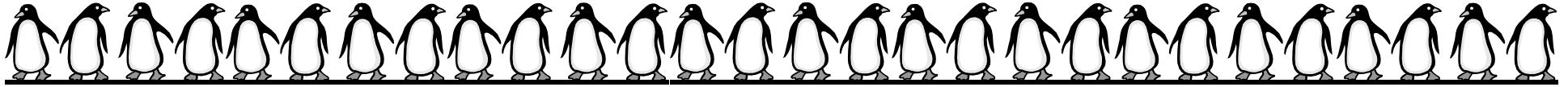


Burns Park Press



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Have a fun and safe summer!

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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.

From our Principal

Dear Burns Park Families,

Thanks for honoring our outstanding teaching staff! We had many wonderful morning surprises during the week of May 7th and a wonderful luncheon on May 16th. It was so much fun to check out the faculty room every morning to see what creative idea awaited us.

It is my great pleasure to work among this fine group of professionals who consistently put children first. The Burns Park teachers value working and learning together to improve their instruction and to support all students.

In recent weeks several visitors have commented on the 'feel' of our school. They mention friendliness, the welcome they receive from adults in the building, the beautiful displays of student work, and the happy, focused and engaged students. Although it would be easy to take this all for granted, it is important to stop and recognize the dedication and commitment that is the basic foundation of what our teachers do every day.

Thank you for recognizing all that our teachers do!

Reminder Regarding Dismissal on the Last Day

Remember that our last day of school is Friday, June 15. This is a half-day of school for students, with dismissal at 11:48. We have had trouble in the past with students/families bringing shaving cream to school on this day. PLEASE LEAVE SHAVING CREAM, WATER BALLOONS, SILLY STRING, ETC. AT HOME. Please do not bring these types of items to school or plan to use them at dismissal on this day. I look forward to a shaving-cream-free day!

Transportation on the Last Day of School

On the last day of school, all kindergarten students who normally ride a kindergarten bus home at noon will ride the regular bus with all the older students, just as they do in the morning. The bus will drop them off at the same stop they use in the morning and will NOT run any special kindergarten routes (i.e. special child care stops, address stops, or other alternate stops).

Yearbooks

Thanks to our PTO, yearbooks will once again be provided to all students as part of our fall picture package. We thank Kristen Freshley for collecting the candid photos that made this yearbook special and for working with Lifetouch to put it all together.

AAPS District's Strategic Planning

This month's newsletter includes a list of the Strategic Planning Action Teams. I'd like to encourage you to volunteer for one of the teams. If you are interested in any of the topics or are passionate about having a voice in the future of Ann Arbor Schools, you will enjoy this process. The Actions Teams need to complete their work by the end of November. The first, explanatory, meeting is a kick-off on May 31st, 6:30–9:00 p.m. (location TBD). The next two meetings are scheduled for June 18th, 6:30–9:00 p.m. and August 16th, 6:30–9:00 p.m. If you are interested, please give Liz Margolis a call at 994-2236.

Springtime Thanks!

Thank you to all the families who came out on the first Saturday in May to help with spring cleaning in our outdoor areas, refreshing the flowerbeds and adding new flowers. Special thanks go to Mike and Cindy Bott for coordinating this project. Because of your efforts, our school looks great!

End of Year Activities

Here's to sunny and bright weather for our Ice Cream Social and Field Days!

Special thanks go to Lynda Norton, Nancy Vettorello and many other volunteers for putting together what promises to be another great Social.

Field Days are planned for the last week of May, and at this writing our students are enjoying the planning process. Ellen Rambo has worked side-by-side with Judy Stevenson and a representative group of students to put together our Field Days. On behalf of the students, I'd like to thank Ellen and Judy for encouraging us to be physically active. Field Day is a great way to celebrate all that we learn in PE.

We Appreciate You!

At the Volunteer Appreciation Dessert the staff expressed heartfelt thanks for all of your efforts. The entire staff admires your effort and commitment to our school. Whether you are helping your children with homework or volunteering in a classroom or chaperoning a field trip, your help is both vital and appreciated. Thanks a million! Muchas gracias!

