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After School Help Available for Students

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.BSU.EDU/BURRIS

Tutoring and extra help is now available for Burris students for the remainder of the semester.

Elementary—Mrs. Onical—Room 135, MTWR, 2:00-3:15 p.m.

Middle School Math— Mrs. Goney—Room 242, MTWR, 3:00-4:15

Middle/High School English/Language Arts—Mrs. Comber—MWR, Room 239, 3:00-4:15 p.m. and on Friday, Room 213, 6:45 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

High School Math—Mr. Dodrill—Room 212, MTWR, 3:00-4:15 p.m.

Students do not need to register for this tutoring—just show up with books, homework, and be ready to work. Middle and high school sessions will end with the beginning of May



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Summer School 2011

The regular state supported summer school classes have been announced and registration is open. Session one will begin on Monday, June 6 and end on July 1. Session 2 for high school only will begin on Monday, July 11 and end on Friday, August 5. The cost for each class is \$40.00, which must be paid at the time of registration. Summer school schedules and registration forms are included in the mailing. Sign up early. Classes without a minimum enrollment of 15 students will be cancelled on May 27. Language Arts and/or Math will be offered for grades 1-8. High school classes are academic subjects and will earn high school credit. Return all completed registration forms and fee payments to Ms. Orr in the Burris main office.

**FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL FOR
2011-12
IS
MONDAY,
AUGUST 15, 2011**

SENIOR HONORS NIGHT: Wednesday, May 4, 7:30 p.m., Burris Auditorium

GRADUATION: Friday, June 3, 6:00 p.m., Arts Terrace (inclement weather location is Ball Gym)

CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2011!

Included in this mailing: Menus for April/May, 2011-12 Calendar, Summer School Information, Enrichment Information, Driver's Ed information, athletic dates

Academic Calendar for 2011-12

The academic calendar has been set for 2011-12. School will start on Monday, August 15. The last day of school (subject to change if there are weather related cancellations) is May 30. Graduation will take place on Friday, June 1. The calendar is included in this mailing and is available on our website. Additional term dates will be announced at a later date.



Registration for 2011-12

Registration dates for 2011-2012 have been announced. A parent must accompany each child to registration to sign permission forms and acknowledge receiving the student handbook. Students will receive schedules and locker assignments during registration.

- Wednesday, August 10, 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 11, 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Summer Enrichment Programs

Mrs. Huffman is offering “Step Up” (for those students entering kindergarten in the fall) and “Fit for First” (for those just finishing kindergarten). Cost is \$100. A flyer and registration form is included in this mailing

Other enrichment classes to be offered include: Art Camp, Bring Your American Girl Doll to School, Geocaching, Introduction to German Language and Culture, Science Olympiad Summer Camp, and Super Summer Science Camp. These classes will be held from June 6 through June 17. A \$75.00 fee is charged and must be paid at the time of registration. A flyer and registration form is included in this mailing.

High Ability Identification

We are beginning the identification process for our high ability program for the 2011-2012 school year. Parents will be notified by May 20 if their child has qualified for high ability services at Burriss in Math, Language Arts, or both. If you do not receive notification, but believe your child exhibits superior achievement and/or ability, you may nominate your child for further testing and consideration. To do so, contact Ashley Flannery in the Counseling Center at 285-2341 or aflannery@bsu.edu. To view the complete identification plan, or for additional information, please visit our website, www.bsu.edu.burriss—look under “Parent and Student Resources”, and then “Parents of High Ability Students”.

High School Finals Schedule

Thursday, May 12

8-8:30 – 8 a.m. Class
 8:35-9:05 – 9 a.m. Class
 9:10 – 9:40 – 10 a.m. Class
 9:45 – 10:15 – 11 a.m. Class
 10:20 – 10:50 – 12 p.m. Class
 10:55 – 11:25 – 1 p.m. Class
 11:30 – 12 – 2 p.m. Class
 12 – 1 – Lunch
 1-3 – 8 a.m. Final

Friday, May 13

8-10 – 9 a.m. Final
 10-12 – 10 a.m. Final
 12-1 – Lunch
 1-3 – 11 a.m. Final

Monday, May 16

8-10 – 12 p.m. Final
 10-12 – 1 p.m. Final
 12 – 1-Lunch
 1- 3 – 2 p.m. Final

4th and 5th Grade News

OUTDOOR EDUCATION/CAMP CROSLEY

PARENTS WHO ATTENDED THE 4th GRADE OUTDOOR EDUCATION meeting on March 17th received the behavior contract that is to be shared/discussed with your child, signed, and returned to school. FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS will have brought their camp forms home to share with parents. Please return the behavior contract and medical information pages ASAP.

