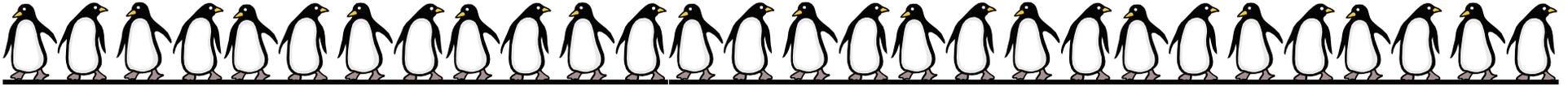


# Burns Park Press - February 2010



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Check out the **PTO websites:**

<http://www.burnsparkpto.org>

and Penguin Talk :

<http://www.burnsparkpto.org/confer/>

## Calendar of Events

- Thurs. Feb 4: **Guys & Dolls Dress Rehearsal**  
7:30 pm Tickets are only \$5
- Feb 5, 11, 12: **Guys & Dolls, 7:30 at Tappan**
- Feb 2, 9, 16, 23: **Dine at Grange to support the PTO**
- Feb 6, 13: **Guys & Dolls, 4:00 at Tappan**
- Mon. Feb 8: **NAAPID**
- Mon, Feb 15: **No School**
- Feb 16-19 **Book Fair**
- Fri. Feb 19: **Mid-winter vacation begins at end of day**
- BP Press Submissions Due**
- Mon, Mar 1: **School resumes**
- Tues. Mar 2: **Kindergarten Round-up**
- Thurs. Mar 4: **Kindergarten Visit**
- Mon. Mar 8: **No School**
- Thurs. Mar 11: **Disability Workshop**
- Tues. Mar 16: **Special Interest Fair**
- Thur. Mar 18: **PTO Meeting, 7 pm**

## February Fundraisers for the Burns Park PTO

### Grange Kitchen & Bar

Grange Kitchen & Bar's commitment to sourcing local products continues with our connection to the community. As a local business supported by our community we would like to return the favor. During the month of February, dine at Grange Kitchen and Bar every Tuesday and 10% of our sales will be donated to the Burns Park PTO. We look forward to growing our relationship with the greater Ann Arbor community.

Christine & Liam Ayers, Wilson (3rd gr) Celia (5th gr)

**Don't miss the Burns Park Players production of "Guys and Dolls".** This family-orientated production takes us to 1940s New York where gamblers go for big stakes in love and money amidst great song and dance. This production has a cast & crew of 170 from the Burns Park neighborhood, and it features 100 Burns Park Elementary School students!

Since 1992 the Burns Park Players has donated \$230,000 to support performing arts in Ann Arbor Public Schools. Please help us continue that tradition while you take in a great show! Performances are February 4, 5, 11, & 12 at 7:30 pm, and February 6, & 13 at 4pm. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now at Morgan and York. All performances take place in the theatre of Tappan Middle School. For more information, please contact Susan Hutton: [susanphutton@yahoo.com](mailto:susanphutton@yahoo.com).

## From our Principal

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### Dear Families,

I hope that many of you had the opportunity to attend one of the district sponsored budget forums offered in January. Dr. Todd Roberts and Finance Director, Robert Allen met with the community to help everyone better understand the approximately \$20 million in reductions for the 2010/2011 school year. Much community input has been gathered on the proposed plan and options. Further Budget information is posted on the AAPS website (<http://a2schools.org>) Look for the "District Budget" box on the right margin of the website. If you missed these forums and have any questions you can contact Liz Margolis at 994-2236.

### **NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY (NAAPID)-February 8, 2010**

NAAPID originated right here in Ann Arbor. The mission of NAAPID is to promote programs and activities that encourage the ongoing participation of parents in the educational lives of their children and to promote partnerships within the community. All parents are invited and encouraged to come to school for part or all of the day to experience the learning environment first hand.

Teachers will send home copies of their schedules to help families make plans for the day. We hope that you will join us for all or part of the day. Refreshments will be served in the auditorium through out the day. Watch for notices from your child's teacher for further details.

