



James D. Burrus Fine Arts Magnet School

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MARCH 2016 - NEWSLETTER

BURRUS BEES



School Calendar:

- **March 4th Rodeo Magnet Performance**
- **March 7-April 6 TELPAS (2nd-5th grade)**
- **March 11 Cheerleader field trip (Movies & CICI'S Pizza)**
- **March 14-18 Spring Break**
- **March 25th Spring Holiday (No School)**
- **March 29- April 1 STAAR 4th grade Writing/ 5th grade Math & Reading**

HISD News: HISD breaks own attendance record at UIL district wide meet HISD has been offering students the chance to compete in University Interscholastic League (UIL) activities for years, but the district recently hit an attendance milestone, when more than 1,000 elementary school students participated in a single UIL competition. "This achievement is a testament to the strength and popularity of HISD's UIL programs," said HISD Manager of UIL Activities Don Hernandez. "Each year, thousands of students benefit from these activities, and they just keep growing."

Student Corner



Congratulations to Mia Booker. Mia competed in the district UIL Spelling Bee she went up against Elementary and Middle school students and made it to the 3rd Round way to go Mia.



HISD supports the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo



Attendance Office News

Attendance is taken daily at 9:30 a.m. Please call the office if you are running late or have a doctor's appointment.



Student Services

Parents, please ensure that the office has updated phone numbers for your children. Enrollment forms need to be turned in to the office.

Parent Conferences

Parents are allowed conferences with their child's teacher. A 24 hour notice is required.

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Spring Break

Spring Break will be March 14th - March 18th Please ensure that you have your ran in school on Monday, March 24th. School begins at 7:45 a.m.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



EARLY DISMISSAL

There is no early dismissal for the month of March or April. Please keep in mind of the testing calendar.

Principal's Message

Dear parent

Just a reminder it is important to get your child to school on time, so that they may have a full 90 minutes of instructional time..

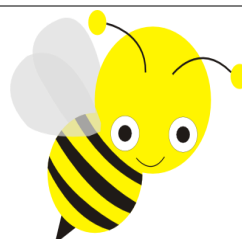
Thank you and have a nice Spring Break.

Jessie Woods, Principal

Congratulations



HISD Board of Education names Deputy Superintendent/CFO Ken Huewitt as the interim district Superintendent



Media Links:

- Twitter - @burrusbees
- <http://schools.houstonisd.org/burrus>

Box Tops - Collect all Box Top labels from many of the common grocery stores. Send tops with students to the school and we'll take care of the rest.



Kindergarten News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school year is moving mighty fast , however, it's not over yet . We are working hard and hope that we can still depend on you all for the help and support needed with our scholars. It is necessary to replenish the supplies for our classrooms. Please get with your child's teacher to see what it is that is needed to complete this school year successfully.

It is also necessary to take a little time to discuss with them about abusing the supplies provided by the school , teachers, and you. Our scholars have been habitually biting off erasures and breaking good pencils. This has to come to a screeching halt ! We are sure that this is not the type of attitude you want your child to have concerning the care of items needed for school work. Help us please with turning this craze around . High Frequency Words should be studied daily at home along with reading for at least 20 minutes daily. In order for the scholars to accomplish the requirements for each grade level , consistent preparation and study is much needed .We encourage everyone to gather around and join hands and be the village that it takes to mold , shape and nurture these minds . Never has it been a time that we did not need your prayers. The time is fastly approaching and we need it now. Thank you !!!!

Mrs. C. Hayes

Mrs. D. Mitchell

Mr. s. Ogazon



4th&5th Grade Scholars

Good Luck!!!!!!

From

Mrs. T. Redix

Ms. T Shields

Ms. C. Thomas

Mrs. T. Winters

Mr. S. Winn

Mrs. P. Westbrook

Mr. T. Scott

Mrs. A. Jenkins

Dear Parents,

We are just about finished with our "Hundred Day" Projects. The projects are beautiful and on display. Pre-k is doing wonderful and better things all the time. We are writing and trying to read letters, sounds and counting. Pre-K is just as important as any other grade. It is the foundation that all the other grades build upon. This is part of their development and it is IMPORTANT!

Homework is slacking and we need help in this area. Parents, we need your help to encourage your child to bring his/her homework back to us. Help him/her with homework, but do not do it for them. Start checking backpacks, students are bringing homework undone. Know that homework goes out every day, Monday through Friday. If there is ever an exception to this it will be noted in the behavior log. Please sign the behavior logs daily so that we know that you have seen your child's conduct for the day. If your phone number has changed, please let us know.

