

**JUNE 2022**Regional School District #17
Burr District Elementary School**Brienne Whidden**
Principal**Important Dates**

6/1- Field Day-Book Fair

6/2- Book Fair

6/3- Book Fair

6/7- BOE-Staff Recognitions

6/8- Grade 3 Recorder Concert
Rain date 6/96/10- Cultural Arts-
Tanglewood Marionettes6/16- Grade 3 Ringing Out
5:15 for Mr. Snow and
Mrs. Formica's classes.
5:45 for Mrs. Gray and Mr.
Lomuntad's class6/20- Monday Early Dismissal
at 1:05.6/21- Tuesday Last Day of
School. Early dismissal at
1:05

Dear Families,

It was so wonderful to be able to welcome you all back into the building for our annual Art Show! I am always so impressed with the talent and creativity of our students under Mr. Granucci's expert guidance and instruction. The walls really came to life with student work!

The RSD17 Summer Learning Opportunities website is updated and live. Be sure to check out the resources students can use to keep their skills sharp and avoid "summer slide." There are activities for both reading and math summer activities. <https://sites.google.com/rsd17.org/rsd17-summer-learning/home>

In addition, rising 4th grade students have summer reading to complete for the Intermediate School. Be sure to help your child select a book from the list so they are prepared for their book club in the Fall. The list can also be found on the summer learning website.

A few important dates to remember:

Wednesday, June 1st: Field Day

Wednesday, June 8th: Select Chorus and Recorder Concert 6:30pm

Friday, June 10th: Tanglewood Marionettes performance for students

Wednesday, June 15th: STEAM Museum visits Burr-all classes will participate

Thursday, June 16th: Ringing Out Ceremony for Grade 3 5:15pm (Snow and Formica) 5:45pm (Gray and Lomuntad)

Monday, June 20th-½ day for students

Tuesday, June 21st-½ day for students


I hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful summer and I'll see you in September!

Sincerely,

Brienne Whidden

JUNE 2022

BES Elementary School BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Muffin Juice, Peaches, Milk	2 Confetti Pancakes Juice, Raisins, Milk	3.. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk
6 Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	7 Breakfast Breads, Apple Slices, Juice, Milk	8 Muffin Juice, Peaches, Milk	9. French Toast, Juice, Raisins, Milk	10. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk
13. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	14. Breakfast Breads, Apple Slices, Juice, Milk	15. Muffin Juice, Peaches, Milk	16. Pancakes, Juice, Raisins, Milk	17. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk
20 Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	21. Breakfast Breads, Apple Slices, Juice, Milk	SUMMER VACATION!!!! 		



Let's get CEREAL-US about
the importance of starting
the day with a balanced
breakfast.

**DUE TO DELIVERY AND
PRODUCT SHORTAGES
THE MENU IS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

BES Elementary School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1. FIELD DAY- LUNCH SERVED ON A FRISBEE Cheeseburger, Carrots, Pickles, Frozen Treat, Milk	2. Chicken Nacho's Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day Milk	3. Pizza, Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day Milk
6. Corn Dog, Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day Milk	7. Orange Chicken, Rice, Roll, Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day Milk	8 French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Hash brown Fruit of the Day Milk	9 Meatball Grinder, Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day Milk	10. Pizza, Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day Milk
13. Mozzarella Sticks, Side Marinara Sauce Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day Milk	14. Teriyaki Chicken Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day Milk	15. Pancakes, Sausage, Breakfast Potato, Fruit of the Day Milk	16. Chicken Tenders, Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day Milk	17. Pizza, Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day Milk
20. Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Roll Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day Milk	21. Pizza, Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day Milk	 IT'S SUMMER!		