From 1:45 to 2:30 on this day everyone is invited to an all-school assembly by Gemni. This concert "Kids are Kids the Whole World Round" includes traditional songs from Mexico, Israel, Russia,

West Africa and Hungary. A special part of the concert is devoted to the traditional folk music of the United States, including a fiddle tune with the Appalachian lumberjack, an African-American spiritual, and a tune played on a traditional Native American Flute.

### **MATH PENTATHALON GAMES COME TO BURNS PARK**

If your child starts talking to you about new math games they are learning in school, they may be talking about a Math Pentathlon Game. Our teachers are learning along with the kids to play these strategic thinking math games. Pentathlon games involve observation skills, hypothesizing and experimentation, deductive and inductive reasoning, directionality, structural analysis of space, symmetry, reflection and active non-routine problem solving. These games are designed to promote experience-based approaches to learning math and compliment the EDM games we are so familiar with.

### **LUNCH TIME CHOICES**

Lunch Time Choices are underway, and students are enjoying a change in recess opportunities. They really look forward to the activities that many adult volunteers have planned for them. On their behalf I extend a giant thank you to Katie Chosid, who organized the program, and to the many, many PTO volunteers that come each week. Volunteers play board games and Chess, make crafts, supervise the computer lab, and in-door sports. With all of the snow that has turned to ice, our students are especially grateful for this change of pace during the noon hour.

### **BURNS PARK PLAYERS PRESENTS "Guys and Dolls"**

Once again, kudos to the Burns Park Players for including over 100 Burns Park children in their production of *Guys and Dolls*. Tickets are available at Morgan and York on Packard, just south of Stadium. The show is scheduled for Feb. 5, 11 and 12 at 7:30 and Feb 6 and 13 at 4:00 at Tappan Middle School. It promises to be another great show.

The Players' productions are intentionally designed to be a family affair, in which parents must take a part in the production in order for their children to be a part of the chorus. If you talk to the families that participate, they will tell you that this is family entertainment at its best! There are many behind-the-scenes jobs that need to be done in order to put on a great show, so those among us who have stage fright need not fear getting involved. Working with the props, lighting, sound, costumes and childcare are just a few of the opportunities that await you. Information regarding next year's show will be announced in the Burns Park Press in the fall.

### **KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP**

We will hold a Parent Orientation on the evening of Tuesday, March 2, 2003 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of this orientation is to allow us to meet with parents when children are not restlessly waiting for their turn. We will tell you all about our kindergarten curriculum and answer any questions you might have. You will get a chance to visit the kindergarten classrooms and to see some slides of children in action during the regular kindergarten day. We will also give you the opportunity to fill out all the necessary registration forms. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and three documents verifying residency (One of these items must be either a lease or

## ... more from our Principal

purchase agreement). We ask that on this evening you leave your children at home.

### KINDERGARTEN VISIT

Then on the following Thursday, March 4, we will have a program for the incoming kindergartners. This will be an opportunity for our prospective kindergartners to get an idea of what it is going to be like to come to school at Burns Park. We will divide them into small groups of 12 to 15 students, and they will spend an hour with one of the present kindergarten teachers doing kindergarten activities. While they meet with two of the teachers, Ms. Cramer our third half time kindergarten and half time Reading Intervention teacher will talk to you about the kindergarten curriculum. You will need to sign up for either a 1:30 or 2:30 time slot for this visit.

If you know of any family who will have a child to enroll in kindergarten for the fall, please let them know about these two dates for Kindergarten Round-Up.

### PARKING LOT SAFETY

In an attempt to discourage U of M students from parking in our parking lot, we've installed some new signs. We will also change the visitor sign-in form. ***We now ask that you give us your license plate number when you sign in.*** This helps to assure that we don't make a mistake and call to have your car towed. Thanks for your help. We hope this frees up more parking spaces so that when you visit you don't have to worry that you can't find a place to park.