From our Principal - cont'd

4th Grade Camp

Our fourth graders had an outstanding time at Camp Ohiyesa last month. For several students this was their first camping experience, and I believe it was one they will always remember. Under the careful guidance of Ms. Wall, Ms. Spiegel, and Ms. Kreger, our students had a chance to learn more about nature and Michigan history as they rode in a fur trading canoe, learned outdoor survival skills and hiked to a bog. They participated in various team-building activities as they navigated a course that included a huge climbing wall and a zip line. They also enjoyed traditional activities like playing Capture the Flag and singing camp songs around the evening campfire. Thanks go to the staff and also to the parents who chaperoned or donated extra funds for scholarships to support the kids all the way. We couldn't have done it without you!

Summer Reading Ideas

I encourage you to read with your children this summer! A night of reading in the family room can be more fun than watching TV together. If you find it hard to encourage your children to read during the summer, here are some ideas:

1. Keep books in the car.
2. Keep audiotapes of good books in the car to enjoy on even short trips. (The public library has a large collection of very good books on tape.)
3. Designate a reading night, when the whole family reads together.
4. Choose a book to read with your child. If he or she is reading chapter books, choose one you

haven't read. Predict together what you think the story will be about. Agree to read the first chapter. When you have finished, discuss the similarities and differences between what the author wrote and what each of you predicted. Predict what you think will happen in the next chapter, and read again. Only refer to what has already happened as a reference to making another prediction. Continue to predict and read the rest of the book chapter by chapter. Predicting is a good way to improve comprehension and is not judgmental. Remind each other that there is no right or wrong prediction. You may even like your prediction better than what the author wrote.

5. Set a goal for how many books you and your child will read in a couple of weeks and plan to do something special when you reach your goal.
6. Join the Ann Arbor Public Library's summer reading program.

Reminders Regarding the Last Day

School isn't over till it's over—at 11:48 on June 15th! We will continue teaching up to the last minute; please remind your children to keep learning!

As we move into the busy final days of the school year, I look back with a sense of pride. With all their academic, social and behavioral gains, the students have all grown! Thank you for sharing them with us.

Educationally Yours,

Kathy

Community Meeting on School Budget

Ann Arbor Parents for Schools has scheduled a community meeting on the evening of Tuesday June 12th from 7:00-8:30 pm, in the Burns Park Auditorium, to discuss the current school budget crisis.

This meeting will be different from Robert Allen's presentation last month, in that we will have a panel of people representing the various parties involved in framing the direction our schools, with most of the time being devoted to asking questions and discussing solutions.

Superintendent Todd Roberts will be there along with representation from the School Board, Ann Arbor Educational Foundation, Teachers and Principals from the district. We are hoping to have lots of parents attend. The purpose of the meeting is to answer questions, create a dialog about the current budget situation and to help strategize how we, as parents can be involved in helping to support the Ann Arbor Public Schools as they work through the current situation and plan for the future. Please come and lend your voice to the discussion.

One of the goals of our organization is to reach out to other schools, so please invite your friends and teachers from other schools to attend. All are welcome. The more voices we have the more we can achieve.

Jeannette Jackson, Janice Lieberman, Steve Norton, Helen Starman, and Jennifer Tanau

Summer Activities for Kids

Rec & Ed offers many safe and fun summer camps and classes for kids. Go to www.aareced.com for the online catalog of all our fun summer activities.

From our PTO President

It is hard to believe another school year is drawing to a close! There are so many exciting programs and events happening between now and the end of the year I would encourage you to check the press calendar and read the PTO email notes closely so you don't miss anything.

At the May PTO meeting the teachers hosted a delicious volunteer appreciation tea (thank you!) and even serenaded us (thank you! thank you!) It was a lovely event and we all enjoyed the chance to mingle and talk in an adult only setting.

Additionally, the following slate of officers was elected for the 2007-2008 school year:

Helen Starman, President

TBD, President-elect

David Lowenschuss, Treasurer

Raleigh Sadler, Secretary

Janice Lieberman, Volunteer Coordinator

The meeting concluded with a discussion led by Andy Thomas about the possibility of the PTO or a separate entity at Burns Park raising money to be used now and/or in the future to support programs that might be cut as the district budget crisis continues. The discussion was lively, interesting and will be continued over the summer. If you are interested in this idea please contact Andy directly (athomas@med.wayne.edu or 996-8476).