JUNE

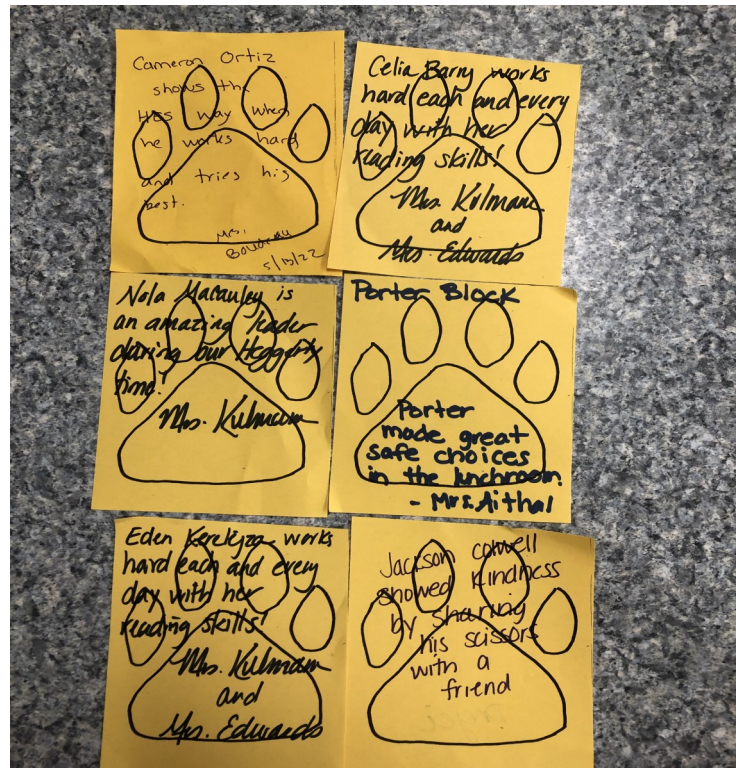
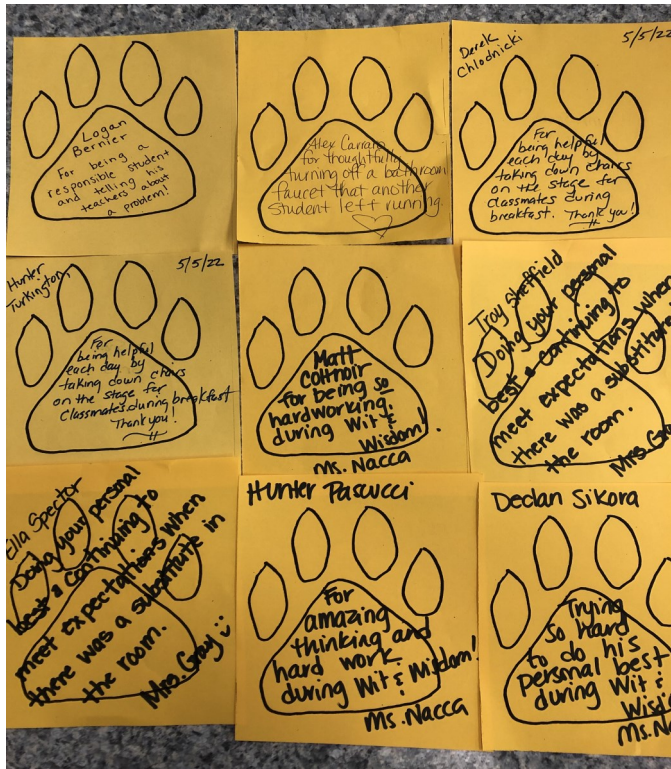