### Burns Park Mission Statement:

All of our children will become confident, secure, caring individuals of a diverse community who are lifelong learners and achieve personal success.

### BURNS PARK PTO WELCOMES YOU TO NAAPID

National African-American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) is Monday February 8th. The Burns park PTO would like to welcome all parents to school with refreshments in the auditorium throughout the day.

Please stop by and help yourself.

### Box Tops for Education

We will continue collecting Box Tops for Education this year. This program augments our Library Media Center budget. If you already use these items, you can help. Clip and save Box Tops logos from participating products. Then, turn in your Box Tops logos to the designated orange box in the Library media Center. I will mail them to General Mills. They, in turn, will issue a check to our school. Thank you!

### Burns Park Disability Workshop

Thursday, March 11th

This amazing program for 4th graders is back and scheduled for Thursday, March 11th. It is a very rewarding volunteer opportunity for any parent! In the morning, the students will rotate in small groups through a series of "hands on" stations that allow them to experience the challenges of physical, visual, auditory, speech and learning disabilities; in the afternoon, they will meet as a large group with adult presenters who will talk about their own disabilities. We need about 25 parent volunteers to help with the set-up and the morning workshops. There are two opportunities to volunteer, please let me know if you are available for either or both:

1. Set-up: Wednesday evening, March 10th (exact time TBD)
2. Workshops: Thursday, March 11th (8:45 am - 12:00 pm)

Juliet Flanders ([julietflanders@gmail.com](mailto:julietflanders@gmail.com))



### Sign Up For Science Olympiad

Calling all 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders: there is still time to sign up for the Burns Park Science Olympiad Team. Practices will begin after the Winter Break in late February. Come learn about fun science topics. If you need a new sign up sheet or have any questions, please e-mail Yeong Kwok at [ykwok@umich.edu](mailto:ykwok@umich.edu) or call 998-1020.

March 8: team field trip to the River Rouge Plant

June 5: Science Olympiad competition at Skyline

### Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found located near the library before the winter break. We will be clearing out items left for more than 30 days at the end of February. All items will be donated. Also, labeling coats, mittens, and boots with your last name will help us contact you should they make it to the Lost and Found. Thank you.

Colleen Kollman and Liz Phillips



## Book Fair!

Mark your calendars now so you won't miss our **Scholastic Book Fair!** The dates are **Tuesday, February 16** through **Friday, February 19**, including a special **Family Night on Thursday, February 18**, from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. Book Fair Week is an exciting time at our school, and we'd love for you to join us in making it a success. The Book Fair gives you and your children the opportunity to buy carefully selected, quality books and products at affordable prices. We invite you to participate in this celebration of books that raises funds (25% of sales) for our school library media center.

This year's book fair theme is *Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read*. So, why not join in to help make this Book Fair our best yet and help serve our customers a wide-ranging menu of good books? This is a great way to book reader's appetites for a lifelong love of books.

Be sure to look for the "Teacher Wishboard" so you can donate a book to your classroom. And please consider contributing money for our voucher program, which helps to make sure that every child can purchase a book. Voucher contributions can be made in the Media Center.

We need volunteers!! If you can help with setting up and packing up the fair, and working during the fair (including one evening), please email or call Nancy Vettorello at [vettorel@umich.edu](mailto:vettorel@umich.edu) or 668-0619. If you can help with decorations or promotion, please email Kathy Cramer at [cramer4321@gmail.com](mailto:cramer4321@gmail.com).

As always, our Scholastic Book Fair promises to be a great event for literacy. We encourage you to attend and look forward to seeing you there!

## \$10,000+ for Burns Park!

The Burns Park Run is Sunday, May 2, 2010, at 8:30am. This is our school's biggest fundraiser and the best race in Ann Arbor (we think!). As race directors, we have grown the BPR to 1,000 runners and, in a tough economy, earned well over \$10,000 for the PTO last year. As you can imagine, this money is utilized to fund many different activities for all grades at Burns Park. This event takes many hours of planning, organizing, and recruiting of volunteers. **We need 100 volunteers from Burns Park for a successful event.**

How can you help? Give 2-3 hours of your time on race day (brunch prep, packet pick-up, finish line medals, water tables, clean up) or before race day (promoting the event with flyers, organizing food donations, working at packet pick-up, distributing race forms).

