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BURT BAT BANNER



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Dear Parents,

Each school within the Waterford School District is required to develop a comprehensive School Improvement Plan annually. This plan must support the vision and goals of the District. I would like to share this information with you.

District Vision – Inspire, educate, and empower our students for their future.

District Goals – The fundamental purpose of the Waterford School District is to ensure high levels of learning for all students, as evidenced by the following goals:

- We will eliminate gaps in student achievement in all demographic areas.
- We will provide challenging learning experiences for every student every day.

The Burt staff has collected and analyzed specific data to determine improvement priorities, made decisions about what goals we want to achieve, and will continuously measure progress toward achievement of those goals.

Our school-wide goals are:

- All students will increase proficiency in reading in fiction and non-fiction text.
- All students will increase proficiency in writing across all areas of the curriculum.
- All students will increase proficiency in mathematics problem solving.

Each grade level team has written action plans with grade level specific strategies designed to meet the school-wide goals. For example, third grade's math plan might state, "All students will be able to pass a times addition test with 80% accuracy or better by the end of marking period 1." Plans will monitored and adjusted regularly based on student progress toward the established goals. The Burt staff is committed to working collaboratively to ensure that all of our students are achieving!

Sincerely,
 Mary Barghahn
 Principal

Mark Your Calendar!

10/10	Fun Run Pledge Sheets Go Home
10/10	D-Day – Respect Circle 8:45am Bat Puppet Raffle
10/10	PTO Cup Sale-\$4.00 each MSU & U of M
10/11	MEAP Testing Begins
10/11	Boy Scouts Meeting @7:00pm in Cafeteria
10/13-14	PTO Cup Sale-\$4.00 each MSU & U of M
10/17	Fun Run Money Due
10/17	Burt Family Skate Night 6:30-8:30pm
10/18	PTO Meeting @ 7:00pm
10/21	Hat & Popcorn Day – only 25¢ each!
10/26	D-Day – Respect Circle 8:45am Bat Puppet Raffle
10/31	Halloween Parties in the pm – Parade @ 2:30



Get your raffle tickets now for the Bat Puppet! A ticket will be drawn on October 10th. Tickets are on sale (25¢) before school starts in the morning. Look for the Safety Patrol Student in the Lobby.

BANNER RESPONSE COUPON

I've read the Banner!

Comments, Questions, Compliments:

Signature _____

Student _____ Room _____

Return to school for a drawing!



Waterford Mission Statement

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



IMPORTANT BUS DELAY INFORMATION:

Parents, students, and staff have available the latest information about Waterford School District transportation delays via a customized software program. Comcast Channel 22, the District's educational cable channel will display messages when a bus is delayed 20 minutes or more due to inclement weather or mechanical difficulties. The message will contain the bus #, route #, and building name. Residents in the community who do not have Comcast may view Channel 22 live on their desktop. Simply click on the 22 LIVE icon on the District's home page at www.Waterford.k12.mi.us

CHILDREN AND FEVERS:

Children not attending school, due to a fever, may not return to school until they are fever free, without fever reducing medication for 24 hours. If your child goes home sick and has a fever, he/she is not permitted to return to school the following day at a minimum. When you mask the fever with medicine and send your child back to school, you don't allow your child to fully recuperate, as well as, place all of the people they come in contact with at risk.

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.

CELL PHONES, TOYS, GAMEBOYS & IPODS:

Students are not allowed to bring cell phones, toys, Game Boys, iPods or other electronic devices to school. These can be expensive and the school can not be responsible for items lost. Toys & games brought from home also create controversy in regards to who may touch or play with the item. Except for special "show and tell" times approved by the teacher, students are not to bring toys or electronic devices to school.

TARDIES AND EARLY DISMISSAL:

We realize that sometimes it may be necessary for you to take your child out of school early. When this is necessary please come to the office to sign your child out. A secretary will call your child's classroom and ask that they come to the office. You should never go to the classroom to get your child. The teachers will not let an adult take a child unless they have received a call from the office first. This is to ensure that each child is leaving the building with an adult this is listed on their emergency card. If your child is coming into the building after the tardy bell rings at 8:35am please instruct them to come directly to the office to sign in. This way they will not be marked absent. Thanks for your help in keeping all of our children safe.

TYSON PROJECT A+:

Want to help out our school but don't have the extra cash or time to volunteer? This program is a great way to get involved and you may already have Tyson in your freezer!

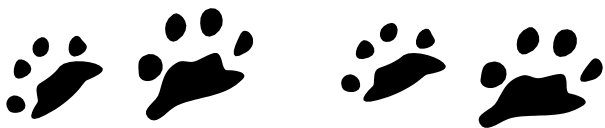
Clip and save labels from participation Tyson products. Turn them into your teacher with your **first and last name**. You can find participation products in your grocer's freezer section; look for Tyson Products that display the Tyson Project A+ logo.

The label you save is easily identified by looking for the simple **1, 2, 3 program steps**. Each label is worth 24¢ each. Other things to be sure to save: Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels & Capri Suns.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER:

Once again, Michigan's unpredictable fall weather is upon us. As you all know, it can be 40 degrees in the morning and 70 degrees in the afternoon. Please make sure your child brings a coat to school every day. Students will be expected to go outside on the playground during recess everyday the weather permits. Indoor recess will only occur if it is raining or the temperature and wind chill is 5 degrees or below.





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 (4:30pm-7:30pm), and the afternoon of November 15th (12:30pm-3:30pm). Stop by the school and sign up to schedule your time to meet with your child's teacher.

WHO SHOULD YOU CONTACT?

Questions regarding student progress, assignments, tests, or class related information should be directed to the teacher responsible for the class. In most cases the teacher will be the best person to respond to questions. If parents/guardians have special situations they need to discuss, but are unsure of whom to contact, the class room teacher is also a good starting point. Research shows students whose parents and teachers have good communication and strong partnerships have better attitudes and perform better in school. We hope to establish strong positive relationships with families to support student success!

CHANGES IN END OF THE DAY ROUTINES:

If your child's after school routine will change, please be sure to communicate this to your child prior to sending him/her to school. The school secretaries can be overwhelmed by parental phone calls at the end of the school day requesting change on your child's dismissal routine. These last minute changes can result in confusion, mistakes and possible unsafe situations for all involved – students, teachers, bus drivers and parents. Each interruption may seem small, but they add up and are distracting to the students and teachers. We will not interrupt the classroom to give a reminder.



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.

CURRENT INFORMATION ON YOUR CHILDS EMERGENCY CARD:

If your address or phone number has changed since the beginning of the school year, please report this information to the main office. We need your correct, current parent contact information on file so we can contact you in case of an emergency with your child. You can call the office with your new information. You may also access the student information card on the District's website at <http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us/student/studentinformationcard.pdf>. Simply complete the form online, print a copy of the form, include your signature, and return it to the main office.

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 September 28th. They will be attending a pizza lunch with Mrs. Barghahn on October 27th:

<i>Hope Hegwood</i>	<i>Dominick Perkins</i>
<i>Kate McMurray</i>	<i>Leon Evans</i>
<i>Josie McCarthy</i>	<i>Ricky Shoemaker</i>
<i>Hannah Low</i>	<i>Ayden Murray</i>
<i>Conner Bozarth</i>	<i>Kendra Ciotti</i>
<i>Tyler Fann</i>	<i>Jacob Southerland</i>

HOW TO ORDER LUNCHES:

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 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 in to the school kitchen by Friday before 11:00am