IMPORTANT! We are REQUIRED to have a photocopy of your family medical insurance card included with the medical information page.

FRIDAY, MAY 6th: MEDICINES, with the completed paperwork for each, are to be sent to school on May 6th. This is important! The nurse will carefully check each medicine label and set of directions and will need time to talk with parents should clarification be needed.

FINAL CAMP PAYMENTS are due by April 15th, but may be sent in before that date. You should have received a balance update recently.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions!

Tuesday, May 10th: Meet at the loading dock area at 7:45 a.m. [suitcase, sleeping bag, water bottle].

Friday, May 13th: Meet your child when the buses arrive on Gilbert St. at 3:00 p.m..

FIELD TRIPS:

MAY 19: ALL 4TH/5TH GRADE CLASSES (8:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.) will TOUR INDIANA STATE HOUSE and CROWN HILL CEMETERY

Students will need a sack lunch. Details will be sent home closer to May 19th.

ABC's of Gifted—Where do I start?

The NAGC parent web pages are designed to give you ideas and strategies to support your child. The ABCs section has information collected in response to questions parents frequently ask. You can check the full list of topics at: <http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=956>

Parent Reminders



Since the weather is getting warmer, parents are reminded of the following school policies.

Dress Code: School clothes must cover all undergarments and be of a length that covers the chest, stomach area, and lower back at all times. Shorts and skirts must be at least mid-thigh when the student is standing.

Playground: Children must be supervised after school hours by an adult parent or guardian.

Full policies are available in the student handbook.

News from the Nurse—Linda Gray, RN MA

It is difficult to believe that it is now the time of the year to discuss school physicals and immunizations!

As last year, Burriss will require all students **new** to Burriss (including kindergarteners) as well as students who will be **entering** grades 4 and 9 to present a copy of a current physical (completed in 2011) as well as immunization records to the school nurse by the **first day of classes on August 15, 2011**. Copies of the Burriss physical form can be obtained in the main office.

There were many changes to the Indiana State immunization law last year that affect all Burriss students. **All Burriss students must be up to date with all immunizations in order to attend Burriss beyond the first day of school in August, 2011.**

The following is a summary of the changes that were implemented. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me, 786-285-2340.

- All children entering kindergarten in Indiana are required to have 2 doses of the varicella vaccine or a written history of the disease (chickenpox).
- All 6th-12th grade students are required to have 2 doses of the varicella vaccine or a written history of the disease (chickenpox).
- All 6th-12th grade students are required to have 1 dose of the tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) give on or after the 10th birthday.
- All 6th-12th grade students are required to have 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (to prevent meningitis).

If your child plans to participate in sports at Burriss, the Athletic Office must have an IHSAA athletic physical form on file for the participating student. **PLEASE NOTE:** This means that **TWO** forms should be obtained at the time of your child's doctor's appointment. One form, with the immunization record attached, for the nurse's office and a second form on the IHSAA medical form submitted to the Burriss Athletic Office.

The summer months can be an exceedingly busy time in your physician's office. If possible, schedule your children's physical exams early to make certain that they are completed prior to the start of school.

Have a safe and healthy summer.....and don't forget to apply the sun screen!!

Driver Education Offered in June

- Burriss will be offering a Driver Education class in June 2011. The times for classroom sessions will be 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. The times for drive sessions will follow class. The possibility exists of having drive sessions on Saturday/Sunday 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- You will find class information concerning dates of class, driving dates, and hopefully answer to other concerns in this newsletter. You should complete the application as soon as possible and return, along with a check for \$275.00 made payable to Burriss Driver Education, to: Ray Dawson, Muncie Burriss Driver Education, 2000 W. University, Muncie, IN 47306
- It is very important that you reply quickly. Only the first 30 paid applicants will be guaranteed positions in each class. More information concerning permits will follow when application has been received. If you have any further questions please call 285-8607 or 282-0908.

