



BURT BOBCAT BANNER

School Office: (248)682-5110
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School Address:
 581 South Winding Drive
 Waterford, MI 48328

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Dear Parents,

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Please help your child be successful by arriving early and on time each day. Also, have your child stay to the end of the day when the bell rings.

Why is this so important? Several reasons:

1. Your child is part of a classroom family that has arrival and dismissal routines. Your child gets to fully be a part of that community when he or she is here all day every day.
2. Our Staff teaches from bell to bell. When your child is not here even for a few minutes he or she can miss out on valuable math fact practice, reading or writing work.
3. Students with prompt attendance have more opportunities. Younger students get jobs in classrooms while older students get to participate with Safety Patrol.
4. When your child arrives and leaves in a calm and ordered fashion he or she has a predictable routine and is emotionally connected and ready for a great day. Your child will learn best because you've given him or her a great start to the day.

Sincerely,
Mary Barghahn
 Principal



DON'T FORGET!
NO SCHOOL
November 23rd – 25th
School Resumes
Monday, November 28th



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!

11/21	Otis Cookie Orders Due
11/21	Parent Teacher Conferences-Evening
11/21	Family Skate Night – 6:30-8:30pm
11/23-25	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
11/29	D-Day – Respect Circle @ 8:45am
11/29	Author Bryan Chick visits 3 rd – 5 th Grades
12/1	Gourmet Sucker Sale Begins - \$1.00 each
12/5	D-Day – Respect Circle @ 8:45am Brainstormers Assembly @ 9:30am
12/7	½ Day for Students. Dismissal @ 11:46am
12/9	Hat & Popcorn Day – only 25¢ each!
12/9	D-Day – Respect Circle @ 8:45am
12/12	Otis Cookie Fundraiser Delivered This Week
12/15	PTO Meeting @ 7:00pm

WHAT'S NEW WITH PTO!

Otis Cookie Orders Due
Monday, November 21st.
December 9th Popcorn Day - Only 25¢

BANNER RESPONSE COUPON

I've read the Banner!

Comments, Questions, Compliments:

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.

SUNSHINE GRAMS:

Sunshine grams will be sold by the Burt School Student Council beginning November 14th-21st and during parent teacher conferences. For only \$1.00 parents and students can send a happy message with a sweet treat attached to it. All sunshine grams will be delivered on November 22nd. Money earned by the student council is used to help improve our school. Thank you for your support.

STUENTS COUNCIL NEWS:

Student Council will be selling Gourmet Suckers and Smencils for \$1.00 before school. The sale will begin December 1st – 9th. Thank you for your support!

HAT DAY FRIDAYS:

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



BOOK FAIR IS HERE!

Mrs. Lawrence has planned the annual Scholastic Book Fair. **Reading Is Out Of This World!** The Book Fair will be in the Library and open from November 15th – 21st during school hours and during parent teacher conferences. Shop now for the holidays and support our library!



TREASURE BOX ROUND UP:

If you are like me, you may have a box in your house that holds forgotten about McDonald's toys or little trinkets that are cool but unused. You may want to donate them to our school Treasure Box for use at Respect Circle. Please be sure the toys are clean, usable, and something another child would enjoy. Just send them in labeled "Burt Treasure Box". Students can pick from the Treasure Box each week at Respect Circle if they tell a Joke Time joke or if they get their Response Coupon picked. Thanks so much!

WILL YOUR CHILD BE ABSENT OR TARDY?

If your child will be absent or tardy please remember to call the school's 24-hour absentee line at 248-674-5919.

COPY PEOPLE NEEDED:

Want to be involved and aren't sure exactly how? Volunteer to be a general "Copy Person" for all of our school. Set up a schedule for yourself such as, every Wednesday and Friday mornings (or whatever configuration). You will be trained how to use our office machines. A box will be set up for you where teachers, even the principal or even the secretary could use your help. Sometimes only a few things will be in your box-sometimes it will be full. Please call Mrs. Slagle, our school secretary, to let her know your times and she'll set up a system. Thank you in advance!



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.

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:

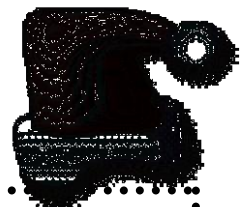
If you would like the newsletter emailed to you rather than relying on your child to bring it home please e-mail our secretary, Mrs. Slagle at SlagIt01@wsdmi.org to have your name added to the list. If you signed up already at Curriculum Night you do not need to do so again. We appreciate your help in 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.

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.



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• Get your raffle tickets now for the Santa Puppet! A

• ticket will be drawn on December 15th. 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 14th.

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