Burr Elementary School Newsletter

From Principal Whidden

Dear Families,

The end of another school year is quickly approaching and there's lots of excitement at Burr. We recently had our third grade concert as well as the annual art show. I am always so impressed with the talent and creativity of our students under Mr. Granucci and Ms. Foret's expert guidance and instruction. We also had perfect weather for Field Day last week and Mr. Lemke added some new and exciting stations to the rotation. Everyone had a blast!

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. Families are encouraged to spend some time each week incorporating literacy and numeracy activities into your summer fun so that students' maintain all the amazing skills they have gained this year!

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.

Report cards will go home with students on the last day of school. If your child is not present on the last day, the report card will be mailed home. Teacher assignments for next year will be finalized over the summer. Your child will receive a letter from his/her new teacher in early August.

As a reminder, the last day of school for Burr students is Monday, June 17th due to the power outage on November 27th, which caused Burr to have to cancel the school day.

I hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful summer and I'll see you next year!

Sincerely,

Important Dates in June

June 2nd - Board of Education Meeting-Recognition of Teacher and Staff Members of the Year June 10th - Third Grade Ringing Out 5:00pm June 13th - Early Dismissal @ 1:05pm June 14th - Early Dismissal @ 1:05pm June 17th - Last Day of School. Early Dismissal @ 1:05pm

End Of School Year

The last day of school for Burr students this year is Monday, June 17th. Student will have a full day of school on June 10th, 11th, and 12th. June 13th, 14th and 17th will be early release days for students.

Notes From the Office

If you need to drop off paperwork over the summer please call the office first to make sure a staff member is in. The office number is 860-345-4584.

Have a fun and safe summer!

School Year Calendars - Regional School District 17

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Thank You!

A big thank you to our PTO who have provided the following:

- Cultural Art Programs
- Supplies for teachers
- An amazing Staff Appreciation Week
- Valentine Dance
- Organizing tickets for Wolf Pack and Yard Goat games.
- Field Trips for students
- Fun Run
- And so much more!

We appreciate you volunteering your time and giving back to BURR

We also want to thank all the parent volunteers that help throughout the year to make Burr such a special school!

Teacher and Staff Member of the Year

Congratulations to Becky Aithal for being named Burr Teacher and RSD #17 District Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations to Stephanie Lundgren for being named Burr Staff Member of the Year!

Kindergarten News

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 school year. We are sounding out words, reading decodable books, and decodable word lists (with digraphs like th, sh, ch, and ck). Students are writing their opinions and learning to expand their sentences to tell why they feel the way they do. In math, we are continuing to practice addition and subtraction and then 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. Aithal, Mrs. Boudreau, Mrs. Burt & Mrs. Macauley

First Grade News

How can it be that the school year is almost over?! What an incredible year we are having! In math, we are finishing up our unit on geometry and time. The students enjoy measuring objects around the room using non-standard units. We have started our science unit on Patterns of the Sun, Moon, and Stars. We will also learn about the phases of the moon and how the moon affects our tides. In Wit and Wisdom, the students write narrative stories in which the character has a problem due to the wind. Students are also exploring the different verb tenses. In spelling, we are focusing on multisyllabic words and suffixes.

Practicing math facts and reading daily with and to your child over the summer will be very beneficial for them!

Have a Healthy and Happy Summer! Mrs. Blasiak, Mrs. Kulmann, Mrs. Camo, and Miss Castro

Second Grade News

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 wrap up our final Wit and Wisdom unit. The students will write narrative paragraphs from the point of view of a main character we've read about, and share their knowledge of new vocabulary learned in this module. In math, we will continue to discuss multiplication through the use of repeated addition. The students will also work on a project where they will have to plan their own camping trip. This activity includes adding and subtracting within 1,000, geometry, money, and review of fractional parts of a whole. 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. Masci, Mrs. Lonergan, Mrs. Harkin and Mrs. Penney

