



September News_____2019

Dear Burcham Families,

Welcome to Burcham Elementary! Thank you for making the beginning of the year such a pleasure. I appreciate your patience and understanding as we implement new safety procedures. Burcham Elementary has a wonderful teaching staff committed to student achievement. We are blessed to spend each day with your children.

Our success as an elementary school is directly linked to our ability to operate as a team involving all stakeholders: the students, the staff, the administration, the parents and the community. Working together, as one, we pave the way for student success.

On a special note, I appreciate the parents, volunteers, and community supporters in their extra time and efforts that make our school a special place to work and learn. With all of us working together, this 2019-2020 school year, will be great.

This newsletter will come home each month. Please read it and put it where you can refer back to it. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to call or stop by the office anytime.

Sincerely,

Brooke Brown, Principal

A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

***Thanks to the Weatherford Police Department for monitoring our school grounds and walking through our buildings every day.**

***Thank you to Kyle & Jacy Burrows for the 1st Day of School sign we had in front of Burcham!**

***We appreciate all those parents for helping in the workroom with teachers boxes, laminating etc....**

***Thank you to First National Bank who honored the WPS staff with a reception and great door prizes!**

***Thanks to Weatherford Fire Department for helping us with our Fire Drills.**



Easy Ways to Help our School... Please help us by saving General Mills **Box Tops for Education**, Campbell Soup product labels, and recycling used **printer ink cartridges**. We will send home a letter about which products to save.



BURCHAM BRAGS

Students are honored with an "I'm a Proud Eagle" sticker when they are caught doing the right thing. We recognize students who exhibit a caring attitude, use good manners, and are examples of good behavior. When your child comes home with a sticker, be sure to ask why it was given. We are so proud of our students for making good choices and want to make sure everyday can be a positive experience.

Upcoming Events at Burcham...

Sept. 2	Labor Day – No School
Sept. 4 & 5	Vision & Hearing Screenings
Sept. 5	PreK to Nursing Home (Beck/Hunt)
Sept. 6	Great Gathering at Burcham at 8:20am
Sept. 6	PreK visits Custer County Fair
Sept. 9	WPS Board Meeting 7pm
Sept. 11	Louie the Lightning Bug
Sept. 13	Great Gathering at Burcham at 8:20am
Sept. 16	First Day for FROG, SOAR & Early Bird Readers!!
Sept. 20	Great Gathering at Burcham at 8:20am
Sept. 27	Great Gathering at Burcham at 8:20am
Sept. 30	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Sept. 30	NO SCHOOL
Oct. 2	SCHOOL PICTURE DAY by Lifetouch
Oct. 3	PreK to Nursing Home (Mahan/O'Daniel)
Oct. 4	Great Gathering at Burcham at 8:20am
Oct. 4	PreK to PBar Farms Pumpkin Patch
Oct. 10	Shelton, Reed and Kardokus' Kindergarten Classes to the Pumpkin Patch!
Oct. 6-12	Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 17-18	Fall Break! NO SCHOOL!
Oct. 23	Young, Vaughan & Chase's Kindergarten Classes to the Pumpkin Patch!
Oct. 24	Coalson, Lindamood & Price's Kindergarten Classes to the Pumpkin Patch!



Attendance Counts



Students will be rewarded this year for perfect attendance each semester and for the year with certificates. Attendance is very important for your children. Learning is always lost when a child is tardy or absent. We miss them too! Last year our attendance rate was 94%. Our goal is to raise our attendance rate to 96%. We have special plaques for students with Perfect Attendance for the year. Students with Outstanding Attendance are also presented with certificates at the end of the year. Outstanding Attendance is for students with 3 or fewer absences and fewer than 9 tardies.



Join your child for a meal...

We encourage guests to join children for breakfast or lunch. Please call the office by 10:00 a.m. to reserve a lunch; we want to have plenty of food for students and guests. Adult Lunch- \$3.85 Adult Breakfast- \$1.80

****If your child eats breakfast he/she needs to arrive by 8:00 a.m. Bus riders should arrive in time to eat breakfast.**



Burcham's LOVIN' LEARNIN' Work

Teachers love to send students down to the office with outstanding work. We have a bulletin board for each grade.



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CUSTER COUNTY CONFLICT CAN DRIVE

It's a Custer County Showdown between the Eagles and the Tornadoes to see which town can donate more non-perishable canned goods for our local food resource center! The judging is by weight and the showdown begins September 23rd through October 4th! Let's show the Tornadoes what Eagles are made of! Bring cans to your classroom and help fight hunger!

THE BURCHAM CLASS WITH THE MOST CANS COLLECTED WILL EARN A CLASS PIZZA PARTY!!

