



# BURT B BGCAT BANNER

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Dear Parents,

Some people think smart is something you're born with. Others believe you can "get smart". So do those beliefs matter? Studies show they do. People who believe they can "get smart" are able to face a challenge.

If these people come up against problems they can't solve, they don't give up. They don't say, "I was never any good at math anyway." Instead, they decide that they may just need to work a little longer, or try a different approach. In contrast, people who don't value hard work are likely to give up. If they run into trouble, they give themselves all sorts of reasons why it wasn't their fault.

How can parents give children "get smart" messages? Try these:

**"I know you can do it if you keep trying. You've worked really hard on your spelling. Before you know it, you'll learn those words." "You're not going to give up until you get it, are you? I'm impressed with your hard work." "If you work on your science fair project every day this week, you're sure to be proud of the result."**

When you talk about the things you have done, make sure you send the "get smart" message. Tell your child you type so fast because you've practiced since you were 15. Or point out how proud you were when you finished painting a room.

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Sincerely,  
*Mary Barghahn*  
 Principal

**DON'T FORGET!  
 NO SCHOOL**

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**



Waterford Mission Statement

We guarantee to every student the knowledge, skill, and attitudes needed to become an effective citizen of the world.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

1/16	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Records Day
1/17	PTO Meeting @ 7:00PM
1/18	D-Day – Respect Circle @ 8:45am
1/18	CAT Pizza Party
1/20	Muffins With Mom 8:30-9:00AM
1/23	Burt Family Skate Night 6:30-8:30PM
1/24	D-Day – Respect Circle @ 8:45am
1/26-31	Vision Screening 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades
1/27	<b>½ Day for Students. Dismissal @ 11:46am</b>
1/27	End Of Semester
1/27	Hat & Popcorn Day – only 25¢ each!
2/1	<b>½ Day for Students. Dismissal @ 11:46am</b>
2/1	Report Cards Go Home
2/15	Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser
2/17	Donuts With Dad
2/20	Burt Family Skate Night 6:30-8:30PM

**WHAT'S NEW WITH PTO!**

**Zap Zone Day is February 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**For just \$20.00 you get UNLIMITED laser tag, bumper cars AND jump zone!**  
**Tickets are on sale NOW!**  
**January 27<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Day - Only 25¢**

**BANNER RESPONSE COUPON**

I've read the Banner!

Comments, Questions, Compliments:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

*Return to school for a drawing!*



**AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS:**

It is best to have your child go home every day the same way he or she arrives to school. It is the best way for all of us to ensure the safety of your child. If something needs to change regarding your child's arrangements, **make sure changes are in writing.** Do your best to make these changes the night before so everything is clear to your child, his or her teacher, and everyone involved. In the event that something changes during the day, call the main office and communicate with our office staff. Classroom teachers do not have the ability to check e-mails regularly during the day or answer phone messages since they are with students.

**DRESS FOR THE WEATHER:**

Students will be expected to go outside on the playground during recess every day the weather permits. Indoor recess will only occur if it is raining or the temperature and wind chill is 5 degrees or below. Please be sure that children are dressed for the weather. In addition, children may not stay in for recess without a note from a parent requesting them to stay in for 1-2 days following an illness resulting in an absence from school. Anything longer will require a note from a Doctor.

**CAT PIZZA PARTY WINNERS:**

Students receive CAT tickets when they're "Caught Acting Terrific". Once a month Mrs. Barghahn draws names from the CAT box. The following student's names were drawn on May 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be attending a pizza lunch with Mrs. Barghahn on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Nathe Morley  
Beck Martin  
Romelle Teague  
Tanae Houston  
Patricia Ramos  
Cameron Lack**

**Cameron Wyatt  
Conner Bozarth  
McKenzie Haremski  
Trevor Green  
Max Brown  
Jayden Carson**

**HAT DAY FRIDAYS:**

Friday is hat day! Support Student Council and get your sticker for just 25¢.



**FOOD & NUTRITIONAL SERVICES PROMOTION!**

Order lunch for January 17<sup>th</sup> and your name will be put in a drawing for 4 WSD Pool Passes.