ADVANTAGES OF BURRIS DRIVER EDUCATION

- *30 hours of detailed classroom instruction, 12 hours of driving observation, 6 hours of personal driving for students. We believe it is important for students to observe other members of their group driving and getting more instruction from the instructor while this observation takes place.*
- *18 hours will be IN THE CAR EXPERIENCE, not the state minimum of 6*
- *No simulators are used.*
- *A grade is given in the class. If your school will accept the transfer for credit, we will be happy to provide this information to your school.*
- *Many insurance companies offer substantial rate reductions as good student discounts*
- *Burriss instructors are certified to give the actual Driving Test once Dr. Ed. is completed, meaning the student will not have to take the test at the BMV if they pass the driving test with a Burriss instructor.*

Art News—Mrs. Morton

It seems like the year has just flown by in the art room!

The Kindergarten and First grade students have been learning about and using the elements and principles of design for the many projects that we have worked on throughout the year. As of this writing, I still have a few surprises up my sleeve that we will be working on before the end of the year! Have a great summer, encourage your student to observe the world around them and get out and have fun.

The second through fifth grade students have spent the year studying several different cultures. In March and into April, they looked at the arts and cultures of Oceania. The second and third graders made their own versions of an aboriginal Australian instrument, the didgeridoo, adding their own flair to a traditional design. The fourth and fifth grade students used a traditional tribal symbol from the Maori of New Zealand and made koru drawings. They will end the year studying Asia with several energizing projects!

With a generous Bell grant from the Community Foundation, each student in grades two through five will make their very own kite in April and May. The students will choose a design that they like from several traditional cultural designs and build their own kite. We will talk about some engineering terms – frame, sails and knots, and we will add some science terms with the tail, bridle and tow point. At the end of the project, all of the classes will get to go outside and test their engineering skills by putting their kite in the air. We will also work on a project inspired by the story of Sadako from Japan. Sadako was a young girl who was exposed to radiation during the bombing of Hiroshima at the end of World War II. She died at age 12 of leukemia, an aftereffect of her exposure to the radiation. Each year a peace ceremony is held in August in Hiroshima and students from all around the world send paper cranes as an offering of peace. The whole Burriss community: students, Academy students, parents, siblings - basically anyone who wants to join in are welcome to learn to fold a paper crane. Our goal will be one thousand – which will be joined and packaged and taken with the next group to visit Japan, to be sent on to Hiroshima. This is a very timely project, given the recent disastrous events in Japan. Please stop by and see our progress and join in the fun!



The second through fifth grade students have also completed the first of a two-year research study with the Ball State University Museum of Art. Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) is a national model that has been used in schools and museums for nearly 20 years. While it uses art as the basis for developing critical thinking skills it is transferable to other areas as the Burriss teachers are observing from first hand experience. The Look to Learn project has been a great success so far. Teachers and observers have noticed that students are making observations and using details to support their thoughts. I know that I have seen students who have had very insightful comments about works of art that I have been pleasantly surprised by. I look forward to working with the incoming third grade students next year, in addition to expanding the critical thinking skills of the fourth and fifth grade students.

I will be offering Art Camp again this summer from June 6-17. Please see the front office (and this mailing!) for more information and forms to sign your student(s) up. We will have all kinds of messy fun both inside and out. I'm gearing up for some new projects and some classics that are always fun no matter how many times you make them! Spaces fill up fast, reserve yours today.

I look forward to seeing everyone's bright shiny smiles in August – have a fun-filled, colorful summer.

Science Olympiad—Mrs. McRae

Burriss Middle School students participated in the 2011 regional Science Olympiad, held at Indiana University Southeast on Saturday, February 12th. Team members included: Hannah Komanapalli, Rithika Mehta, Kartik Gannamaneni, Allison Hunt, Brandon Bookout, Alex Ramos, Morgan Hicks, Zarin Hyder, Phillip Burgess, Olivia Miller, Michaela Barber, Daniel Etchison, and Kenyah Gross.