And last, we are still in the process of filling PTO officer and committee chair positions. We have opportunities of all shapes and sizes and are always looking for new faces. If you are interested in a specific job or just have questions be sure to talk to me or Janice Lieberman, Volunteer Coordinator.

I hope you all have great summers. Feel free to call or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Helen Starman, President

994-8553 or hstarman@comcast.net

Your PTO \$\$\$ At Work ...

The PTO's mission is to support and enhance the intellectual, physical and social experience of the students in our school. The following is a brief overview of what your PTO dollars have supported this year (bear in mind that some numbers are still approximate as we haven't finished out the year.)

In 2007-2008, the PTO had an operating budget of approximately \$34,500; this money was raised from parent contributions and the following fundraisers – the Burns Park Run, Sally Foster Gift Wrap sale, Burns Park Bucks, Kids Art Note cards and the Ice Cream Social. Thanks to your generous contributions and participation in these fundraising events we are on track to reach our budgeted income.

This year the PTO spent approximately \$85 per student at Burns Park; the students benefited from the following expenditures:

- ◆ \$9000 in classroom teacher subsidies
- ◆ \$3850 in special teacher subsidies (art, computers, library, music, PE, Spanish and reading recovery)
- ◆ \$5500 in field trips
- ◆ \$5500 in Golden Apple grant funding:
 - ◆ Reptiles Then & Now,
 - ◆ Science Alive,
 - ◆ classroom visits with a Michigan author/historian,

- ◆ Wild Swan Theater performance,
- ◆ Marionette performance,
- ◆ Jazz/Tap dance performance,
- ◆ Jeopardy Kits for Science Olympiad practice
- ◆ ...and other enrichment assemblies

- ◆ \$500 for Service Learning (includes: Lunches with Love, Family to Family Giving, Kids Care Club and Adopt-a-Room)
- ◆ \$500 for March is Reading Month
- ◆ \$750 for Math and Science Night
- ◆ \$100 for Special Interest Fair
- ◆ \$500 for Science Olympiad
- ◆ \$150 for Lunch Time Choices
- ◆ \$300 for Walk and Talk Club
- ◆ \$500 for Fifth Grade Composition Concert
- ◆ \$600 for publications (Yearbook, Student Directory and BP Press)

Additionally, after consulting with teachers, parents and students, the PTO will use reserve funds to purchase new play equipment for the upper elementary playground.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support! If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me.

Helen Starman, President

hstarman@comcast.net or 994-8553

Check out the **PTO websites:**

www.burnsparkpto.org

and Penguin Talk :

www.burnsparkpto.org/confer/

Ann Arbor Public Schools
Strategies and Action Team Leaders

Strategic Action Teams are now being formed. Each strategy has Action Team Leaders who will guide the three to four month process to determine action steps to achieve the strategies.

AAPS is looking for members for these Action Teams. Each team will decide on their own meeting schedule but will meet over the summer with action step reports to due to the Superintendent by the end of September.

If you are interested in participating on an Action Team or have questions, please contact Liz Margolis, 994.2236 or margolis@aaps.k12.mi.us. *Please respond by May 18th.*

	Team Leaders	Strategy
1.	Joan Fitzgibbon, Allen Sulura Jackson, Skyline Michael Madison, Pioneer	We will create a complete educational program featuring personalized learning that realizes student aspirations and meets international standards.
2.	Chris Curtis, Pioneer Kevin Karr, King	We will develop and implement a personalized learning plan for each student.
3.	Bill Harris, Pioneer Kathy Scarnecchia, Mitchell Arthur Williams, Huron	We will actualize the potential for excellence in all students through inspiration and support.
4.	Joyce Hunter, Administration Kathy Morhous, Burns Park	We will ensure meaningful learning through effective teaching.
5.	Shelley Bruder, Bach Pat Manley, Thurston	We will implement a system to ensure continuous development of staff capacity.
6.	Sara Aeschbach, Rec.&Ed. Marcus Edmondson, Huron	We will inform and engender trust and support from our constituents to accomplish our mission and objectives.
7.	Rick O'Neill, Lakewood Randy Trent, Administration	We will create and maintain physical learning environments that enable us to fulfill our mission.
8.	Robert Allen, Administration Norman Herbert, Community Leader	We will ensure resources adequate to accomplish our mission and objectives.



¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!

The Burns Park Foreign Language Initiative would like to thank all the families, neighbors and local businesses that contributed to our program this year – because of your generosity we are fully funded through June 2008!

