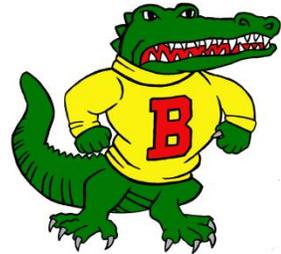


News From The Gators

Burlingame Creek Parent Newsletter

March

2018



We are excited to share some of the great things happening at Burlingame Creek. Your students make our days exciting!



Here's What's on the Calendar...



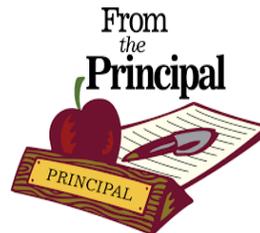
Parents & Guardians!

I came across this quote and it really resonates with me. "Every child is gifted, they just unwrap their packages at a different time." Students are all different, whether they are students at Burlingame Creek or any other school. They come to school with varying degrees of knowledge, skills, talents and struggles. As they grow and develop as learners, the gifts they bring to the world become more and more evident. I watch our teachers and staff work with your children everyday. Their passion and desire to help your children "unwrap" their packages is amazing and evident in their work daily. Rita Pierson, an educator, stated "every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they possibly can be." The Burlingame team wants to partner with you to build confidence in your children, provide the support and encouragement they need to dream big! The world is wide open for all those who dare to dream, and have people who believe in them each and every day!

The end of the 2nd trimester is upon us. Next Friday there is no school for students as it is a staff in-service day. Teachers will be working on analyzing student data, assessing student goals and planning for continued success for the 3rd trimester. Please join us on March 13th for our Awards Assembly! We will be celebrating student success and "unwrapping" their individual gifts as well as watching one of our seniors as he graduates from high school! Spring break is also approaching quickly! It is set for the last week in March so please mark your calendars as there will be no school.

As we head into the final term of the school year, we ask that you continue to partner with us to ensure students remain focused, determined and motivated to do their very best. Thank you for providing us the privilege of teaching your children! If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call any of the Burlingame team as we would be happy to chat with you.

Ms. Kari Sanders/ Burlingame Creek Principal



On The Calendar:

- Mar 2 - End of 2nd Trimester
- March 9 - Inservice
No School
- Mar 13 - Awards Assembly
1:00pm
- Mar 26 - 30 - Spring Break
No School
- Apr 27 - Inservice
No School
- May 24 - Science Fair
10:00am-11:30am
- May 25 - Bldg Closed
No School
- May 28 - Memorial Day
No School
- Jun 6 Awards Assembly
10:00am
- Jun 7 - Last day of school
12:10pm release

Please access our Burlingame Creek Website for the school calendar, school and classroom information as well as pictures of our school activities at

<https://www.mesd.k12.or.us/Domain/93>



Room 107: We have started the WhyTry Curriculum to build resiliency in youth. It means we're building capacity to bounce-back from challenges, make positive choices in the face of negativity, and choose the harder - but better - path. It is a great program and we look forward

to seeing great things.

Our classroom has also welcomed three new students and everyone is adjusting well to the changes. We continue to work with Dig-In, and we're looking forward to completing a macro-invertebrate survey in March, and improving stream habitat quality at the Beaver Creek site by throwing donated Christmas Trees into the stream to provide shade, food, and shelter. In February, we went out and placed mouse guards over 50 trees, and in January, we planted 40 willows to shade out invasive canary grass.

Room 108: Over the past couple weeks we created a pilot food donation and wastage program. We will be working with Zarephath Ministries and Hoffmeyer to donate excess produce and food scraps to share with people in need and to help keep these items out of our waste stream. Last week we did a pilot program to determine how much one classroom generates in five days. The students were very cooperative in placing strictly food in a 5 gallon bucket with a lid. By the end of the week, the bucket was no more than 1/3 full and offensive odors were not a problem (note no milk is placed in the bucket at this time). Looking forward we will have two 5 gallon buckets for each room and the kitchen. We are grateful for our student's effort in thinking of ways to help our community. If you have any questions about our pilot program, please call the school.



Room 110: Great things are happening in our room! We have gotten weekly outings to do laundry, which helps the school and teaches a valuable life skill. We have a couple of students going to Huntington Terrace twice a week, and students have been working with Mr. Dinsdale to get screen printing set up so we can make school t-shirts.

Please join us in celebrating our student's accomplishments
 Tuesday, March 13 -
 2nd Trimester Awards Assembly
 1:00pm

MEET OUR STAFF

We would like to introduce you to our staff... each month we will highlight a few staff members to you can get to know us... here we go:

Education Assistant
 Ms. Williams



She was born on the East Coast - one day she would like to go to Alaska. Prior to BC she was a Bus Driver. Her favorite place is the Beach

Education Assistant
 Ms. Briggs



She loves to take road trips and do gardening in her spare time. Her favorite place to travel is New Zealand. She enjoys visiting Glacier Natl Park. Her favorite student moment is when she brought in Dragon Fruit and the kids really enjoyed it.

Campus Safety Monitor
 Mr. Dinsdale



Prior to working with student the last 16 years, he was a Farmer. His favorite place to travel is Costa Rica. His favorite movies are the New Star Wars Series. On his bucket list, is to "get a bucket."



We like to celebrate the great things happening in the school. Ms. Sanders has begun giving "The Principal's Award" to students who are making good choices, being a great friend, and working to the best of their ability.

Congratulations to our February Recipients!!!



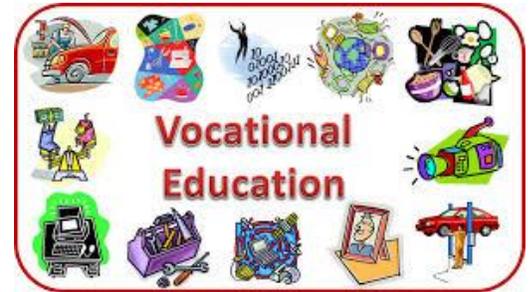
Awesome Students
Doing Awesome Things!

Check out our web page for more
information on our
Principal's Choice Awards.



Work-Based Learning through Work Experience in the Community

I would like to introduce myself, I am Jodi Johnson, Vocational Opportunities Support with Multnomah Education Service District. I work with students at Burlingame Creek School in accessing local businesses to obtain community work experiences.



These experiences provide opportunities for our students to discover their skills, interests and preferences for potential future employment upon graduation or exit of program. The Work experiences are typically unpaid, of a limited duration, staff supported opportunities for our students during their school day hours. We have had great success with ongoing community partners such as Gresham Transmission assisting mechanics with oil changes and keeping the shop clean; McMenamins Edgefield stocking and organizing the housekeeping closet and carts, and Prestige Senior Living at Huntington Terrace setting up the dining room for dinner meal and dishwashing in the kitchen. When a student can share their interests with a specific job in mind, I try to find a work experience opportunity that will help them develop more skills and strengths in that field. These opportunities increase student self-confidence and ability to practice self-advocacy. All important skills for entering adulthood.

It brings me great pleasure to be a part of personal and educational growth with the students I have the opportunity to work with.