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BURT B BGCAT BANNER



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NCA Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges Schools **November 4, 2011**

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Fun Run. At this point we have raised \$7,114.44. We exceeded last year's amount of \$4,798.97. We are still collecting pledge money so please continue to turn in your pledge sheets. This is PTO'S major fundraiser and it was a big success. I would also like to thank all the parent volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!

Sincerely,
 Mary Barghahn
 Principal



DON'T FORGET!
NO SCHOOL, Tuesday, November 8th
Half Days – November 11th & 15th
11:46am Dismissal



Get your raffle tickets now for the Walrus Puppet! A ticket will be drawn on November 14th. Tickets are on sale (25¢) before school starts in the morning. Look for the Safety Patrol Student in the Lobby. Congratulations to Makayla Frost in room 101 who won the Wizard Puppet on October 26th.



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!

11/7	Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Fundraiser Begins
11/8	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day
11/9	Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser
11/10	Picture Re-Takes
11/11	½ Day for Students. Dismissal @ 11:46am
11/15	½ Day for Students. Dismissal @ 11:46am Report Card Home for Conferences Only
11/15	Parent Teacher Conferences-Afternoon PTO Meeting @ 7:00pm
11/16	Report Cards Go Home
11/17	Parent Teacher Conferences-Evening
11/18	Hat & Popcorn Day – only 25¢ each!
11/21	Burt Family Skate Night 6:30-8:30pm
11/21	Parent Teacher Conferences-Evening
11/23-25	Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

WHAT'S NEW WITH PTO!

We have limited amounts of MSU Cups left. Send in your \$4.00 to the office and we will fill your order. These would make great gifts for the holidays!
November 7th Cookie Fundraiser Comes Home!
November 15th PTO Meeting @ 7:00pm

BANNER RESPONSE COUPON

I've read the Banner!

Comments, Questions, Compliments:

Signature _____

Student _____ Room _____

Return to school for a drawing!



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

If you have not signed up for your parent teacher conference, please contact your child’s teacher or call the main office at 248-682-5110. Conferences are scheduled for the evenings of November 15th and 17th (4:30-7:30pm), and the afternoon of November 15th (12:30-3:30pm). Stop by or call the school and sign up to schedule your time to meet with your child’s teacher.

REPORT CARDS:

Parents who have signed up for Parent Teacher Conference on Tuesday, November 15th report cards will be sent home with your child on that day. All of the remaining report cards will be sent home with your child on Wednesday, November 16th.

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.

METRO ZONE CREDIT UNION:

Metro Zone In-School Credit Union Returned in October. Once a week all students may deposit money into their own accounts and earn interest. There are no minimum deposits. Metro Zone will be open to accept deposits on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am. If you would like to open an account for your child, you can download the account request form at www.mnfcu.com under the Young Members page.

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, teacher’s name, reason and length of absence.



**DON’T FORGET!
NOVEMBER 6TH
CHANGE CLOCKS BACK
1 HOUR**

BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

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!



PICK UP/DROP OFF:

We’ve been working hard to make the pick up/drop off system for students move smoothly. Please remember that the Pick Up/Drop Off Lane is **NOT** for parking. There should be a natural flow of traffic at all times. Staff members are on duty to help ensure the safety of all our students. Please be patient – we are always striving to improve our dismissal and arrival process. Thank you for your understanding!

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS:

Thank you for continuing your collection of General Mills Box Tops. This month we collected 852 box tops – that’s \$85.20 for our school! This month’s top classroom collectors are:

- 1st Place – Mrs. Jenks 3rd Grade – 247
- 2nd Place – Miss Wherritt 1st Grade – 179
- 3rd Place – Miss McElreath 2nd Grade – 100

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 November 1st. They will be attending a pizza lunch with Mrs. Barghahn on November 30th:

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| <i>Tawnee Melhus</i> | <i>Stefanie Williams</i> |
| <i>Zoie Alvares Coats</i> | <i>Zeke Price</i> |
| <i>Kendra Ciotti</i> | <i>Florie Shingler</i> |
| <i>TJ Daugherty</i> | <i>Gavin Leahy</i> |
| <i>Allan Martin Bell</i> | <i>Selena Shaw</i> |
| <i>Merarie Ramos</i> | <i>Renee Taylor</i> |



Burt School Fun Run is a BIG SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2011-12 Burt School Fun Run. At this point, \$7,114.44 was raised for our school.

On October 17th, students who brought in donations were awarded tickets for every \$5.00 collected. The following student's names were drawn and prizes were awarded:

Kayla Kolc Albarran (Room 106)	Rosie Minnick (Room 112)	Ja'Von Williams (Room 110)
Grace McCarthy (Room 117)	Carlos Trejo (Room 107)	Deacon Jacobson (Room 108)
Meah Moreno (Room 112)	Asher Leukhardt (Room 104)	

Congratulations to Jillian McMurray in Room 103 for winning the I-Pod Touch!

The following student's won Zap Zone tickets for most laps run by grade level!

Sunny Wilkinson (Room 109)	Deacon Jacobson (Room 108)	Adam Gilboe (Room 112)
James Buckner (Room 104)	Jillian McMurray (Room 103)	Beck Martin (Room 106)

Congratulation to Beck Martin in Room 106 for winning the I-Pod Shuffle!

The following student's won a Bryan's Coney lunch with Mrs. Barghahn for collecting \$50.00 or more.

Maddison Haddad (Room 102)	Megan Geran (Room 113)	Jasmine Brown (Room 106)
Amado Marr (Room 106)	Angelina Bennis (Room 115)	Cassidy Pierce (Room 109)
Tyler Fann (Room 101)	Cooper Martin (Room 107)	

Prizes were provided by: **Airway Lanes, Century Bowl, 300 Bowl, Jeepers, Waterford Rolladium, Zap Zone and Mrs. Fields Cookies.** Thank you all!

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Studies have shown that children whose parents are involved in their education do better. Parent-teacher conferences are one way to get involved. Every time you attend a parent teacher conference, you learn more about your child and strengthen the bond with your child's school. Getting to know the teacher and hearing his or her views of your child's progress help your child succeed.

Before the Conference:

- Talk with your child: Find out his/her favorite subjects and activities, and ask if there are any concerns he/she would like you to discuss with the teacher.
- Review assignments: Are there some areas where your child really shines and others that might need a little extra work? Discuss both strengths and weaknesses with the teachers.

The day of the Conference:

- Be on time: If something comes up, please notify the teacher as soon as possible.
- Remember that conferences are brief. A typical parent-teacher conference lasts 15 minutes. If you need additional time, ask for a follow-up session.
- Keep an open mind: Some parents get angry when teachers discuss trouble spots. Remember that that these conferences are meant to help you understand your child's performances. Working together will help your child succeed.
- Make plans: Find out what you can do to follow through at home. Decide together what you, your child, and the teacher need to do to help your child succeed.

Afterward:

- Tell your child: After the conference, meet with your child and discuss the teacher's comments. Remember to praise all the things your child is doing well and pass along the teacher's compliments. If you need to, talk about areas that you and the teacher will be working on to help your child improve.
- Follow up: In the days and weeks that follow, let your child's teacher know that you are following through on what was discussed, and that you would like to hear how things are progressing in the classroom.

Remember that schools and teachers welcome parent involvement throughout the year.