

Back to School Tips

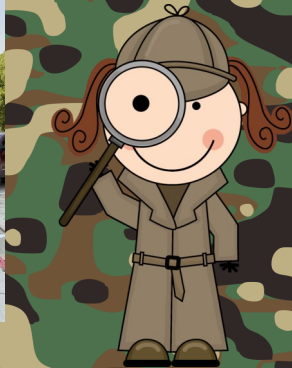
1. Early to bed, early to rise | Getting back into a school sleep schedule doesn't happen overnight. Help your child get into the habit of going to bed earlier by introducing wind-down activities such as reading a book.
2. Routine | Establishing consistent routine is important for young minds. It may be beneficial to write out the morning and nightly routine to establish consistency.
3. Limit screen time | Establish screen time boundaries as a family. Perhaps choose a spot to charge devices overnight. Use an alarm clock instead of a cell phone.

Kindergarten

During free time, Mrs. Hughes' Kindergarten class has been busy reading and 'building' their imaginations.



First Grade



Mrs. Christen and her 1st Grade class have been learning about camouflage in Science. What a great way to have a scavenger hunt! The students were to find red, green, and yellow toothpicks in the grass in a short amount of time.

Technology



Mrs. Archibeque and the 5th and 6th graders completed a group Google slide presentation showing the different aspects of volleyball for Computer/Library class.

Mr. Mann and the 5th and 6th graders have been applying their technology skills to research and present information on the history, rules and famous men's and women's volleyball players.

Elementary P.E.

from Mr. Mann | PE students jump rope every Monday. Jump-rope increases coordination, athletic ability, and cardiovascular endurance.

Fourth Grade Jump-ropers pictured left to right below: Brady Spencer, Landen Wegener, Reagan Schaaf, & Brody Dawe



Right: 2nd graders taking off strong at the start on "2 Lap Wednesday".

Elementary PE students work hard on Wednesdays running laps to improve their physical fitness.



Elementary Band



Sixth Grade band students are back in the groove for the school year with Mrs. Helgoth.

Band members pictured:

Laurel Mann, Jesa Anderson, Ava Petersen, Axel Smith, Jalise Busch, Halle Woolsey, Frank Green, Cole Williams, Owen Stevenson, Kalli Franson, and Teague Stout.

Counselor's Corner

by Miss Tetschner

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I'm Miss Julie Tetschner the K-12 Guidance Counselor. I was born, raised, and graduated from Burwell. I attended the University of Nebraska Lincoln and graduated with a major in English and a minor in math. I earned my Master's Degree in School Counseling from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. I enjoy golfing, sewing, hunting, bowling, Husker volleyball and football, and spending time with family and friends.

The Burwell elementary students have noticed me at lunch, recess and in the hallways. Soon I will be a weekly classroom guest introducing a variety of lessons including the Character Counts program, Boys Town Social Skills, and Too Good For Drugs associated with GLW Youth Council, to name a few.

If you have any questions, please contact me at julie.tetschner@burwellpublicschools.com or call 346-4150.

I look forward to working with all the students at Burwell Public Schools.

Miss T.



Miss T and the 2nd grade class learned how to greet someone and had partner interviews to help establish great listening skills.



Hannah Dearmont was Miss T's partner for the class activity.



Elementary Artists of the Week



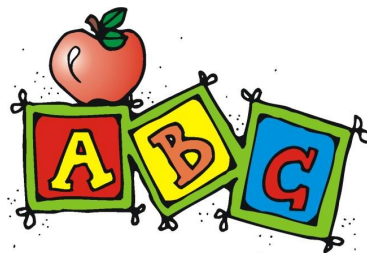
By Mrs. Critel on 9/6/21 | For this week's artists of the week, we are going to Burwell Elementary School! The second graders, Corynn and Skyler, have been busy creating monsters in a jar. The theme in the art room this year is "It's Okay to Be Different" based on the book by Todd Parr. To celebrate these differences, students drew their own unique monster in a jar. These monsters will be displayed in front of the elementary library. Each student traced their monster with a Sharpie pen and shaded their monsters with colored pencils to make them look three-dimensional. Corynn and Skyler both agreed that their favorite part of the project was coloring. Corynn thought the most challenging part was drawing the monster, and Skyler said cutting out the jar was the most difficult. They both learned that it's okay to be different! Pictured above left to right: Skyler Olcott & Corynn Woolsey

Calamus Kids



By Tonya Lakin | Calamus Kids Started a new year on August 16th. We have two fun classes this year. Our morning class has been working on getting to know the routine and getting to know our preschool rules. The afternoon class is already working on sorting and shapes. We are excited for a fun new year!