**BEACH PARTY!  
JANUARY 17, 2012**

- SLAMMING SUMMER JAMS
- SMILES, FUN & SUN
- A PICNIC LUNCH ON MENU
- BRING YOUR BEACH TOWEL
- A WHOLE GRAIN TREAT
- A CHANCE TO WIN A POOL DAY FOR 4



**14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TASTE OF WATERFORD:**

The Waterford Coalition for Youth has opened up ticket sales for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Waterford on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Oakland Schools Conference Center! Sample delicious food from over 35 popular, local restaurants! Walk the red carpet as a coalition guest at this premier community event, which with this year's "Hooray for Hollywood" theme includes entertainment, music, a 50/50, children's activities and where the 2011 Citizen and Youth Group of the Year will be honored. Prizes will be given for the best celebrity look alike. **IT'S FUN FOR ALL AGES!** Become a *VIP* in supporting the Coalition's mission to reduce substance abuse and high risk behaviors in the community's youth. Visit [www.wcfytow.eventbright.com](http://www.wcfytow.eventbright.com)



### **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS:**

It is the policy of the Waterford School District not to operate its buses when weather conditions cause hazardous travel for bus riders. The decision whether buses will run when severe weather conditions are eminent is made by the Superintendent after consulting with public safety and school district transportation officials. The procedures followed to determine whether or not buses will run is as follows:

- A call is made to the Waterford Police Department for its appraisal of road conditions.
- Two or more school officials will personally inspect the various types of roads on which buses travel in the district. They will then meet at the bus garage where all available information is considered before the decision is made to run all buses as usual or cancel all buses.
- When weather conditions in your immediate area make your child's trip too hazardous, then it is your discretion whether to keep your child at home. The Waterford School District covers an area of approximately forty-two square miles, and weather and traffic conditions can vary significantly in these large areas.

In the event of inclement weather, school closings will be announced on the following:

#### **TV Channels**

2 WJBK  
4 WDIV  
7 WXYZ

Comcast Cable 22

#### **Radio Stations**

WJR 760 AM  
WWJ 950 AM

However, this method of communicating is not completely reliable since these messages are announced at the station's discretion. Announcements are also posted on the Waterford School District website at [www.waterford.k12.mi.us](http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us).

In the event that school will be dismissed early, information will be announced as outlined above. It is imperative that parents discuss the possibility of early dismissal thoroughly with their children and make certain they know where to go when parents are not at home.

### **CALLER ID:**

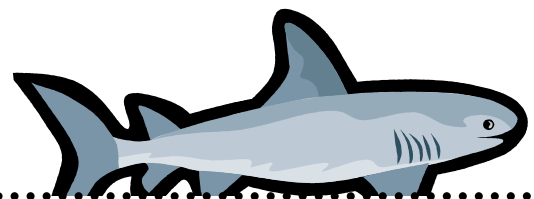
When you see a Burt phone number on your caller ID, and return the call to the school, it is impossible for us to know who it was that called you and/or where the call was placed from. All calls placed from any phone at the school will show the main office telephone numbers. We are unable to interrupt classes to ask if teachers or students place the call. Thank you for your understanding.

### **RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL:**

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you rather than relying on your child to bring it home please e-mail our secretary, Mrs. Slagle at [SlagIt01@wsdmi.org](mailto:SlagIt01@wsdmi.org) to have your name added to the list. If you signed up already at Curriculum Night you do not need to do so again. We appreciate your help in saving paper and keeping Burt Green!

### **TOO EARLY:**

Please do not send your children to school before 8:20am. There is NO supervision for children before then, and it is NOT a safe situation. If you cannot make other arrangements, and your children MUST be dropped off, child care is available. Please call 248-738-4794 for more information. Safety Patrol Students may start their positions at 8:15am, but their siblings are not to come before 8:20am. Thank you for your cooperation.



Get your raffle tickets now for the Shark Puppet! A ticket will be drawn on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are on sale (25¢) before school starts in the morning. Look for the Safety Patrol Student in the Lobby. Congratulations to Keegan Glover in room 115 who won the Walrus Puppet on November 14<sup>th</sup>.