As we finish our first full year of Spanish instruction at the school we are so excited to see how much Spanish the students have learned and to watch their confidence grow as they converse with Señora Alfonso, their classroom teachers and amongst themselves. Additionally, we are so glad to have had the opportunity to hire Señora Alfonso as our teacher – her energy, enthusiasm and genuine love of the language is an inspiration to the students and parents. It is with particular excitement that we watch as Spanish seeps out of the twenty minute lessons into the other curriculum and school events. We would especially like to acknowledge the hard work of Janice Lieberman and the Multicultural committee. They created and implemented a series of classroom presentations that increased the children’s knowledge of and familiarity with the culture of Spanish speaking countries of the world. We can’t imagine a better complement to the language instruction!

Currently we are looking for interested individuals to serve on our board of directors. While expertise in the following areas: human resources, development, grant writing and accounting would be useful, we are first and foremost looking for individuals with a strong belief in the value of elementary foreign language education. If you are interested or have any questions please feel free to contact any of us.

Burns Park Foreign Language Initiative,

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Kathy Sample (kesample@umich.edu)

Helen Starman (hstarman@comcast.net)

Burns Park Run Wrap Up

The 29th Burns Park Run was a fantastic success on many fronts! We had great weather, great fun, and really great support from sponsors and donors. Most importantly, we had a GREAT TURNOUT!

The Burns Park Run is a very important fundraiser for our school PTO, which supports MANY enrichment programs for our kids. We want and need the run to be around for many more years to come, so we are working to improve the race and the experience. This year, we set goals to increase the number of runners (especially kids), increase the fun, and raise more money for the school and other nonprofits. And we succeeded!

- ◆ We had 939 total registrants in the runs and walks, just shy of our goal of 1,000 runners.
- ◆ Out of 596 total 5K registrants, we had 187 elementary school runners – up from 120 kids last year. Including middle and high schoolers, 272 kids ran the 5K - plus 17 in the 10K!
- ◆ “Walk and Talk” was a runaway success once again, with 109 Walk and Talkers in the run! Many thanks to Marci Ammerman and all of those parent volunteers!
- ◆ We gave away over \$1,000 worth of raffle and run prizes contributed by local donors.
- ◆ We raised over \$1,100 dollars in donations for Mott Hospital, almost double last year’s total.
- ◆ With a new online fundraising tool, we raised nearly \$4,200 for nonprofits - separate from the race proceeds that go to our PTO nonprofit.
- ◆ We exceeded our fundraising target for the run this year – which was 25% higher than last year.

We DO have some final requests:

1. Do you have pictures from the run that you are willing to share on our website? Email a2burnsparkrun@gmail.com and we’ll figure out how to get them.
2. Please visit our sponsors and donors and say “THANK YOU!” We want them back next year! Check out the highlights of their contributions:
 - ◆ Clinthorne and Kim Orthodontics, Dr. Kay Wilson Pediatric Dentistry, and Anne Gilbert all donated valuable cash used to offset some of our run costs.
 - ◆ Caribou Coffee donated over 700 cups of hot coffee plus iced drinks and people to serve it all.
 - ◆ Stadium Market donated several cases of bananas, oranges and cream cheese – and let us use their parking space for late registration.
 - ◆ Zingermans came through once again with 40 dozen bagels.
 - ◆ Arbor Wellness donated all of the post-race massages for sore runners.
 - ◆ Moosejaw, Planet Rock, Washtenaw Parks and Rec, and the Michigan Theater each donated hundreds of dollars worth of prizes given away in the raffle and awards.
 - ◆ Other local donors included: Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Chelsea Hospital Health and Wellness Center, Fantasy Forest, Jerusalem Garden, Jump City, Moe Sports, Orbit Hair Design and Massage, Durable Graphix, and Tortoise and Hare.
3. Thank your neighbors and parents who volunteered for us – we really could not have this race without them!

4. Did you buy a t-shirt but forget to pick it up? Please email us: a2burnsparkrun@gmail.com . Leftovers will be sold or donated – email us if you wish to purchase one. \$15 Adult (sizes: L, S) \$10 Child (sizes L, M) Get them while you can!