Email: Jackie Dalton at [a2boss@gmail.com](mailto:a2boss@gmail.com) to offer your time and to indicate when you can help.

The Ice Cream Social committee is very excited to announce that this year we will be having our annual Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, 5/26/2010 (5/27/2010 rain date). The night will start at 5:30pm on the Burns Park lawn. Jazz, food, games, friendship and more will be waiting for you.

The Ice Cream Social is one of the biggest fund-raisers for the school but we can't do it without your help. So please join the Ice Cream Social team and come to the wine & cheese night at Devra Kellen's house on 2/15/2010 at 8pm (2365 Adare Road). If you would like to help out but cannot come to the wine & cheese night, you can still sign up to help. Please sign up on our volunteer website: [www.mysignup.com/BurnsParkIceCreamSocial](http://www.mysignup.com/BurnsParkIceCreamSocial). Or contact one of the two Co-Chairs. Thank you! The Ice Cream Social won't be possible without you!

Co-chairs:

Devra Kellen ([dkellen@umich.edu](mailto:dkellen@umich.edu), 994-4465)

Pei Huang ([peibg@yahoo.com](mailto:peibg@yahoo.com), 995-9696)

## The Special Interest Fair is Coming

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

Mark your calendars! For those of you not familiar with the fair, it is similar to a science fair, but almost anything goes. The purpose of the fair is to encourage students to pursue a topic of their interest and provide a showcase for their efforts (examples of last years' projects include "The Mysterious Stonehenge," "Spices from the Middle East," "Big Cats," and "My Favorite Quarterback: Tom Brady").

All students from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to submit a project! The fair is non-competitive and children may work alone or in a group. Watch for details after winter break. We look forward to all of the great projects!

Questions? Contact fair co-chairs

Carol Durgy ([carole@durgy.com](mailto:carole@durgy.com)) or

Jenny Jalet ([sutton@umich.edu](mailto:sutton@umich.edu))

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Lunches with Love takes place every Tues right after drop-off in the cafeteria. We've just gotten a request from Food Gatherers to add another 12 lunches to our weekly output. There is great demand in our community from a growing number of homeless people for the essentials.

Burns Park School provides sack lunches (starting this week, 84!) once a week to the Delonis Shelter, made proudly by our very own students.

Please stop by to help any Tuesday after drop-off at 8:45, the whole event lasts 45 minutes--and you've done a world of good for someone less fortunate in our community. See you Tuesday.

'Recycle' Your Cell Phones for a good cause. **Safe House**, the shelter for victims of domestic violence in Washtenaw County collects used cell phones. The phones are either refurbished for use by victims, sold for scrap or responsibly recycled. Drop off your old phone & parts at Deb Stern's house: 1237 Olivia between Granger & Wells

## Key Lime Pie

If you've ever had the Key Lime Pie at the West End grill, or enjoyed a piece during the teacher appreciation lunch, and wanted the recipe, here it is!

Preheat oven to 350

Spray 9" springform pan with baking spray

Mix: 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs

1/2 cup brown sugar

Add: 3/4 stick melted butter

Press into pan and bake 8 minutes

Mix: 3 cans sweetened condensed milk

2 limes — zest, juice & pulp

1 cup bottled keylime juice

3 egg yolks

Pour into cooled crust.

Bake 25 minutes

That's It!

It also freezes very well.

Any questions . . .

Cindy Pohlman [cindycollie@aol.com](mailto:cindycollie@aol.com)



# ART ROOM NEWS

February 2010

Things have been hopping in the art room lately:

Exhibits, new projects, building brain cells and.....