Third Grade News

Here we are, June of third grade. It's hard to believe that third graders are finishing their last days here at Burr school. We have had a great year learning and growing together. All classes have all been working hard within their language arts modules, raising the bar in reading and writing. Students have learned multiplication and division and studied fractions this year in math just to name a few. Between the daily rigor of the classroom, assessment preparation, and overall learning, students are well prepared to move on to the intermediate school in just a short amount of time. Be on the lookout for summer reading requirements. We are looking forward to many fun end of year activities and congratulate our third graders on their progress throughout the year. Each student should be very proud of all they've accomplished this year. Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs Bovey, Mrs Formica, Miss Narducci and Mr. Snow

Art News

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 21st, and take down the show on May28th.

Our third grade artists went on a field trip to the Yale Art Gallery on May 28th. The children had a wonderful time and got to see many other examples of the artists' paintings they studied in art class during their years here at Burr School. Docents led inquisitive discussions with the children of selected works of art and there was also time for some hands-on activities.



Library News

Happy June from your Burr Elementary Library! Congratulations to MELLYBEAN by Mike White who won this year's <u>Nutmeg</u> award. Look out for this year's <u>Charter Oak</u> winner to be announced in mid-June. These two websites are good resources for good summer reading.



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 in cash or a replacement copy can be donated. Look high and low! Please show your Cougar Cub core values! I am Paw-sitive that all books will be back in the library before the end of the school year.

Remember that you and your family can check out books at your local library this summer. Here is a book list from Scholastic of the top <u>100 must-read books</u>.

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 visit us at the elementary school or send an email to tell us what you are up to and learning in fourth grade. Remember to read the book you picked over the <u>summer</u> for your first fourth-grade activity next year. Here are another twenty books that you might like to <u>read</u>.

Ms. Salzano and Mrs. Hosking

Summer Literacy and Math

Welcome to RSD17 Summer Learning



Summer is coming! In a few short weeks teachers will be saying goodbye to their students and sending them off to the next grade level. We all want to dive right into the summer fun! Continuity of learning is important to prevent summer learning loss. Studies show students lose a portion of the skills and knowledge they gained during the school year if they don't read and practice math over the summer. As a district, we have created a summer learning plan for all students grades Pre-K-9 which includes both reading and math. All materials can be found on the <u>RSD17 Summer Learning Website</u>. In addition to the summer reading and math materials, you will find alternate learning experiences such as project-based learning and links to Personalized Computer Adaptive Programs the students had access to during the school year.

On the Reading Learning Pages you will find:

- Summer reading directionsSummer Reading Adventures- Weekly themed activities and books
- Summer reading log
- Summer Reading Notes pages for grades 4-8
- Book summaries, trailers or reviews for grades 4-8
- Links to book lists

On the Math Learning Pages you will find:

- Summer math letters
- Summer math packets by grade level
- Links to iReady (password required)
- · Link to the CT Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge

We hope that you find the site user-friendly, and helpful as you navigate these learning opportunities through the summer. Please reach out to <u>Jbeermuender@rsd17.org</u> (reading) or <u>hrigatti@rsd17.org</u> (math) with any questions you may have.

Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you all in the fall! Jennifer Beermwender & Heather Rigatti RSD17 Curriculum Coordinators



RSD17 Summer Learning

Welcome to RSD17's Summer Learning Opportunities

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Tell us about a favorite book, a special summer moment, or just let us know how summer is going. You don't have to travel to fancy places to have awesome summer experiences. Most of our memorable moments happen right at home!

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Music News

Hello from Music!

Spring is always a busy season for musicians, and our Burr students are no exception!