5. Consider using our online fundraising tool next year – or THIS YEAR if you are running the Dexter-Ann Arbor or other runs this summer – we’ll keep the pages open. You can even run for the PTO if you wish! It’s easy - and it works:

- ◆ One brother-sister team – the Kanjis - raised over \$1,500 and won the football donated by Moe Sports and autographed by Lloyd Carr.
- ◆ Another sister-sister team has raised \$610 (and still rising) with just one email each sent to the same four dozen friends – and all but \$100 of the donations were \$25 or less.
- ◆ If you have a charity to add to our list, email us. Check out the fundraising page at www.burnsparkrun.org.

6. SEND US YOUR COMMENTS! Got suggestions for next year? Want to be a sponsor? Want to find some running partners this summer? Please email us at a2burnsparkrun@gmail.com.

See you next year for the 30th running of the Burns Park Run – just about 350 days away!

Joel & Jackie Dalton, Jill Hunsberger

Return Your Library Books and Win!

As the end of the school year approaches, please help your student(s) look for and return any media center materials (books, magazines, audio books) they may have.

ALL materials are due back by June 8th.

As an added incentive to return all library books and other materials, I will be giving away prizes. During the week of June 4-8, students who have returned all their borrowed materials will be eligible to enter a drawing for one of ten envelopes filled with goodies (mostly books and school supplies). At the beginning of the school day on June 11th, I will announce winners over the P.A.

We always hope for a 100% return rate so that more of next year's budget can be spent on acquiring new items and less on replacing old ones. Then, everyone's a winner.

Thank you very much,

Rachel Erdstein

Music Notes

Congratulations to Burns Park students for their excellent performances this school year!

Our last batches to thank since the last press are Ms. Dworkin's, Ms. Everett's and Mrs. Kim's classes singing "Songs from South of the Border" and Mrs. Wall's, Mrs. Spiegel's and Ms. Kreger's classes playing recorders and singing Beatles tunes.

My great thanks to our band that accompanied those two concerts: Jeff Fessler, Rich Rickman, Van Hunsberger, Brian Delaney and Mike Montgomery.

We also congratulate all the graduating 5th graders on their excellent original compositions performed on May 15th. I love what you guys compose and you should be proud of yourselves, every last one of you. Bravo!

Thanks to all the parents who helped in various and sundry and critical ways to produce these concerts. And thanks to all the parents in the school community for helping prepare their children for their concerts and for getting them to school for their evening performances. The concerts couldn't happen without parental support and help, so many thanks!

Best wishes for a great summer to all!

Cynthia Page-Bogen

Vocal Music Teacher



Use your Head...Put on a Helmet!

Now that spring has finally sprung, it's time to get back outside for some physical activity and fun...like riding a bike!

Make sure your child wears a helmet whenever they ride a bike, ride a tricycle, ride a scooter, roller-blade, or skate board to avoid serious head injury in case of a fall. When choosing a helmet, take your child with you to make sure it fits well and is a style and color they like and will wear. Look for helmets that meet appropriate safety standards, and never use a helmet that's already been in a crash, which affects its ability to protect your child's head.

To put a helmet on correctly, place it level on your child's head and tighten the strap until only one finger fits under the strap. Check to make sure the helmet doesn't move forward or back once it is tightened. Before your child gets on their bike, have them check their shoelaces, too, which can get tangled in moving parts if loose.

Remember to check the helmet often to make sure it still fits well as your child grows.

The best way for your child to learn the importance of being active and safe is to set a good example. Make the outing, no matter what form of self-propelled wheeled device each person chooses, a family activity and make wearing a helmet a family rule!

Debita Graham

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Ice Cream Social Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who pitched in to make the ice cream social possible!! First, thank you to our amazing chairpersons who set-up & organized their activities and recruited volunteers to help run the activity. Thanks to:

Agnes Jensen – for once again running the ice cream booth

Violet Souweidane – for taking on the new popcorn booth

Kathy Sample – for taking on the huge job of the pizza booth

Niki Wardner and family – for once again providing delicious hotdogs

Semra Koknar – for organizing the delicious dessert table yet again

Sue Burke – for taking on the 3rd grade drinks table

Tammy Ojo & Lisa Markman – for providing our cake-walk extravaganza

Kelly Bumgarner – for being the moonbounce maven once again this year

Leila Surratt – for taking on the 5th grade dunk tank

Janice Lieberman – for stepping in to make sure that the fishing game survived

Pam Ibrahim – for keeping the duck pond afloat again this year

Donna Hoff -- for taking on the lollipop tree

Steve Norton -- for taking over the bumble bee toss this year

Barry Fuller – for once again teeing up the golf game

Mary Hampton & Loren Jackson – for keeping the basketball game going for yet another year