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

It is very helpful when children consistently go to the same places and they feel confident of where they should be going. Last minute changes many times are necessary due to emergencies, **BUT SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE!** If you are changing the way your child gets home, you **MUST CALL THE OFFICE BEFORE 2:00pm** to allow time for the change to be communicated to teachers and staff. Thank you very much!



CARLINE * DISMISSAL ***OFFICE CHECKOUT***

Your child can only be **PICKED UP** by people listed on their enrollment card as having permission to pick up. Please keep the car tags with the person picking up and always bring your photo ID in with you for verification!

FOR SAFETY REASONS WE NO LONGER ALLOW PARENTS TO WALK UP AND GET YOUR CHILDREN, YOU MUST DRIVE THROUGH THE CAR LINE OR CALL THE OFFICE BEFORE 2:00PM AND HAVE YOUR CHILD IN THE OFFICE WAITING FOR YOU!

Please have CAR TAGS on rearview mirrors.
DO NOT BLOCK ANY ENTRANCES OR
EXITS FROM PARKING LOTS.

Pre-K:

AM-10:50am & PM-2:30pm Mrs. Beck and Mrs. O'Daniel at the NE Main Entrance.

Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Mahan and Mrs. Hicks at the East PreK Door.

Kindergarten & Transitional K/1:

2:45pm Ms. Chase, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Shelton & Mrs. Lindamood dismiss at the NE Main Entrance.

Mrs. Coalson, Mrs. Hubin & Mrs. Wood dismiss at the East PreK Door.

Mrs. Kardokus, Mrs. Reed, Ms. Vaughan & Mrs. Young dismiss at the South Cafeteria Door.

First Grade:

3:05pm Mrs. Barnwell, Mrs. C. Hunt, Mrs. Pennington & Mrs. Visnieski dismiss at the NE Main Entrance.

Mrs. Bonner, Mrs. D. Miller & Mrs. R. Miller dismiss at the East PreK Door.

Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Hunter & Mrs. Mack dismiss at the South Cafeteria Door

Buses:

3:15pm All route buses and shuttle buses are loaded and head to WHS for their next pick-up/drop-off.

Healthy & Fit Schools

We will educate our students about healthy eating habits and physical fitness. We encourage students to wear tennis shoes **daily** for safety as they participate in PE and climb on playground equipment. We encourage healthy lunches and drinks from home and offer healthy lunches at school. We encourage healthy snacks for students and will offer healthy choices at each of our school parties. Make family time quality active time. Enjoy this beautiful weather together, being physically active.
— Mrs. Koper

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Early Bird Readers

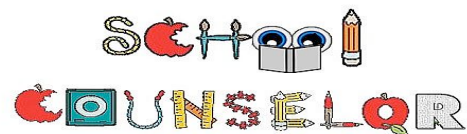
First grade students who have signed up for Early Bird will have a certain day of the week for the entire school year on which a reading mentor will read with them from 7:30 to 8 a.m. Be sure to have your child at Burcham at 7:30 a.m. on that special day of the week. You'll be receiving a note soon with the Early Bird assignments for the year. Begins Sept. 16th!



From the **Music Room...**

Greetings from the music room! We've had a great start to the school year in music class. I'm very happy to be full-time at Burcham, teaching all of Kindergarten, TK1, and 1st grade. We have learned the Burcham Song I wrote and will sing it as a school every Friday in the Great Gatherings at Burcham, GGB for short. Each Friday we will start with a fun song of the week to get us all up, moving, and singing together. There will be announcements, performances, awards, special guests, and hopefully some fun teacher skits! I will be asking people from the community, SWOSU, and the High School to come share fun things with us. There will only be 8 class performances, combining 2-3 classes at a time on special occasions or holidays. I'm looking forward to a great year with all of your wonderful children!

With a heart full of music,
Mrs. Bruner



Back to School

Thank you to all the parents and families, community and school personnel for helping our students at Burcham with a great start to the school year. It is sometimes hard to get back in the swing of school. If your Burcham Eagle is struggling please feel free to remind them as families you have errands to run, jobs to do, school to attend etc. while they are at school and he/she has a special school family waiting to make his/her day a great one until you meet at the end of the day. A quick hug and kiss goodbye and depart on your way helps make the goodbye less painful for both. I promise the tears will not last long for your Burcham Eagle. If you have any questions or concerns please know I am here as your school counselor to help make this transition a great one so please email or give me a call. The Kissing Hand by Aubrey Wood is a great story to read and discuss to help with back to school jitters. It's going to be a great year at Burcham and we are excited your family has joined us for the exciting journey.

Keep Smiling, Mrs. Klaassen