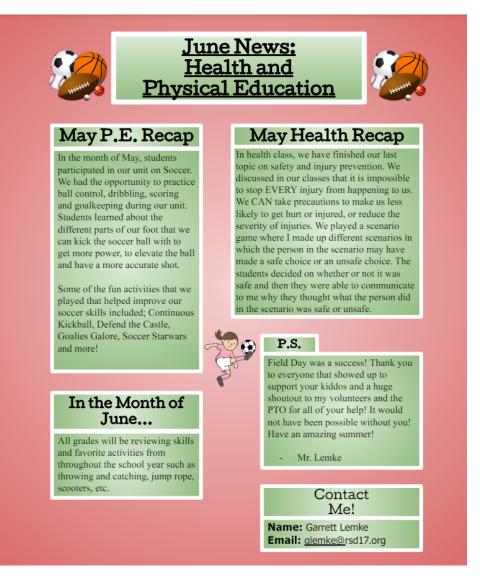
- Kindergarteners have progressed to writing their own du and du-de patterns. Once we wrote them down, we played our rhythm compositions on the drums!
- First grade students are composing rhythm pizzas! After reading the book, "Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party", students assigned rhythms to each topping. Soon, we'll find different ways to perform all the toppings on our pizzas!
- Second graders are learning about music in video games! We've talked about Koji Kondo, a composer who works for Nintendo. This week, students are creating their own video game compositions in Chrome Music Lab.

• Third grade students are creating their own recorder compositions! Now that our concert is completed, students are writing their own songs to perform on recorder. Next week, students will perform their compositions for their classmates!

Thank you Third Grade Families!

Our spring concert was a great success for the third grade students! They were thrilled to showcase their hard work from the year. This would not have been possible without the support of all their families, and I am excited to see where their musical journey takes them. If you have any questions regarding the process of music classes at the intermediate school, please feel free to email me at aforet@rsd17.org - Ms. Foret

Physical Education News



From the Health Office

The weather has been nice for outdoor activities. Just a reminder here at school during recess & PE time the students take advantage of the grassy field area for a number of activities. With the warmer weather comes increased exposure to ticks. A daily check of their skin for any ticks is a great plan. Also, consider a quick check after school in the event they have come in contact with one during



recess/PE/dismissal time. In the event I see a student in the HO for a tick related incident I will call you to notify you of the visit, the location that the tick was found on their body, and the care rendered.

REMINDER:

As we approach the end of the school year, just a reminder to those who have items in the Health Office - **they must be picked up by an adult on or before the last day of school (Monday, June 17th) prior to dismissal time.** The Health Office closes for the summer and all items will be disposed of if not picked up. The Main Office staff cannot hold any items from the Health Office for pick up at a later time. The Health Office will close for the year on Monday, June 17th at 1:30 p.m. Please reach out if you would like to set up a certain time or day and we can make a plan.

In planning ahead for those families that need to deliver items to the Health Office prior to the start of the school year 2024-25. I am back in the office Monday, August 26th & Tuesday, August 27th for prep days. Feel free to reach out either of those days and I can accept any items along with the **updated medical forms for SY 2024-25**.

Hope you all have a spectacular summer break:)