**LUNCH IS FREE
FOR ALL
STUDENTS THIS
YEAR**

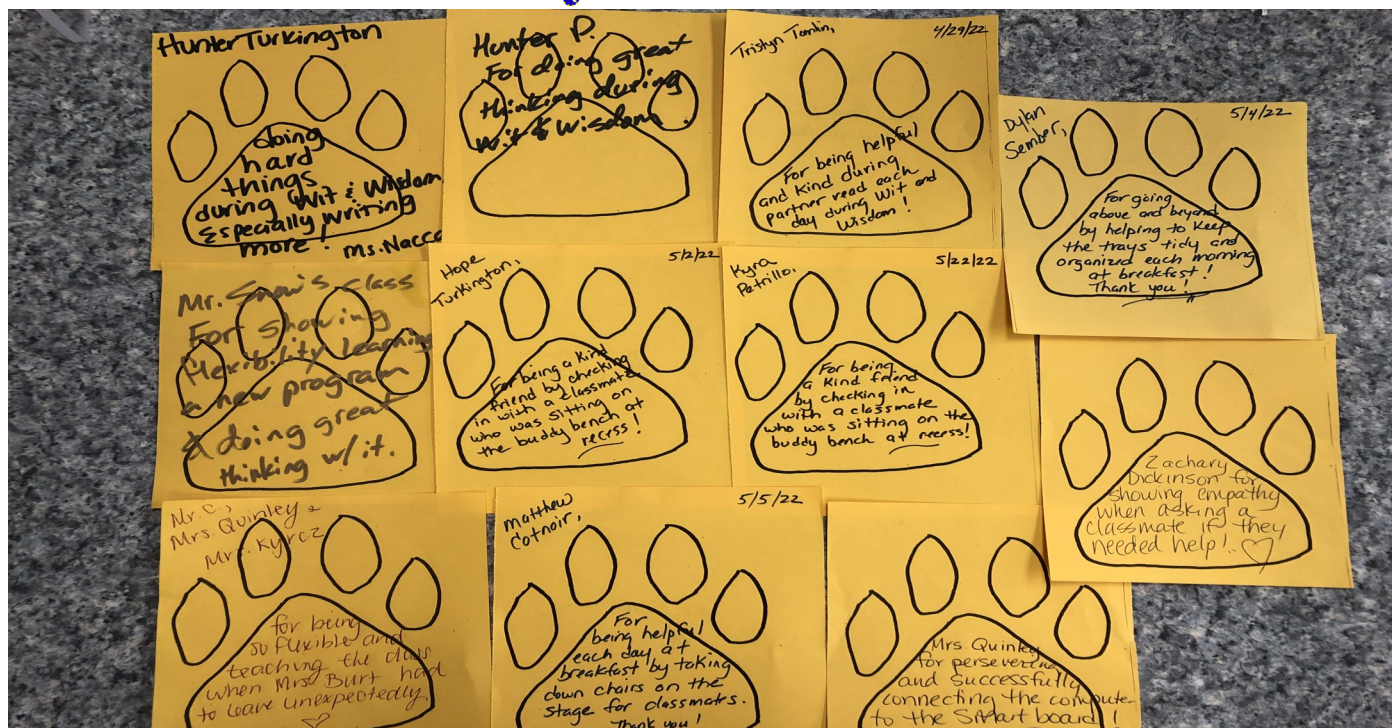




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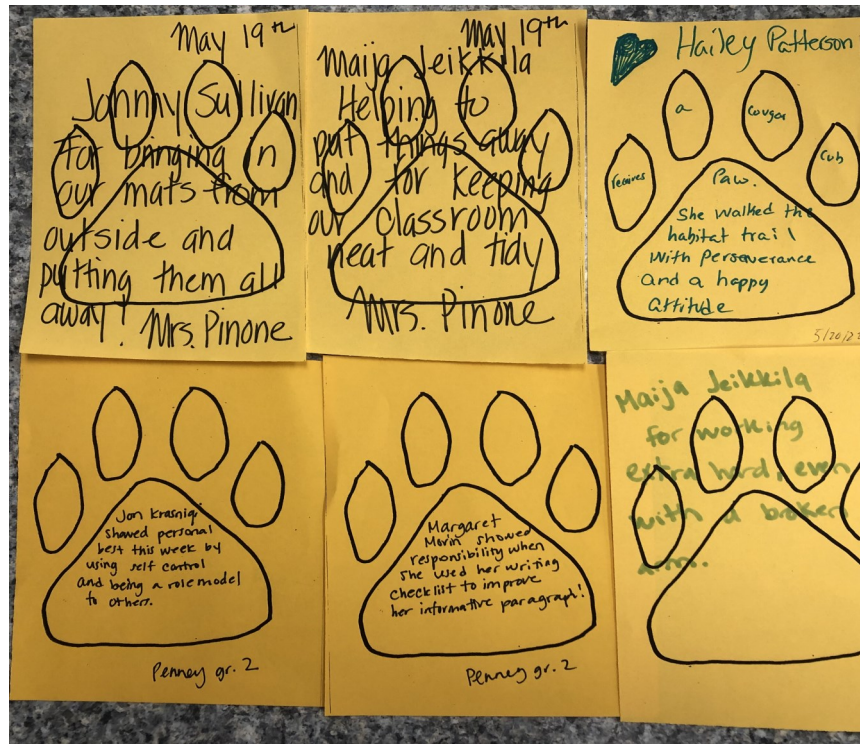
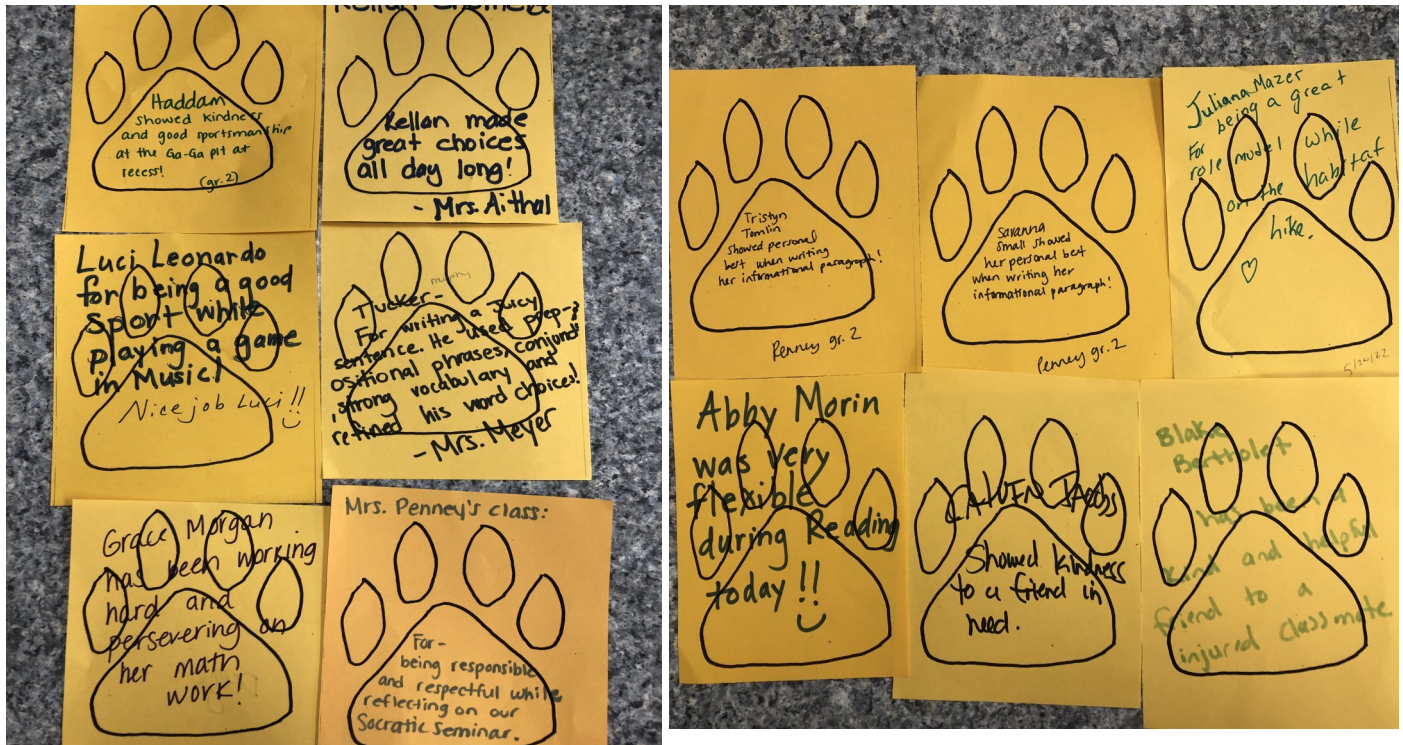