There were a total of 23 event challenges including Anatomy, Awesome Aquifers, Battery Buggy, Bottle Rockets, Can't Judge a Powder, Compute This, Crime Busters, Disease Detectives, Dynamic Planet, Ecology, Experimental Design, Fossils, Junkyard Challenge, Meteorology, Microbe Mission, Optics, Ornithology, Road Scholar, Shock Value, Solar System, Storm the Castle, Towers, and Write It Do It.

Burriss team members earned 9 sixth place, 6 fifth place, 2 fourth place, 1 third place, 3 second place, and 2 first place standings in the individual categories. We look forward to next year's competition! Any student, grades 6-8, interested in being a part of the Burriss Team next year is welcome to attend our first ever Science Olympiad summer camp. Look for more info in the Summer Enrichment brochure.

Sports Physicals Offered

Central Indiana Orthopedics, pc and Sports Medicine is offering sports physicals for the 2011-2012 school year. The cost is \$15.00.

Locations and Times:

- Anderson Orthopedic Center, Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 2610 Enterprise Drive, Anderson, IN
- Muncie Orthopedic Center, Saturday June 25, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., 3600 W. Bethel Avenue, Muncie, IN

**Sports Physical Forms can be obtained from the Burriss Athletic Website or the Athletic Office. This form MUST have all information completed when you have the physical performed.



Elementary Strings Spring Concert
 Come enjoy the Elementary Strings Spring Concert Wednesday,
 May 25! Grades 1-5
 6:30 p.m. in Burriss auditorium.
 Performers Grades 2-5: Be there at 6:00 p.m.



Schedule of Events—April



- April 8—School will be in session.
- April 15—End of 5th Six Weeks for Middle School
- April 22—No School

Schedule of Events—May



- May 4—Senior Honors Night
- May 12-16—Finals for High School
- May 17—May Term Begins for High School
- May 30—No School, Memorial Day
- June 2—Last Day of School
- June 3—Graduation, 6:00 p.m.

All calendar events and sporting events can be found on the official

Burriss calendar: www.dynacal.com/burriss

From the Guidance Office

2011 Lugar Academy Days are designed to educate high school sophomores and juniors about the various United States military academies. Information about application procedures is also shared. The events will be held in Indianapolis on Sunday, May 1, 2011, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., in Fort Wayne on Sunday, May 15, 2011, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and in New Albany, on Sunday, May 22, 2011, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. More information about these events can be found at <http://lugar.senate.gov/services/academy> or by contacting Dawn Herring, Academy Coordinator, at the Office of U.S. Senator Richard G. Lugar at (317) 226-5555 or dawn_herring@lugar.senate.gov. If your student is considering a military academy after high school, he or she should plan to attend one of these very important meetings.

Recommendations for freshmen and sophomores requesting Indiana Academy courses will be needed for students beginning the 2011-2012 school year. Indiana Academy courses are designed for their eleventh and twelfth grade students, but at Burriss, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to enroll in these classes when appropriate. The Indiana Academy and Burriss administrations worked together to create a recommendation form to help guide students in deciding whether or not an Academy class is appropriate for them. Each freshman or sophomore requesting an Academy class should request two recommendation forms be completed on his or her behalf: One, from a Burriss teacher in the subject closest to the one requested at the Academy (usually a world language) and the second, from a Burriss math or English teacher. Interested students should pick up blank recommendation forms from the Counseling Center, and ask two teachers for recommendations. Teachers will return the forms directly to the Counseling Center. This should be done by April 29, 2011. These recommendations will be shared with the Academy instructors.

**Freshmen who are currently successfully completing a first-year Academy language class do not need to submit recommendations for their second year.