## NEWS FLASH!!!

For those families new to Burns Park, this is *the* major art project for 5th graders. We do large scale architectural designs in clay using slab building techniques. It is quite an undertaking requiring a re-scheduling of all the art classes for the day we do it (thanks, 5th grade teachers!), lots of parent volunteers, and lots of clay. We start somewhere around 8:15 and go til we're done (usually around 11:00 or so). I take one 5th grade class per session and have three sessions.

As with anything this ambitious, parent help is essential. In fact, to make this a go, I need at least 4-6 parents per session (more is even better). It's also a lot of fun. Experience in clay is not necessary but I will have a preview of techniques with the students the week before we build that I would welcome parents to attend who are interested. It's helpful to have an overview of the process.

If you haven't already signed up, here is your child's class schedule:

### Jan. 19th:

Cramer: Clay demo class from 11:15-12:15

### Jan. 26th:

Cramer: Clay making session from 8:20-11:00

### Jan. 26th:

Pryce: Clay demo class from 11:15-12:15

### Feb.2nd:

Pryce: Clay making session from 8:20-11:00

### Feb. 2nd:

Kreger: clay demo class from 11:15-12:15

### Feb. 16th:

Kreger: Clay making session from 8:20-11:00

Julie Cohen is organizing my parent volunteers, so please email Julie at: [jggjco@hotmail.com](mailto:jggjco@hotmail.com) if you are able to come. Thanks so much.

## Taubman "Gift of Art" Show

Our first student art exhibit of the year is the "Gift of Art" Show at the University of Michigan Taubman Center. The show runs from December 14<sup>th</sup>-February 8<sup>th</sup> in the south lobby by the main entrance of the hospital from 8:00am-8:00 pm. It features artwork from students from the Ann Arbor Schools, including Burns Park. The following students have their art exhibited:

### 5<sup>th</sup> grade Retablos:

Charlotte Borgers, Max Tanau, Alison Schulte, Gracie Davis, Jackson Hawkins, Rebecca Durgy

### 4<sup>th</sup> grade Impressionism Paintings and Clay House Facades:

Amber Gamache, Zoe Sunhara, Ana Connolly, Jack Ammerman, Elena Tzalel, Jack Wallace, Olivia Shulman, Sofia Kwok

### 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Puppets:

Allison Diebolt, Sophia Lete-Straka, Emma Pinnell

## MAEA Student Art Show

The following students will have their artwork displayed at the Michigan Art Educators Association Regional Show at Adrian College from Feb. 11-28 at the Stubnitz Gallery:

Nicholas Pariano, Josephine Swaney, Gavi Forman

### Community Art

I'm also very excited about some public art in the community opportunities that I am trying to coordinate for this spring, including:

*Skateboard Design Contest, Redux*

*Painted flamingoes for the Matthaei Botanical Gardens*

*Festifools puppet-making*

I will keep you posted as to what grade level/dates, etc.

PLEASE SAVE

**fabric remnants**

**ribbon**

**buttons, beads**

**yogurt and sour cream/hummus/cottage cheese containers-all sizes and with lids** (cleaned please!)

**yarn**

**Newspaper:** Since newspapers are fast becoming a thing of the past, my supply of newspapers is getting low. Please filter out any advertising flyers if possible. I could also use the plastic newspaper bags for taking home 2-D artwork.

### From our PTO Presidents

Wendy very graciously and capably took over for me at the January PTO meeting (thank you, Wendy!), while I joined Chris Burke, Bill Flodder and Nate Ayers at the first class of the Community and School Garden Institute run by Growing Hope. We look forward to sharing what we learn at a future PTO meeting.

Meanwhile, Wendy shared with me items that were discussed at the January meeting. Kathy Morhous gave an update on the school's Equity Committee and some of their initiatives. In particular, they are focusing on underserved students in math; teachers are working as partners and providing feedback to each other as they work with these students. This will serve to improve instruction to all students. More information about this program will be in the meeting minutes, which will be posted on-line.