Paws-itively Awesome Students!





COUGAR PAWS



Paws-itively Awesome Students!



The School Budget passed for the 2022-2023 school year.

Thank you for your support!



**Time to return
the Library
Books.**

Any books taken out from the school library are due back. Please check your home for any books, we appreciate your help in keeping the library inventory available for all students to enjoy.



Any clothes in Lost & Found not claimed by the end of the year will be donated.



If you have a child who is eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall, their fifth birthday by January 1, 2023, please take time to stop by the school to register your child.



It is hard to believe that your children have almost completed their year in kindergarten! We continue to provide opportunities for students to practice all of the kindergarten sight words. During reading, the children are working to practice all the skills we have developed over the year. We are sounding out words, reading decodable books, and decodable word lists (with digraphs like th, sh, ch, and ck). , During writing we are writing about books, about our feeling and about things we have done. In math, we are continuing to practice addition and subtraction. We will be discussing basic measurement for a few weeks and then we will spend the last few weeks of school reviewing and celebrating all of what we learned this year. Wow, how the children have grown this year. They should be very proud of their growth!

- Mrs. Atwood, Mrs. Aithal, Mrs. Boudreau, & Mrs. Burt



How can it be that the school year is almost over?! What an incredible year we are having! In math, we will finish up our unit on measurement and geometry. We will then revisit place value within 120. In science, we will finish our unit on how sunlight patterns create our seasons and, in turn, affect plants and animals. In writing, we will continue to work on writing realistic fiction and we will write multiple stories that have problems and solutions. In reading, we will continue to focus on vowel teams, multisyllabic words, and suffixes.

Please continue to have your child practice addition and subtraction facts and return the envelopes when they are ready for new facts.

Reading daily with and to your child will be very beneficial for them!

Have a Healthy and Happy Summer!

Mrs. Blasiak, Mrs. Kulmann, Mrs. Reynolds, and Mrs. Smedley



It seems almost impossible that the end of the year is upon us. June is an exciting and rewarding month because you get to reflect on all of the progress the students have made. During our last month, we will continue reading non-fiction books in reading. We will also read chapter books. In writing, students will continue writing research books. In math, we will begin to discuss multiplication through the use of repeated addition. It will be incredibly important for our students to read and write over the summer in order to maintain their skills and prevent the "summer slide". Students should also continue to work on getting faster with math facts. This will be an important step in developing multiplication and division fluency in 3rd grade. We wish everyone a relaxing and restful summer!

Mrs. Bovey, Mrs. Carapezzi, Mrs. Drejer, Mrs. Harkin and Mrs. Penney

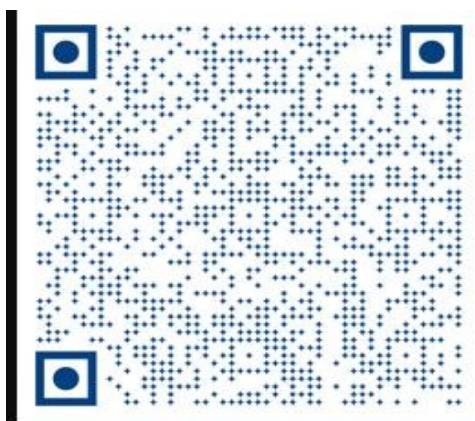


We have reached the month of June. We have many celebrations that we are looking forward to such as Field Day, Recorder concert and Ringing Out/End of Year celebration. Students have been researching famous CT people in Social Studies. In Science they have been studying Habitats and Environment Changes on plants and animals. In math, students are studying mass and volume. We wish everyone a great summer and best of luck to our students as they move up to the intermediate school.

Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Lomuntad and Mr. Snow



Kindergarten students learned a song in French this month! It's called “Au Claire de la Lune” or “In the light of the moon.” We started by acting out the words so the students could guess what they meant, then we sang it in English and finally French! Ask your child to show you the motions while you listen to this song and then try singing along with the link from the “Ask Me” sheet!