Eileen Ulizio, RN eulizio@<u>rsd17.org/860-345-4584</u>

School Menus

BREAKFAST June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	_
3. Breakfast Break Cereal Pack, Craisins, Milk	4. Cinnamon Roll, Sliced Apples, Juice, Milk	5. Breakfast Breads, Peaches, Juice, Milk	6. Muffin, Strawberries, Juice, Milk	7. Breakfast Variety, Applesauce, Juice, Milk	
10. Breakfast Break Cereal Pack, Craisins, Milk	11. Breakfast Variety, Fruit of the day, Juice, Milk	12. Breakfast Variety, Fruit of the day, Juice, Milk	13. Breakfast Variety, Fruit of the day, Juice, Milk	14. Breakfast Variety, Applesauce, Juice, Milk	Breakfast Is Free For This School Year
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BES JUNE LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Lunch Prices- Full Pay-\$3.25 Reduced- FREE Milk- \$0.65				X	
3. Sloppy Joe, Crinkle Carrots, Fruit of the Day, Milk	4. Chicken Tenders Oven Fries Fruit of the Day, Milk	5. Pancakes, Stuffed Hash Brown, Fruit of the Day, Milk	6. Chicken Chili, Nacho Chips, Side Salad, Fruit of the Day, Milk	7. Pizza Chef Choice Vegetable, Fruit of the Day, Milk	A MEAL IS HOT ENTRÉE LISTED ON LEFT B SUN BUTTER AND JELLY SANDWICH, CHEESE STICK, VEGETABLE, FRUIT, MILK Menu is subject to change Schowiches Solods Fails mith Free Summer Meals Comidas de Verano Gratis Fiesdeneerste and and reme New Schowicher State of the solow reme Comidas de Verano Gratis Mids and teens 58 and under Environment and solow reme Michael State of the solow reme Comidas de Verano Gratis Michael State of the solow reme
10. Pasta w/ Meat sauce, Salad, Garlic Roll, Fruit of the Day, Milk	11. Cheeseburger, Onion Rings, Fruit of the Day, Milk BBQ sauce on side	12. Apple Cinnamon French Toast, Sausage Patty, Hash Brown, Fruit of the Day, Milk	13. Chicken Patty Sandwich, Chef Choice Vegetable, Fruit of the Day, Milk	14. Pizza Chef Choice Vegetable Peach and Pineapple Smoothie, Milk	
17. Hotdog, Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day, Milk	Have a great				
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Cougar Paw Recipients

These are students that have displayed The Burr School Pledge.

Personal best,Act Responsibly,Work and play safely, and alwaysShow respect.

Week of 4/29-5/3



Week of 5/6-5/10



Week of 5/13-5/17



Week 5/20-5/24



Week 5/27-5/31



PTO News



HKYFS





Community Events

Community flyers that have been approved by the Superintendents office are located in the link below.

Community Events - Regional School District 17

Community Events - Regional School District 17

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HK Park & Rec



Summer Programs





Academic Readiness Group 6 hours a week

- This group is intended for children between **5 and 6 years of age**. Our two hour block of time will be split into multiple sections to not only be cognizant of shorter attention spans (due to their age) but to allow us to work on the various skills that these students will encounter in school. This class will focus on 4 main areas: Reading, Writing, Math, and Social Skill Development through fun and interactive lessons and activities.
- Foundational phonics instruction will be given to support current and future reading skills. Additionally, students will work with other key reading elements to further support comprehension of various texts.
- Handwriting, letter production, and writing prompts will be introduced. Students will be given the opportunity to attempt and practice opinion and informative/explanatory styles of writing through the strong guidance of a certified teacher.
- Mathematics Instruction will work on the following skills: counting numbers, comparing numbers, addition/subtraction concepts, early place value skills, and attributes of shapes.
- Social Skill instruction will be provided through the use of structured play. At this time students
 will work on concepts including, but not limited to, team building, turn taking, winning and losing,
 and conversation skill building.
- Students should bring bottled water and a snack to each class.



8 Weeks - 10 hours total

Executive Function Group

- Our summer Executive Function Group is geared towards students that seem to not know how to "do school" or seem to need additional study skills training. In our sessions, we will focus on core skills that directly impact one's ability to succeed in school like: organization, planning, task completion...etc. In our modern day world, students are exposed to so many technological distractions. As such, the process of completing and submitting assignments, on time, through online platforms can be challenging for students. Our Executive Function Group will give students the skills and tricks they need to help combat these difficulties. Additionally, students will work each week to improve their working memory and attention through an interactive online training program, Cogmed.





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LEARN SPANISH

Summer Enrichment Program

June 24 to June 28, 2024 With Sra. Russo Average class size - 6 students Opportunities for Students Pre-K through High School



Learn Spanish in a fun, interactive and meaningful manner. Students will be exposed to culture and language while engaging in singing, speaking, games and crafts! In this week-long program, students will learn basic vocabulary to interact and communicate in Spanish. There will be time for a snack break, please bring una merienda (snack) y agua (water).



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