Morning Session



Afternoon Session



Teacher Spotlight

This month's Teacher Spotlight will come from Ms. Alexander from the 3rd Grade classroom. Ms. A is new to Burwell Elementary, so what better way to put her in the spotlight first!

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

Ms. A—Be kind.

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

Ms. A—Morning meeting time!

3. What is your favorite class to teach?

Ms. A—Math

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

Ms. A—A talking parrot that was a trained teacher's assistant!

5. What inspires you to teach?

Ms. A—My parents and my students. I wake up knowing that I get to make a difference in a child's future. My parents are both educators and because of their careers, they have been able to play major roles in their community. I love being part of something bigger than myself.

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

Ms. A—We like to use all kinds of different manipulatives to make learning fun. We have a camping themed classroom, so we run our classroom by the motto "No campers left behind!" A lot of times we work in groups, which promotes collaboration and social/emotional skills that we are still working on! Our buzzers, boards, and chromebooks are three big pieces of our learning style.

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

Ms. A—Ohhh, I don't know! I feel pretty special right where I am. :) Maybe... Mr. Mann?? Because he gets to spend so much time outside!

8. What's your favorite recipe? (Please share)

Ms. A—Cereal. Milk, Lucky Charms! I am the worst cook!

LET'S GO CAMPING

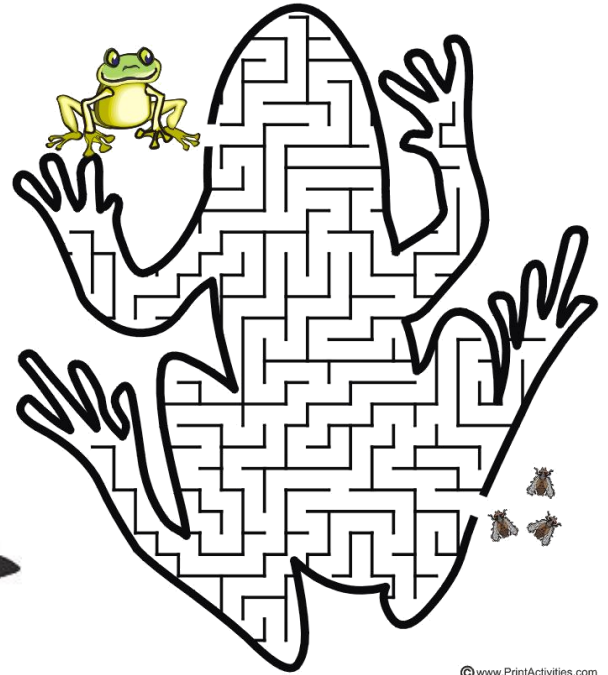


MAMMALS

All these animals are mammals, which means they are warm-blooded and nurse their young.



Help the frog find its way through the maze to the flies.



The names of all these animals are hidden in this word search. They can go horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Can you find all of them?



DOG
WHALE
RABBIT
BEAR
HORSE
ELEPHANT

LION
SEAL
SHEEP
SQUIRREL
DOLPHIN
MONKEY



FUN FACTS

1. Did you know the lettuce sea slug doesn't eat, because they're solar-powered? They have four noses and gets their energy to survive from the sun!
2. Did you know Bowhead Wales are the longest living mammal? They can live for more than 200 years!
3. Did you know some of the forest scenes in Bambi are actually unused scenes from Pinocchio?
4. Did you know the first iPod was released twenty years ago?
5. Did you know the first animal to be cloned was a sheep named Dolly?



September Birthdays

7th—John Dearthmont
 12th—Abram Gideon
 14th—Ava Petersen
 16th—Arlo Connor
 17th—Jordan Hulinsky
 24th—Eryn Pinckney
 25th—Owen Stevenson
 25th—Cole Williams
 25th—Whitten Jensen
 29th—Brett & Reid Buss

October Birthdays

3rd—Kelsey Busch
 6th—Paisley Iwanski
 10th—Eleana Ohlman
 14th—Kynlee Jeffres
 17th—Ayden Ballagh
 28th—Emma Larsen
 29th—Taittin Freeman
 30th—Teague Stout

Thank you!

Burwell Elementary Teachers, Staff, and Students would like to thank Pathway Bank for donating water bottles for each student and Great Western Bank for donating a plethora of school supplies!

Burwell Public Schools



When you do GOOD things,
 GOOD things happen.

Save your Tabs!



Pull for the House.

Many Hearts. One Home.

Friendly reminder... Students will gather on the north side of the school prior to the doors opening at 8:10 a.m. They will only be inside if it is raining. **Please send your child to school with appropriate outerwear when chilly mornings occur.**

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