First grade students are very excited to show you the song they learned in Spanish! This song called “Mi Cuerpo,” is about how your body can make music! It also teaches some body parts in Spanish like manos- hands, pies- feet, boca-mouth, cintura- waist and cuerpo-body. Give it a try with your child using the video!





Second grade students are starting to prepare for next year by learning a few songs they will start with on the recorder! One song is Hot Cross Buns. These students have been using their ears to figure out the song on the xylophone! We are adding a few more instrument parts to this song including boomwhackers on the bassline and cymbals! Ask your child to sing hot cross buns to you!



Third grade students are putting the finishing touches on their songs for the recorder and chorus concert! They are working hard to play and sing together while doing their personal best! We are working hard to be as prepared as possible so they feel good about the performance! Talk to your child about the song they play in the concert and how prepared they feel! Remember to mark your calendars for our 3rd grade concert on June 8th at 6:30 p.m!



BES Library Media Center March Newsletter

ATTENTION ATTENTION.... All Library Books are Needed Back in the Library! ATTENTION ATTENTION... All Library Books are Needed Back in the Library!!

Please return all library books to the library as soon as possible. If your books can not be found or they are damaged, they can be paid for or a replacement copy can be donated. Look high and low! Please show your cougar cub core values! I am Pawsitive that all books will be back to the library before the end of the school year. For every book that is returned you will receive one raffle ticket for a chance to win one of four Dairy Barn gift certificates! This summer please take pictures of your adventures at your local libraries or libraries in other towns and states when you are on vacation. Take pictures and notes of what they are like for an activity next school year. Third graders can share their adventures by emailing me.

csalzano@rsd17.org

Good Luck to all third grade students moving on to intermediate school. We will miss you but we know you have so many great tools in your tool kit to take with you and will be successful in all your new adventures! Remember you are always welcome to come visit us at the elementary school or send an email to tell us what you are up to and learning in fourth grade.

Ms. Salzano and Mrs. Hosking





Notes from Mr. Granucci, in the Art Room

Many thanks to all the wonderful parents who helped me out this year with the art show. I am so grateful to have had your support with helping to mount and label hundreds of pieces of art created by our BES children during the year. In addition, thank-you to all the parents who showed up to help hang up the art show on May 23rd.

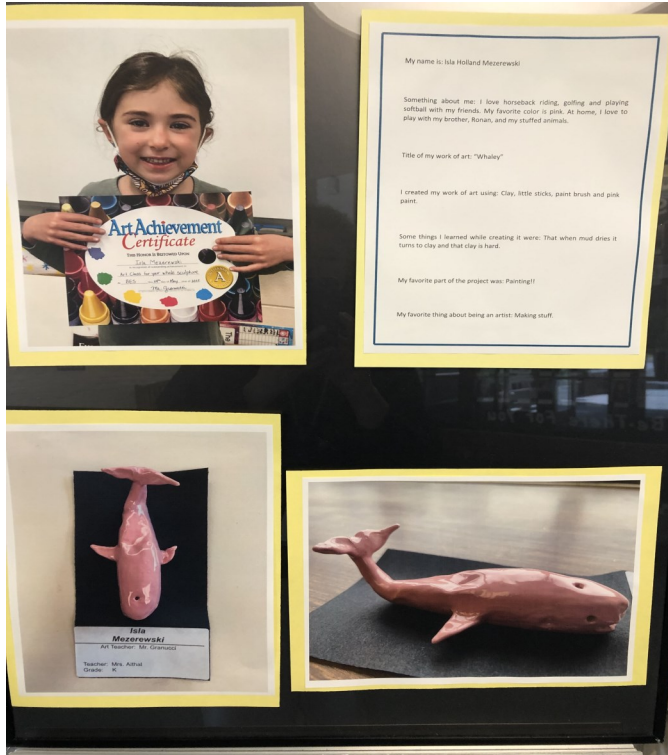
Mr. Granucci

Pawsome Artists of the Month for June:

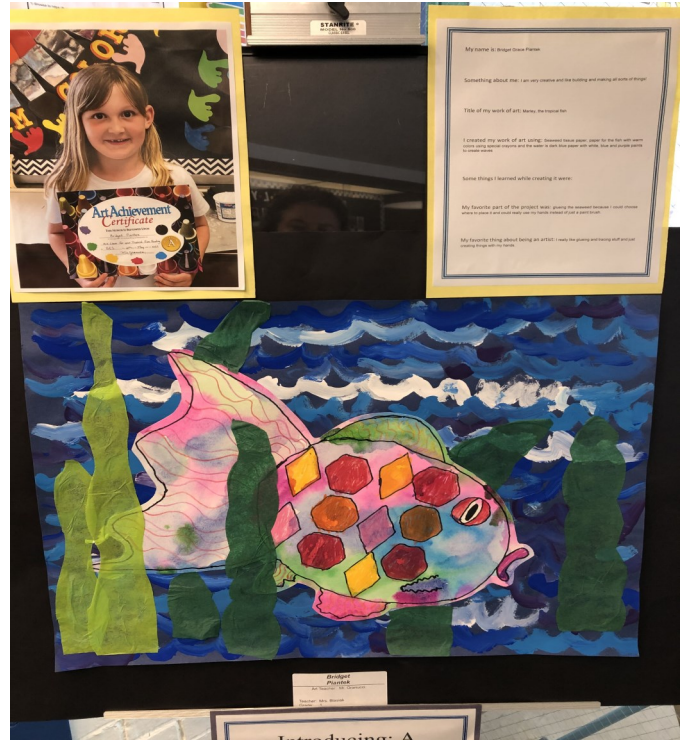
Students selected are class role models that have demonstrated “Paws”itive Burr School expectations which include, doing their **Personal Best, Acting Responsibly, Working and being Safe, and Showing**

