



# BURT B BGCAT BANNER

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Dear Parents,

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHERE OUR SCHOOL GOT ITS NAME?**

**William Austin Burt** (1972-August 18, 1858) was an inventor, legislator, surveyor, and millwright. Burt was born in Massachusetts but lived in Michigan from 1824 to his death in 1858. He was a member of the Michigan Territorial Legislature in 1826-1827. He served as Mount Vernon's first postmaster from 1832-1853. Between 1833 and 1857 he and his five sons won acclaim for their accurate work on public land surveys. In 1857, Burt moved to Detroit, where he died in 1858. Among Burt's numerous inventions were the typographer in 1829, which was a predecessor to the typewriter. He also invented the solar compass that he often used while surveying the Michigan lands. The solar compass would be employed in regions that had an abundance of minerals, which would produce accurate readings. Burt was a United States government deputy surveyor whose work took him into wilderness areas largely unknown even to the fur trappers. For more than twenty years, Burt and his small group of men surveyed the lines that divided the two peninsulas of Michigan into a checkerboard of townships as prescribed by the Land Ordinance of 1785. While surveying on September 19, 1844 in what is today Marquette County, Michigan, Burt discovered one of the largest iron ore deposits in the United States.

Sincerely,  
*Mary Barghahn*  
 Principal

**DON'T FORGET!**

**HALF DAY TOMORROW  
 JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 11:46AM DISMISSAL  
 HALF DAY  
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
 11:46AM DISMISSAL**



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!**

1/26-31	Vision Screening 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , & Grades
1/27	½ Day for Students. Dismissal @ 11:46am
1/27	End of Semester
1/27	Hat & Popcorn Day – only 25¢ each!
1/27	IPOD & KINDLE Raffle Begins– only 25¢ each!
1/30	D-Day – Respect Circle @ 8:45am
2/1	½ Day for Students. Dismissal @ 11:46am
2/1	Report Cards Go Home
2/3	D-Day – Respect Circle @ 8:45am
2/8	<b>COUNT DAY!</b>
2/8-14	Valentine Grams
2/15	Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser
2/17	Donuts With Dad
2/20	Burt Family Skate Night 6:30-8:30pm
2/23 & 24	<b>NO SCHOOL – MID WINTER BREAK!</b>

**WHAT'S NEW WITH PTO!**

**IPOD & KINDLE Raffle Tickets Only 25¢ each.**  
 Sold on Monday and Friday's before school.  
**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!**  
**TOMORROW is Popcorn Day!**  
**Only 25¢ Each Bag!**

**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.

### **ATTENTION 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS:**

The Performing and Visual Arts Department Present Waterford's Annual Discovery Concert. At this quick, fun and informative concert you will see Bands and Orchestras from multiple schools in Waterford. You will receive information about joining 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and all 5<sup>th</sup> graders will get to actually try the instruments they will be able to learn in 6<sup>th</sup> grade! We encourage **ALL** 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to attend this concert to learn about the musical opportunities they will have in middle school. If you have questions please e-mail Ms. Stone at **Stonek01@wsdmi.org.**

### **HAT DAY FRIDAYS:**

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



### **STUDENT COUNT DAY: FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Please be sure to have your child to school on time and in school all day on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, which is the official count day for the state.

### **2012-2013 SCHOOL SELECTION:**

It is hard to believe it is already time to begin planning for the 2012-2013 school year. If you would like your elementary school child to attend another school other than the one you are assigned to, please go to the Waterford School District website at <http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us> for a School of Selection form or stop by the main office to pick one up. The deadline for submitting these forms to the Elementary Education Office is **February 1, 2012.** The Secondary School Selection form is also on the same website.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Kindergarten Enrollment for 2012-2013 School Year begins February 1<sup>st</sup>. A Kindergarten information meeting will be held **Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Mott Performing Arts Center.** For more information please visit <http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us/registration/kindergarten.htm>.

### **TEACHER WISH LIST:**

Please take a moment to browse the Teacher's Wish List Board by the main office. Teachers have filled out Stars for items that they need to enhance your child's social and educational learning experiences at Burt. Some common items that teachers are requesting are board games, markers, Kleenex, Clorox Wipes and many more. It's easy – select a star and send the item in with your child or drop it off at the office.

### **WILL YOUR CHILD BE ABSENT OR TARDY?**

If your child will be absent or tardy, please call the school's 24-hour absentee line at 248-674-5919. Please leave your child's name, teachers name, reason and length of absence.



### **WINTER SAFETY TIPS FOR THE BUS:**

- Leave some extra time in the morning to get to your bus stop.
- Wear bright clothing so you can be seen.
- Dress properly.
- Remember your book bags and backpack and keep all papers inside.
- Look carefully before crossing the street. Cars driving in snow will be focused on the snow and ice.
- Stand away from where the bus stops. Buses need extra room to stop when there is snow and ice.
- Walk directly away from the bus. Do not stand and linger and play in the snow.
- Keep a safe distance from the bus.

Remember, no playing in the snow while waiting for the bus. All snow stays on the ground. No snowballs allowed. Stay off any ice. Keep a safe distance from the point where the bus loads. Our number one job is to keep kids safe. Your job is to help keep it that way. Thanks for your help!

### **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 January 24<sup>th</sup>. They will be attending a pizza lunch with Mrs. Barghahn on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Zaria Drayton</b>	<b>JaVon Williams</b>
<b>Kaylea Payne</b>	<b>Keegan Switzer</b>
<b>Ally Evans</b>	<b>T.J. Daugherty</b>
<b>Mackenzie Baker</b>	<b>ShaKayla Welch</b>
<b>Steven Gonzales</b>	<b>Joel Lopez</b>
<b>Eddie Johnson</b>	<b>Avery Carone</b>

### **WATERFORD COMMUNITY EDUCATION:**

Waterford Community Education offers many exciting classes or programs that will keep you busy during the winter and spring months. Community Education classes provide enrichment and academic opportunities for children and adults who want to learn a new skill, explore an interest area, or enrich their person or professional lives. A brochure was mailed to your home last month but is also available online at [www.wsdmi.org/learn](http://www.wsdmi.org/learn).

### **HOW TO ORDER LUNCHS:**

Meals must be pre-ordered. Menus are sent home monthly. Envelopes are sent home weekly. An envelope must be filled out each week for each student individually. This includes lunches paid for through meal magic, family lunch orders and free lunches.

Orders may be done on a monthly (or multiple weekly) basis. Here's how:

- Fill out an envelope for each week – make sure you mark the beginning date of the week on each envelope.
- Fill out a separate envelope for each child in your family.
- Turn in all completed envelopes at the beginning of each month.

**Envelopes must be turned into the school kitchen by Friday before 11:00am.**

### **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.

### **LOST AND FOUND:**

The lost and found is getting pretty full. Please stop by and check to see if your student has lost a coat, shoes, clothes or even a lunch box.



*Get your raffle tickets now for the Stingray Puppet! A ticket will be drawn on January 30<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 Cyra Wiltsie in room 106 who won the Shark Puppet on January 18<sup>th</sup>.*