High school students intending to take Ball State classes next fall should begin planning NOW. The Ball State University 2011-2012 undergraduate course catalog is available online at www.bsu.edu/academicssystem. This will allow students to read more about specific classes but will not give information about the course schedule. To find out when a specific course is offered, students should go to Course Planner at www.bsu.edu/apps/courseplanner/CourseInfo.asp. It is especially important to begin the registration process early if you are planning to take a Ball State course for dual (both high school and college) credit since you may sign up for the class at the same time as college students. Students planning to audit a college class (high school credit only) will not be able to register for the class until the week before Ball State classes begin in August. After selecting a Ball State class for the fall, pick up a pink Burriss permission form from the Counseling Center. Please contact the Counseling Center for more information about the difference between dual credit and auditing a Ball State class.

Ball State University language courses require a placement test through the Department of Modern Languages and Classis in North Quad, Room 178. Burriss students planning to take a BSU foreign language course next fall should take a placement test if they intend to enroll in any level other than entry level (usually 101). Burriss students should call the Language Lab at 285-1361 ahead of time to make an appointment. Placement tests are given on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 9:00 and 11:00 and will be given throughout the summer. However, it is important to know what level at which you will enroll in order to fill out your BSU course request paperwork at Burriss. So, please do not wait to take your placement test. Please let Mrs. Maugherman know if you will need to be excused from a Burriss class to go over to BSU North Quad to take a language placement test.

ALL Juniors should be registered to take either the SAT or ACT (or both) this spring, if they have not already taken these tests. SAT has upcoming test dates in on May 7 and June 4, 2011. ACT has a test date on June 11, 2011. All test dates have specific deadline and late deadline dates, so please register on time. Registration books are available in the Counseling Center or register on-line for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com and the ACT at www.act.org. There are no test dates available over the summer. **Parents, please encourage your juniors to take care of this now. Waiting until senior year is not a good idea.**

Fee waivers for both SAT and ACT are available to juniors and seniors who participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch program and/or are Twenty-first Century Scholars. These fee waivers can be obtained from Mrs. Maugherman or Mrs. Flannery in the Counseling Center. If you think you might be eligible, please ask about fee waivers.

If you have questions about which test you should take, please talk with a guidance counselor. All juniors should have practice SAT and ACT test scores on file and these can help you decide which test is better for you.

From the Guidance Office (continued)

New Purdue University Application Requirement Beginning with students in the Class of 2010, Purdue *requires* that ACT and SAT test scores be sent electronically from the testing agencies. They will no longer accept test scores reported on the high school transcript and applications will remain incomplete until all required material is received, including agency-reported test scores. Students may request that scores be sent to up to four colleges for no charge at the time of registration or for a charge after test scores are received. If you think you might wish to apply to Purdue, it is a good idea to request that scores be sent at the time of test registration.

Parents of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students: Don't forget that applications for the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program are due by June 30, 2011. Details and application packets are available in the Counseling Center. Applications may also be submitted electronically at www.scholars.in.gov.

Summer enrichment opportunities The Counseling Center assistant has put together a comprehensive list of summer program opportunities for Burriss students. We have put together a folder of brochures and announcements that students and their parents can browse through, as well as a list of the programs offered. Programs are available for students in all grade levels, and some are specifically for High Ability students. If you are looking for something fun and worthwhile to do over summer break, please look at the summer program list posted on the Counseling Center's website. This information may be found at <http://cms.bsue.edu/Web/Burriss/Counseling/HighSchool.aspx>. This list is a downloadable pdf version. Hard copies of the summer program list may also be obtained in the Counseling Center. For more information or for recommendations for summer programs for High Ability students, please contact Mrs. Flannery directly.

Stress Less Week will be celebrated April 18 through April 24, 2011. For many years, Burriss has observed National TV Turnoff Week. This year instead we will celebrate a new initiative at Burriss: Stress Less Week. The goal of Stress Less Week is to teach students healthy ways to reduce and alleviate stress. The Counseling Center will provide classroom guidance lessons on ways to reduce and deal with stress throughout this week, incorporating some of the aspects of TV Turnoff Week, including making an effort to reduce screen time and enjoy other activities, like reading, playing outside or having a family game night. More information will follow via our website and handouts home with some students.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mrs. Maugherman at 285-2341 or at jmaugher@bsu.edu or Mrs. Flannery at 285-8499 or at caflannery@bsu.edu.

Have a great  Summer!