Artist of the month for June

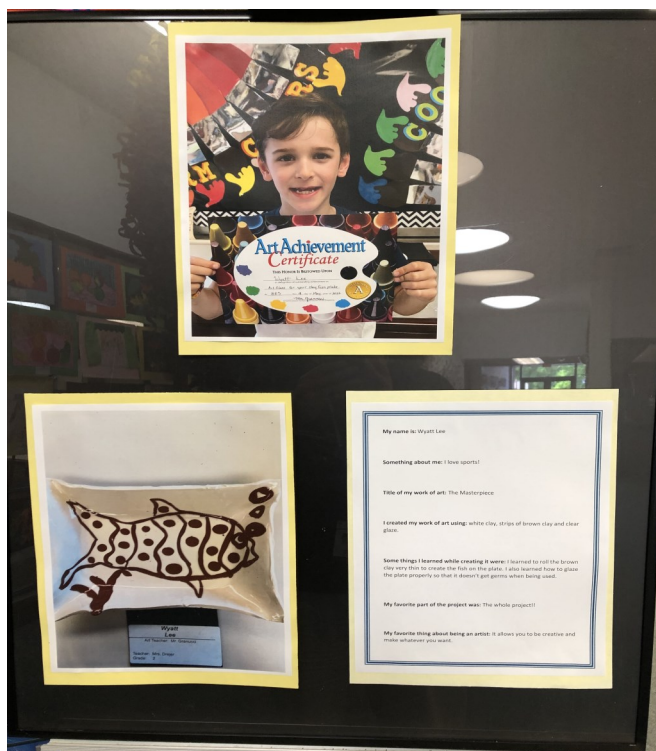
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WYATT LEE



GEORGIA LANGER





We made out ok with the weather for our Field Day June 1st! We hope everyone enjoys the day relaxing and having fun playing with their classmates. We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped to run our activity stations, serve watermelon, etc, and the PTO for doing such a great job organizing it all! We would also like to thank the cafeteria staff for once again providing a great picnic lunch and a frisbee for all to take home! As always, the custodial staff has been always ready to help to make everything work out logistically, providing access to water for our games and making sure the fields were mowed . We would also like to thank Mrs. Boudreau for organizing, ordering and delivering all of our Field Day T-Shirts! Congratulations to Georgia Langer from Mr. Snow's class for winning our BES 2022 Field Day T-shirt Design contest!

As we move closer to our summer break we would like to encourage everyone to remain as physically active as possible. Participate in activities and sports that may interest you, and think about trying new things that you haven't tried before. Most importantly, try to go outside and just play with family and/or friends every day!

And finally, goodbye to our Third Graders who will be transitioning to the Intermediate School next fall. Your flexibility and ability to adjust to a multitude of variables over the past several years has been absolutely remarkable. You and your parents should be very proud of yourselves. We hope you enjoy the "Big Gym" there. Please be sure to give our best to Mr. Bergantino when you get there! Good luck everyone!

Mr. Burkle
Mr. Weeks

READ SOLVE BUILD CREATE EXPLORE

RSD17 Summer Learning

*Maintain your brain with summer learning!*

Summer is a time to enjoy the beauty and fun of the season with family and friends. As curious learners, we are always growing and expanding our knowledge. As you enjoy your summer adventures, make time for summer reading and math activities.

Summer learning information will be sent home in report cards.
It is also available on the RSD17 website.

Students rising to grades 1-3 will receive reading and math activities.

Students rising to grade 4 will choose a book to read and complete a book club conversation guide for beginning of year book clubs.

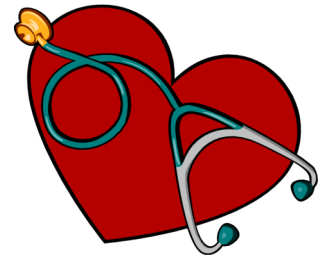


Students new to Kindergarten can find information on the RSD17 website.

Please contact Burr Elementary School if you have questions.

HAPPY SUMMER LEARNING!

A note from the Health Office



REMINDER:

Any medication that is in the Health Office **must** be picked up by the last day of school. I will be available on the last day of school until dismissal time 1:05pm to return items to you. The medication must be picked up by an adult. I am not able to send any items home with a student. Feel free to reach out to me in the Health Office to make arrangements for a day & time that works best for you.

Hope you all have a safe, healthy & rejuvenating summer break!