Helen Starman – for providing the wonderful toddler area again

Julie Cohen – for organizing the always-busy face painters

Jeff Fessler & Rich Rickman – for again organizing our wonderful entertainment

Anna Hayman – for purchasing and organizing the great prizes

Carolynn Hayman – for providing loads of guidance

Martha Balmer & Kathy Kyle – for all of their help in the office

Bob Mardeusz, Angela Tankersley & Justin Buchanan – for their endless help with the building

Second, a HUGE thank-you once again this year to PIZZA HOUSE on Church Street for donating hundreds of free pizzas! Pizza House's generosity allows us to finance so many great games. A big thank you as well to WASHTENAW DAIRY, which donated free tickets to help every child participate, to COLONIAL LANES, which provided the fun new bowling game free of charge, and ARBOR WELLNESS, which provided the wonderful (free!) chair massages!

Thanks also to PILAR's CAFÉ and BEARCLAW COFFEE for selling delicious food and drinks.

Thank you to the Tappan Jazz Band, the Community High Jazz Combo and "The Old Timers" (aka Jeff Fessler, Rich Rickman and friends) for providing terrific music, and to the Pioneer Key Club for providing volunteers.

Most of all, many thanks to the huge number of parents, relatives and friends who volunteered to staff our many games and activities and provide cakes and goodies – we could not have the Social without you!!

Lynda Norton and Nancy Vettorello
Co-Chairs of the Ice Cream Social

Walk and Talk Participants Walk 3, 288 miles

If you combined the miles walk/ran by our 299 Walk and Talkers this year, they accumulated enough miles to travel from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico and then on to the Pacific Ocean. The kids worked really hard this year and it showed as they crossed the finish line at the Burns Park Run. We had a great showing and great family participation!! Check out the Walk and Talk bulletin board on the way to the library for great photos and more Walk and Talk statistics.

Ms. Dworkin's class had the largest number of students participate (24) on a regular basis and Ms. Everett's classed logged the most miles at 612 miles with Alex Tessmer leading the pack running 64 miles!

Of course, none of this would have been possible without fantastic parent volunteers. Like the mailman, they delivered through rain, sleet, hail and snow. Thank you to: Suzanne Ross, Sarah Figueroa, Heidi Butz, Barbara Peitsch, David Lowenschuss, Kelly Bumgarner, Rosemary Collins, Shi-chen Huang and Kristen Wickstrom.

Have a great summer – see you in the Fall!

Marci Ammerman

Thanks from Kelly

I would like to thank all the PTO Officers, Chairs and volunteers that helped to make my year as PTO President a rewarding and enjoyable one. In particular, I appreciate the assistance and counsel provided by Helen Starman, our President-Elect, and Janice Lieberman, our Volunteer Coordinator and past PTO President, as well as our Executive Board, (Vice President Jennifer Kiely, Treasurer David Lowenschuss, and Secretary Raleigh Sadlier). I couldn't have done it without these folks and all the wonderful Burns Park Elementary volunteers.

Thanks for a great year!

Kelly Bumgarner

Burns Park Press Submissions

This newsletter is published monthly by the Burns Park PTO. Contributions from teachers, staff, parents, and students are welcomed. Articles can be sent via email (preferred) or placed in the BP Press box in the office.

Articles for the September 2007 issue are due no later than Friday, August 24. Late submissions may not be included. Any questions, comments or suggestions about the Press are welcome!

Anne Gilbert, 657-7121

AGilbert@Surovell.com

Thank You from the PTO Hospitality Committee

Thank you so much to the nearly 70 families whose generous contributions of time and culinary skill helped make the Spring Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon a big success. The teachers and staff truly look forward to and enjoy this event—thanks for helping us show them how much we truly appreciate everything they've done for our kids this year!

Thanks also to the members of this year's hospitality committee for all their hard work and generous support of our committee and our school: Melissa Bretzius, Deborah Fisch, Elizabeth Jeffords, Agnes Jensen, