

# The Buzz at Burr!

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If you know someone who would like to receive this blast, please send an email to

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## Dates to Live By:

**Now – Please update your K-12 Alerts**

**Now – Green Team and Kindergarten Outreach Towel and Blanket Drive**

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE\*\*\***

**January 25<sup>th</sup> – Grades 2-5 New math curriculum discussion with Lisa Sherman and Brett Henkel - 9:00AM Burr LMC**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Day – No School**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> – Burr Ice Skating Social - Fairfield Ice Academy**

**January 18<sup>th</sup> – Tiger Cub Scouts (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) First Meeting – Burr Cafeteria**

**January 19<sup>th</sup> – Simply Smiles Celebration – After School in the Burr LMC**

**January 20<sup>th</sup> – Deadline - Order your 2011-2012 Burr Yearbook**

**January 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Shop the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Outreach Project at Lunchtime**

**January 27<sup>th</sup> – Pride and Spirit Day – Wear your Burr Colors**

**January 27<sup>th</sup> – Adult Social – Mesa Restaurant**

**February 7<sup>th</sup> – Book Swap – 3:00pm – 4:30pm**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> – Burr Winter Games 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

**February 12<sup>th</sup> – Sound Tigers Family Outing**

## Burr School Happenings

***New Math Curriculum discussion and review for parents with children in grades 2-5. January 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 11:00 in the LMC.*** In

response to our growing requests for additional assistance and review of the new math curriculum, Brett and Lisa have agreed to host a second forum for parents. Please join us for this important discussion.

**K-12 Alerts:** If you have not done so already, please up-date your information as soon as possible. K-12 Alerts is the Fairfield School District emergency notification system and also your emergency contact information database. It is essential that the system be updated with accurate and complete contact

information, including home, work and cell phone numbers. Please ensure this information is up to date ASAP.

**Burr Childcare.** If you are interested in morning childcare, please contact [Marissa Grande](#) or call 203-923-3500. We are considering opening the morning program based on this interest. Drop off would be as early as 7:00am but you can also drop off any time after and we would dismiss your child to their class. Our program would consist of games, crafts and sports. Breakfast is not included but your child can bring their breakfast to our program. The monthly tuition would be \$65.00 for 2 mornings, \$95 for 3 mornings, and \$125 for 5 mornings. Please respond by January 15th if interested.

**ECC Burr Enrichment Classes** – All Classes will be held at Burr Elementary School and pre-registration is required. Click [here](#) for more information.

**2012-2013 Kindergarten** We are in the process of identifying students eligible for our Kindergarten program for the 2012-2013 school year. If you have a child, or know of any child within our Burr elementary School district who will be 5 years of age on or before January 1, 2013 we would like to identify these students. Click [here](#) to fill out the form and return it to our school secretary, Ms Carol Rossomando.

**Looking for NEW Tiger Cub Scouts** (First Grade Boys) and their Parents! The Tiger Cub Scout Den at Burr has gotten off to a late start this year... but as the saying goes, better late than never. We are looking for First Grade Boys and their Parents who would like to become Tiger Cub Scouts and join us twice a month (1 Den meeting and 1 Pack meeting) January through June of 2012. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, January 18 at 6:45pm at the Burr Elementary Cafeteria. If you are interested in joining us or require more information please contact [Perry Liu](#), Burr Tiger Scouts Den Leader, ASAP.

**A Simply Smiles Celebration – All Are Invited** On Thursday, January 19th, Bryan Nurnberger of Simply Smiles will be returning to Burr School to share a very special presentation with us. Burr School Roots & Shoots Members raised over \$3,500 for the Lakota Reservation Project. Bryan will be sharing how our funds were used to help families on the reservation. Join us for a light snack and great conversation in the LMC after school. Hope to see you then!

**Support this year's Fifth Grade Outreach Project:** Care packages for our hometown heroes serving in Afghanistan! We have done the shopping for you, so please help us by purchasing a few items! Students are asked to bring in a few dollars to shop with during lunchtime January 24-26. With it they can purchase a care package item for a soldier and attach a personal Valentine sticker. **As an added incentive, if your child purchases an item for a soldier, there will be one and two dollar novelty items for sale for the children to purchase for themselves.** All purchases made at our 'commissary' will be shipped to our Troops in time for Valentine's Day. Monetary donations to cover shipping costs are also welcome. Remember: send your kids with a few dollars on January 24-26. An educated consumer is our best customer, so click [here](#) to view our detailed presentation which outlines the project as well as introduces you to some of America's finest! Click [here](#) if you don't have Powerpoint and still want to view the file. Thanks for supporting our local troops!