Eileen Ulizio, RN
eulizio@rsd17.org

860-345-4584



NOETIC SPRING MATH CONTEST

Congratulations to the following 3rd graders who took on an extra difficult challenge by participating in the Noetic Spring Math Contest. All of the participants persevered through 20 math problems and did a wonderful job. Declan Hollman was the team winner. Congratulations to all.



Mrs. Williams, Caleb Anderson, Ella Carlson, Owen Dickinson, Samantha Fong, Landon Haeckel, Declan Hollman, Emma Knapp, Georgia Langer, Aurora Mylen, Charlie Nablo and Everleigh Pruser.

Burr PTO Year in Review

2021-2022

SEPTEMBER

Cultural Arts: Be True to You



Seat cushions and headphones purchased for every student!



OCTOBER

Cultural Arts: Folktales From Asia

Lyman Pies Fundraiser

Scholastic Bookfair

Harvest Festival and Scarecrow Contest

NOVEMBER

Cultural Arts: World Of Wonder

Lyman Pies Fundraiser

Bus Driver Appreciation Day



DECEMBER

Principal's Night

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

JANUARY

3rd Grade CT River Museum
in school field trip



FEBRUARY

Cultural Arts: Surcari Virtual Music with
Latin Beat

MARCH

Cultural Arts: Liberty Belles



MAY

Staff Appreciation Week
Fun Run Fundraiser



JUNE

Cultural Arts: Marionettes and STEAM Museum
Scholastic BOGO Bookfair
Donation to Field Day
Donation to 3rd grade Moving Up Celebration





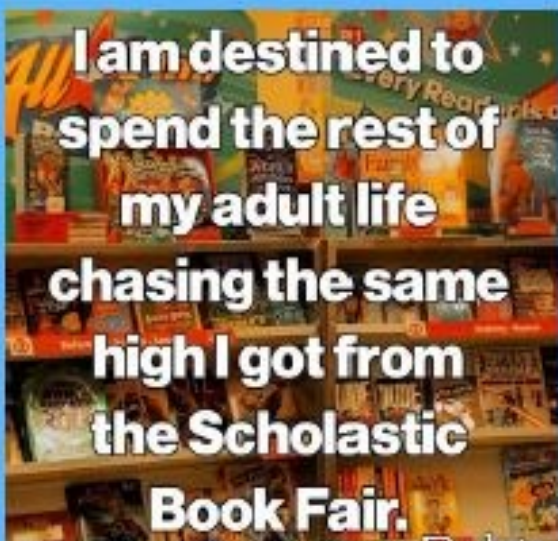
Facebook: Burr PTO

<https://burr.ptboard.com>

BurrElementaryPTO@gmail.com

Scholastic Book Fair! Buy One, Get One!

Students will get to preview the selection of books on May 27th and will get to shop May 30th - June 3rd!



Parents will have 2 opportunities to shop with your children!

Tuesday May 31st
from 5pm-7pm

and

Wednesday June 1st
from 12pm-1pm

**Burr PTO is looking to fill open
Board Member positions for
Secretary and Treasurer for the
2022-2023 school year!!!**

Please contact Brie Kott or Kelly Drajewicz at BurrElementaryPTO@gmail.com if interested in filling one of these positions.

FOOD SERVICE IMPORTANT NEWS



FREE MEALS WILL END ON THE LAST DAY OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR

The USDA waivers that allowed all students to receive meals at no charge during the pandemic will expire on June 30th, 2022. Those already approved for free and reduced meal benefits for 2021-2022 will be automatically approved into the first 30 school days of next year (2022-2023).

Application to apply for free or reduced meals will be sent home in the beginning of the school year.

We're Hiring

Before & After School Childcare Staff

RecCare hours are Monday - Friday

at Burr and Killingworth Elementary Schools:

AM Care: 7:30 – 8:30 am / PM Care: 3:15 – 6:00 pm

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is seeking Before and After School Childcare staff to act as a positive role model and provide guidance and leadership. Under the direction of the HK Recreation Supervisor & Director, the Before & After School staff is responsible for planning and implementing games and activities, and interacting with children grades K through 6th. Hours include mornings &/or afternoons as well as early dismissal and school vacation days.

Adult Assistants starting at \$13.25/hr. Site Directors starting at \$15.50/hr. Possible advancement opportunity for a RecCare Supervisor Position (around 20-25 hrs per week).

Please send letter of interest, resume and application to the HK Recreation Department at P.O. Box 569, Higganum, CT 06441 or email Robyne@hkrec.com or Josselyn@hkrec.com



SUBS NEEDED

Regional School District 17 is seeking qualified individuals to work as substitute teachers. We offer regionally competitive pay for substitutes. Qualifications for substitute teachers include a Bachelor's Degree (required) and experience working with children. A teaching certificate is not required, but definitely a plus. Substitute teaching is a great way to contribute to our schools for those who enjoy working with kids. Please visit the "Employment Opportunities" page of our district website (www.rsd17.org) for more information and to initiate an application. If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Hensel at Central Office, at PHensel@rsd17.org.

