Farewell, Japanese Friends!

We had a wonderful weeklong visit with our friends from Okasaki Primary School. Friendship knows no boundaries!

Vision

We aspire to be a world-class community of scholars focused on developing responsible global citizens.
Notes From the Nurse

Open Door Flu Shot Clinic: 19 Flu vaccines were given during our first Burris clinic.

Visit http://www.opendoorhs.org/mobile-unit/ to see the Open Door website for locations you can visit to receive a flu vaccine.

Dr. Avila: Thank You, Dr. Avila, for teaching our 2nd and 5th grade students about dental health! Our students in 2nd and 5th grade loved their lesson on dental health. Dr. Avila did a tremendous job again this year educating our students and entertaining them with his magic tricks.

Dr. Gard: Thank you, Dr. Gard, for completing vision testing with our kindergarten students. I will test all 3rd, 5th and 8th grade students in the future. Thank you to the PTSO for assisting with obtaining our two parent volunteers to assist with the vision screening process. If your child was recommended for follow-up testing, you will be notified.

Food Recovery program: First, I would like to thank the Burris PTSO for the mini-grant received last spring and to the generous family that donated the cooler to help get this program started. We have started the food recovery program. I have spoken to the elementary and middle school students. I encouraged the students to eat all of their food; however, anything that is prepackaged that is unopened can be put into the cooler. I also instructed those that bring their lunch to talk to their parents and bring home any prepackaged unopened items that parents would like to stay in their lunch box. Food collected will be stored in refrigerator that was provided by the PTSO grant and will be donated once a week to a Burris family/families or a local shelter, mission or food bank.

Illnesses: There have been some students with respiratory/sinus type illnesses

Medications:

Please remember that PARENTS should bring medications to the clinic. Students are not to bring medications to the clinic. Parents must sign a medication administration form for OTC medications to be administered.

Prescription Medications: Should have a note from the physician with student’s name, directions and have a signature. Pharmacy labels are NOT a signed order. Parent completes the administration form. Prescription medications MUST have a SIGNED physician order. All medications must be in the original pharmacy bottle.

Antibiotics can be given at home (before school, after school and before bed).

Halloween Parade

Burris Laboratory School has a long-held tradition of having a Halloween Parade. On Monday at 8:05am, the students in grades K-5 will walk through the building in costume. Children should arrive at school in costume.

Parents are welcome in the main hallway to take photographs.
Herff Jones

Herff Jones will be in Burris auditorium on Monday from 9-10a. Sophomores will receive information regarding class rings, and Seniors will receive information about caps and gowns! Orders are due on November 8th from 10a-12p outside the second floor student lounge.

Crush

Please join us on Friday and Saturday at 7:33 p.m. or Sunday at 2:03 p.m. in the Burris Laboratory School Auditorium for the Indiana premiere of Crush. This is a high school theatre production led by Dr. Michael Daehn and his graduate students at Ball State University.

Lunch Balances

Please make sure that your child has plenty of money on his/her lunch card.

We spend much time contacting families who do not keep an adequate balance on their child’s card.

Parent Survey

Many thanks to all the parents and guardians who took the time to complete our annual parent survey this month. We look forward to reading your comments to continuously improve and receive feedback on what is working well!
Burris Laboratory School will not be in session November 23rd to 27th to observe Thanksgiving break.

Sadie Hawkins Dance

The high school Sadie Hawkins Dance will be from 8:00p. to 10:00 p. on Saturday, November 19th. The gals ask the guys to a fun night of fall-themed fun!

Please join our third, fourth and fifth grade students on November 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the Burris auditorium for their Winter Concert!
Ball State Field Trip

Burris Laboratory School fourth graders, Christian Groves and Gavin Halley, joined Miss Walker on the first Ball State University Field Trip broadcasted on PBS! Christian co-hosted the program and Gavin co-hosted the segment on Madam C.J. Walker. Second grade teacher, Miss Walker, was the Educational Consultant who wrote curriculum and assisted the team in a variety of ways! For those of you who may remember the Best Buy/Ball State University Electronic Field Trips, this is similar in scope. We are so proud of our Burris family to be chosen for this first Field Trip celebrating Indiana’s Bicentennial!

Thank you, Miss Walker, for this opportunity! She was selected to join the Ball State University Field Trip team after a lengthy interview process. We look forward to the next Field Trip!
Seventh Grade Social Studies

7th Grade Social Studies classes created our own Sumerian cuneiform tablets using air-dry clay and wooden 'styluses.' We have studied Ancient Mesopotamian culture this week, and learned about the early form of wedge-shaped writing and its progression to more complex languages. We identified written language as a key characteristic of civilizations. Our class liked the fact that we use modern tablets and styluses today- and they share the same name.

These students had fun attempting to write on clay tablets as the ancient scribes did thousands of years ago. Students were able to take their dried tablets home on Friday!

Spooky Treats!!

Mrs. Cunningham and her Life Skills class created spooky treats during their October cooking unit!
Learning Braille
Miss Abella is a Ball State University practicum student. She is teaching Braille to some of our middle and high school students. We love having Miss Abella at Burris this fall, and we hope to see her again next semester!

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our Burris Laboratory School families who hosted our Japanese Exchange students. It was a terrific week.

We also want to thank Mrs. Haugh, Mr. McClure, Mrs. Hesher, Mrs. Juday and Mrs. Sloan for organizing the week. We appreciate all the goodies parents donated for room 107, which was the home base for the Japanese students while at Burris.

A special thank you to the Behrman, Fisher and Burton families for hosting evenings of fun and fellowship. Finally, our sincere gratitude goes to Mrs. Nancy Watson for underwriting our final dinner with our guests.
News From the Athletic Director

The Fall High School Sports Awards Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 in the Ball State Student Center Ballroom with a 6:00 pm start time. Attendance is mandatory for all High School Fall Sport athletes and they are expected to dress in business casual. Jeans and athletic attire are not acceptable attire for this event. Please submit the RSVP form before 3:00 pm on Monday, October 31, 2016 to Mr. Wlodarek.

Our Mission
Burris Laboratory School fosters a culture of respect and trust where every student is challenged to pursue excellence by engaging in a well-rounded, technologically-enhanced, rigorous curriculum in a safe and secure environment. As a model school, engaged in best-practice research and the preparation of highly effective educators, we collaborate with community partners to prepare students for success in an ever-changing world.