## **Burr PTA Happenings**

**Burr Ice Skating Social.** Winter is here! Get ready for the annual Burr Ice Skating Social this Martin Luther King Day! Join Burr families on Monday, January 16th for ice skating at Fairfield Ice Academy! We have reserved the entire facility for two sessions: 10am – Noon for grades K-2, and 12:30 – 2:30pm for grades 3-5. Admission is \$7 per skater, plus \$5 for skate rental. Signed waiver required for all skaters. Click [here](#) for more details. Click [here](#) for the waiver. Any questions, please contact [Kim Driscoll](#).

## **Order your 2011-2012 Burr Elementary School Yearbook**

**NOW!** 2011-2012 Burr Yearbooks are under production! Please order your copy online with your credit card. You can also fill out the [order form](#) and submit with your check (payable to Burr Elementary PTA) or cash payment and drop them off in the YEARBOOK BOX by the front desk. The yearbook is \$26 per copy, same price as last year. Your copy of yearbook **must** be pre-ordered for June distribution. The last day to order yearbooks is **January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. Please contact [Asami Green](#) or [Renee Sullivan](#) for any questions. **Click [here](#) to check if you have already placed your order.**

**Book Swap – Time for Spring Cleaning!** Tue Feb 7th, 3:00-4:30pm. What is a Book Swap? It is where you donate your "old" gently used books to be traded for "new" gently used books. It's a great way to start your spring cleaning and get new books for the whole family for FREE. It's also a wonderful way to recycle books (children, adult, cooking, reference, travel, etc!) All used books may be dropped off in the cafeteria during the following times: Monday, February 6th 8:45-9:00am and 3:15-3:30pm and Tuesday, February 7th 8:45-9:00am and

1:20-1:40pm. Want to help make the Book Swap a success? Volunteers' times are as follows: during Book collecting times, Mon, Jan 31st 8:45-9:00am and 3:15-3:30pm; Tue, Feb 1st 8:45-9:00am and 1:20-3:00pm; and during Book Swap on Tue, Feb 1st 3-4:30pm. Please help (even just for an hour!) by emailing [Erin Polatsek](#).

**Burr Winter Games 2012** - Friday, February 10th, 6:30 - 8:00pm. Attention Burr Dads and Kids (K-5)! Join the fun as you team up for a night of friendly competition in games of sport and skill! Moms we need you for volunteering as well! Click [here](#) for registration form. Any questions, please contact [Sharon Jacobs](#) or [Allyson Marcus](#).

**Adult Social – Save the Date:** Friday, January 27th @ 7pm  
Schedule your sitter and shake off the winter blues south of the border style - join us at Mesa, 2320 Black Rock Turnpike, for a casual adult evening. There is nothing to buy, sell or otherwise bid on - simply come as you are and "pay as you go." Enjoy the fun, food, and friends. RSVP to [Christyn Whitney](#).

**Sound Tigers Family Outing – Save the Date:** Attention Sports Fans!! It's time for Family Fun Day at the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Hockey Game. Mark your calendars for Sunday February 12 at 3pm. Sign up forms and full details coming soon!

**Burr Variety Show.** It is that time of year when we are calling all of Burr Schools talented kids to join in The Variety Show! Like to sing, dance, play a sport, be a magician have a comedy act? We want you! We will have rehearsals March 6th and March 8th and final dress rehearsals March 13th and 15th! The Variety Show is Friday night, March 23 at 6:30pm. Look to the Buzz for the sign-up sheets in 2 weeks!

## **Green Team**

**The Kindergarten Outreach Program together with the Green Team will be collecting used items to help keep a shelter pet warm.** We need: old blankets, pillows, bath mats, area rugs, door mats, towels ... anything that could be placed in a metal cage to keep an animal warm and comfortable. Please contact Kate Compton with any questions or loads too big to bring to school. The bin will be placed by the front desk on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**WOW**

The Burr PTA provided a delicious meal to 40 people in need at Operation Hope. Serving the community is a great way to start the New Year! Many thanks to **Jenn T, Lisa B, Lisa P, Rachel P, Vivian P, Kim M, Krista D, Maria W, Christyn W** and **Heather P**.

## Community Events

Check out our Community Events page on the Burr website for weekly notices and flyers of many Fairfield happenings. [Click here for this week's postings](#).

## End of the Newsletter

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