Various potential fundraisers were also discussed and we hope to ask families for input via a survey in a month or so. As part of this, the PTO plans to sell newly designed Burns Park t-shirts, A Spirit Week is planned in March where, on various themed days, students can wear pajamas and hats and other fun things, culminating in the Read-a-thon! Any Burns Park t-shirt could be worn on the last day. Watch for more details on this fun week.

Janice Lieberman provided some information about the AAPS budget proposals. More information can be found on the AAPS website; there is still available an on-line survey where you can provide input into this process: [http://www.a2schools.org/aaps.home/aaps\\_home](http://www.a2schools.org/aaps.home/aaps_home) (links to the budget information and survey are on the homepage). There is also information available at the Ann Arbor Parents for School website: <http://www.aaparentsforschools.org/>

Rachel Erdstein has organized another fun Book Fair for February 15-19. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nancy Vettorello at [vettorel@umich.edu](mailto:vettorel@umich.edu).

This month almost 100 Burns Park students will be performing in the Burns Park Players production of "Guys and Dolls" on the weekends of February 5 and 12. Please show your support for these students and the Burns Park Players by attending this fun family show! The Burns Park Players are very generous in their support of our school! For more information about ticket sales and the Burns Park Players please visit their website [www.burnsparkplayers.org](http://www.burnsparkplayers.org).

There will be no PTO meeting in February, but we look forward to seeing you at our Thursday, March 18 meeting; as always, free childcare is provided in the gym.

### Thanks a Million!

- ◆ **Katie Chosid** and the many parent volunteers, for organizing and running our Lunchtime Choices Program
- ◆ **Melissa Bruzzano & Courtney Mc Creadie** for coordinating another successful Burns Park Movie Night

We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers!



### Movie Nights

Our November and January PTO Movie Nights were big successes. The students had a great time and we were able to raise money to help the PTO! Thank you to Melissa Bretzius for the flyer design. Thank you to the custodial staff for set up assistance. Thanks to Miss Erdstein and Ms. Page for AV equipment and advice. Thanks to Trader Joe's for donating some of our popcorn.

And finally, to our parent volunteers, without you we could not have entertained 183 kids! Thank you Melissa Archibald, Jeff Basch, Mark Bernstein, Bob Brustman, Marco Bruzzano, Wendy Burke, Chris Burke, Drew Denzin, Jen Denzin, Sue Dynarski, Stephanie Falbo, Jenny Freisthler, Sandy Jackson, Anne Leo, Lynda Norton, Steve Norton, Sally Pinnell, Susan Risi, Eric Shaw, Susi Shaw, Monica Valluri, Mary VanderVelde, Guan Xian, and Daniel Zahn.

The next PTO Movie Night will be in March. Stay tuned for the date and details!

Melissa Bruzzano and Courtney McCreadie

## Burn\$ Park Buck\$



### “Earn money for our school without spending an extra dime!”

The Burns Park PTO’s scrip fundraiser, known as Burn\$ Park Buck\$, started its seventh year in early October. Burns Park families who participated in this fundraiser over the last few years earned thousands of dollars for our school without spending an extra dime; they simply changed the way they paid for their groceries and other retail items.

**How does Burns Park Bucks work?** The PTO purchases gift certificates or gift cards at a discount from local grocers and retailers including: **Busch’s, Hiller’s, Whole Foods, The Produce Station, Gratz, Real Seafood Company, Barnes & Noble, Borders, LL Bean, Gap, Lands’ End, Old Navy, Panera Bread, Starbucks, Williams Sonoma and many more.** You buy the gift certificates or gift cards from the PTO at full face value and use them at the store (or on-line, if applicable) where they are worth full face value. The PTO keeps the difference between our cost and the price you pay; the discount we can receive ranges from five to eighteen percent.

Busch’s and Hiller’s offer rechargeable gift cards that allow you to initially purchase one card at the dollar value of your choice. The card holds

a balance as you use it, and you can refill the card, as needed, at the store—with cash, check or a credit card. (This way, you can still receive airline miles and other credit card rewards while supporting our school.) Burns Park continues to receive 5% whenever you refill your card.