We are trying to get your child ready for Kindergarten. We need complete cooperation from you. Also, some parents are not getting their child here for breakfast on time. Let's try to get your child here for breakfast, so that he/she may eat. We have classwork from 8:00 to 8:30 that some students are missing because they are coming in so late.

Remember Spring Break is March 14-18, 2016. Thank you for all you do to help make this a great year for our Pre-k students. By working together, we can make certain that our students are successful not only in Pre-k but throughout their life.

Sincerely,

Mrs. H. Hollie

Mrs. R. Tavera

Mrs. A. Jones



Welcome To Burrus



Mrs. D. Halley

Library Corner

I would like to thank the scholars and staff, for their support during our Book Fair which was held January 26-February 9th. Also the Name That Book Competition will take place Tuesday, March 29th, at 9:30 am.

Good Luck to the following students who will represent Burrus:

Devin Derry -Mrs. Halley classroom

Jacob Johnson - Ms. Briner classroom

Zyria Starghill-Ms. Green classroom

James Sutton - Ms. Madison classroom

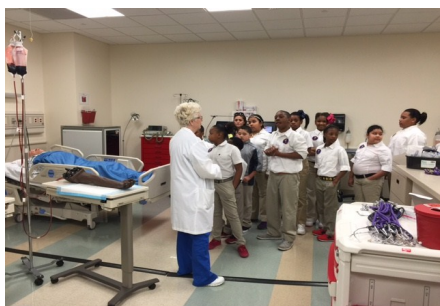
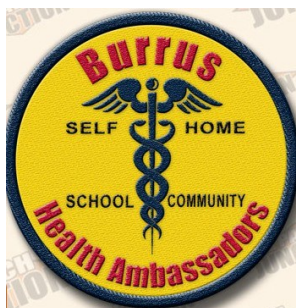
Tariyah Baldwin -Ms. Williams classroom

Diego Bonilla - Mrs. Paster classroom

Mrs. McBride, Clerk III



On Feb. 10, 2016, the Burrus Health Ambassadors had the opportunity to visit the Human Simulation Lab at the Prairie View A & M School of Nursing. The Ambassadors were welcomed by Dr. B. Adams, Professor and Dean, College of Nursing. All of the students got a chance to experience hands on activities with the human simulators.



Would you like to be a volunteer?

How can I become a VIPS?

All volunteers must register online and must pass an annual criminal background check before they can participate as a volunteer. Please follow the steps below to become a VIPS:

Step 1: Register online at www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin.

Step 2: Once you have registered, you must go in person to the school of interest and show proof of identification.

Step 3: Identification information will go into our database for processing by the Volunteer Coordinator at each campus.

Step 4: The criminal history background check can take 2-3 weeks to complete.

Step 5: Once you are CLEARED to volunteer, you are eligible to volunteer throughout HISD.

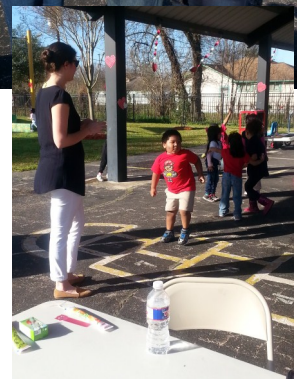
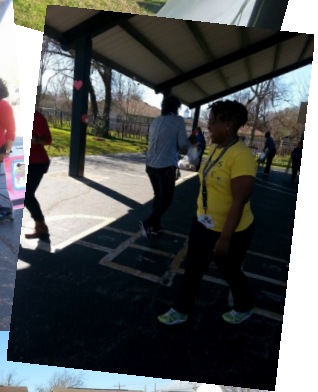
What type of identification is accepted?

- Texas Driver's License Official Passport Texas Identification Card Official U. S. Military ID
- Driver's License (issued by any state in the U.S.) Matricula Consular
- Resident Alien Card
- Identification Card (issued by any state in the U.S.)





Valentine Healthy Fun Day 2016



Magnet News

Magnet Teams performed during halftime at Rice University Basketball game Saturday February 6, 2016.



We want to thank our parents for helping to prepare our students for the second administration of the High Frequency Word Exam. If your child did not meet requirements, the next test will be in April. Let's get ready!

Thanks

Mrs. R. Crawford ,Ms. D. Madison , Ms. E. Green



Dear 3 Grade Parents

Now it's time to get to work. To get our scholars ready for the upcoming STAAR Test. Parents, homework is given daily so please make sure your children complete all homework assignments

Thanks

Mr. A. Singleton

Mrs. S. Johnson

Ms. S. Moore



Burrus Honies



Burrus Cheerleaders wins 2nd place in this years cheer Competition held on February 20th, 2016 @ Reagan High School