Youth Programs

Sports/Specialty Camps & more

Skyhawks Baseball Camp

W-F 6/22 - 6/24 Ages 7-12
9:00 - 3:00 pm at HK Softball Field
\$155 (NR add \$10)

Skyhawks Volleyball Camp

M-F 6/27 - 7/1 Ages 10-14
9:00 - 1:00 pm at HK Fieldhouse
\$165 (NR add \$10)

Play-Well Stem Fundamentals w/ LEGO Materials Camp

M-F 6/27 - 7/1 Gr. K-5
9:00 - 2:00 pm at HK Lower Media
\$222 (NR add \$10)

Running Rams Camp

M-F 6/27 - 7/1 Ages 5-15
5:00 - 8:00 pm at Old Saybrook HS
\$145 (NR add \$10)

Art RecCreation Camp

T-F 7/5 - 7/8 Gr. 1-5
9:00 - 12:00 pm at HK Art Room
\$105 (NR add \$10)

Field Hockey Camp

T-F 7/5 - 7/8 Gr. 4-6
3:00 - 5:00 pm at HK HS Field Hockey
Field \$95 (NR add \$10)

Skyhawks Tennis Camp

M-F 9:00 - 12:00 pm Ages 7-12
7/11 - 7/15 at Sheldon Tennis Courts
8/1 - 8/5 at HK HS Tennis Courts
\$139 (NR add \$10)

Skyhawks Golf Camp

T-F 7/5 - 7/8 Ages 5-10
9:00 - 12:45 pm at HK HS Multi-Use
\$139 (NR add \$10)

Skyhawks Basketball Camp

M-F 7/18 - 7/22 at HK Fieldhouse
9:00 - 12:00 pm (Gr. K-2) \$139
9:00 - 3:00 pm (Gr. 3-5) \$185
(NR add \$10)

Science or Just Fun

M-Th 7/11 - 7/14 Ages 5-10
9:00 - 11:00 am at HK Lower Media
\$106 (NR add \$10) & outside

Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Camp

M-F 7/11 - 7/15 & 8/8 - 8/12 Ages 5-7
9:00 - 12:00 pm at HK Multi-Use Field
\$139 (NR add \$10) each session

Casablanca's Modeling Camp

M-F 7/25 - 7/29 Ages 5-11
9:00 - 12:00 pm at HK Lower Media
\$115 (NR add \$10) & outside

Clay/Pottery Camp

M-F 7/18 - 7/22 Ages 5-10
9:30 - 12:00 pm at HK HS Art Rm.
\$145 each session (NR add \$10)

Register at www.hkrec.com

Youth Programs **Sports/Specialty Camps & more**

Skyhawks Flag Football

M-F 7/25 - 7/29 Ages 8-12
9:00 - 1:00 pm at HK Multi-Use Field
\$165 (NR add \$10)

Cooking with Ease

M-Th 8/1 - 8/5 Ages 5-10
9:00 - 11:00 am at HK Lower Media
\$106 (NR add \$10) & outside

Vale Soccer Camp

M-F 8/1 - 8/5 at KRP
9:00 - 10:30 am (ages 3-5) \$75
9:00 - 12:00 pm (Gr. K-4) \$150
(NR add \$10)

Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp

M-F 8/8 - 8/12 Ages 7-11
9:00 - 12:00 pm at HK Multi-Use Field
\$139 (NR add \$10)

Skyhawks Beginner Tennis

Mondays, 6/27 - 8/1 (No 7/4) at Sheldon
5:00 - 5:45 pm (ages 3-4)
6:00 - 6:45 pm (ages 5-6)
\$85 (NR add \$10)

Abrakadoodle Beach Party Art Camp

M-F 8/15 - 8/19 Ages 6-12
9:00 - 12:00 pm at HK HS Lower Media
\$159 (NR add \$10) & outside

Summer Soccer Fun w/ Vale

Tuesdays or Thursdays at KRP
7/12 - 8/9 or 7/14 - 8/11
5:00 - 5:45 pm (ages 3-4)
5:45 - 6:45 pm (ages 5-7)
\$75 each session (NR add \$10)

Gymnastics

Tuesdays 7/5 - 7/26 Ages 5-11
4:30 - 5:30 pm at HK Old MS Gym
\$82 (NR add \$10)

Karate Kids

M/W at Parmelee Pavilion
6/27 - 7/18 (No 7/4) or 7/25 - 8/10
3:45 - 4:45 pm Ages 5+
\$48 each session (NR add \$10)

Curious Campers Pre-School Camp

M-F 9:00 - 12:00 pm Ages 4-K
at HK Old MS \$80 each session
(NR add \$10)

7/11 - 7/15 Messy Munchkins
7/18 - 7/22 Fairies & Potions
7/25 - 7/29 Sizzling Science
8/1 - 8/5 Outdoor Explorers

Babysitter's Training

Friday, 6/24, 8:15 - 1:15 pm or
T/W/Th 7/26, 7/27, 7/28 5:30 - 7:30 pm
at HK Lower Media Ages 10 - 15
\$76 (NR add \$10) each session

Register at www.hkrec.com