**Kroger** has simplified their process of donating to Burns Park PTO. Instead of purchasing and recharging gift cards, they allow us to link our Kroger Plus cards—the one you swipe to get the discount prices—to Burns Park PTO, so that anytime you shop a percentage will automatically get credited to our account. To register your card you’ll need to set up an account first at this website: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)

Create a new customer account by clicking on **Sign in/ Register** link on the upper right side of the page. This will generate a verification **email to you requiring you to activate your Kroger account by clicking the link and signing in to your new account.**

Click on **Edit Kroger Plus Card Info.** Enter the 12 digit number on the back of your Kroger Plus card. (Or, if you don’t have a Kroger Plus card there’s an option noted allowing you to print a form and take it to the store’s service desk.)

Click on **Community Rewards Information.** Use organization # 82907. Select Burns Park Elementary School.

Total activation time is estimated at 7-10 days, once you do the on-line part above. You’ll know that the card is registered by looking at the bottom of the Kroger’s receipt which should say “At your request, Kroger is

donating to Burns Park Elementary School”

Plum Market also has a similar program to Kroger; visit their Service Desk to complete the form and link your rewards card to Burns Park School PTO.

**How do I order my Burns Park Bucks?** Once a month you will receive an e-mail reminder to order on-line at [www.burnsparkpto.org](http://www.burnsparkpto.org) (you may also print out the order form and drop it off in the Burns Park Bucks box in the office). You will receive your completed order on the following Wednesday. You may choose one of two methods for paying for your order: by credit card directly on-line or by check. Burns Park PTO does pay a percentage for the service of using the on-line services, so if you would like to maximize your contribution, feel free to write a check. Payments may be placed in the Burns Park Bucks box in the office or mailed to:

Cindy Middleton  
1402 Brooklyn Ave.  
Ann Arbor, 48104

You may also choose one of two methods for receiving your order: 1) pick-up at the school Wednesday morning or afternoon or 2) home delivery. **Orders are due by midnight** on the following dates: Feb 3, Mar 3, Mar 24, Apr 28, and May 26.

Any questions? Feel free to contact Cindy Middleton at [cynthia.middleton@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.middleton@gmail.com) or 623-1704.

**Order On-line and  
Pay by Credit Card at  
[www.burnsparkpto.org](http://www.burnsparkpto.org)**

**Proceeds benefit Burns Park 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation**



**Cold drinks!  
Salty snacks!  
Candy, candy, candy!  
(and beautiful fresh flowers for  
your favorite performer\*)**

Visit our concession stands in the hallways  
outside the auditorium before, during, and after the show.

The main stand will be open  
30 minutes before each performance,  
throughout intermission, and 10-15 minutes after the show.

A second stand will be open during intermission\*.

The stands are brilliantly run by  
Burns Park Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their families

\*Fresh flowers and the second intermission-only stand will unfortunately be  
unavailable during the Friday February 5 dress rehearsal.



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## Valentine's Day Ice Skating

- ⇒ Craft making
- ⇒ Cookie decorating
- ⇒ Food and Snacks provided
- ⇒ Enter a drawing for Red Wings tickets, only \$1 each

**Buhr Park Ice Skating Rink  
275 I Packard Road, Ann Arbor  
Saturday, February 14th  
2:30 to 2:40**

**Parents, Students, and Children Welcome!**

**All Proceeds go to the March of Dimes**

*"The March of Dimes Mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing  
birth defects, premature births, and infant mortality"*

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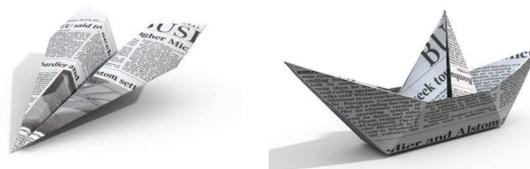
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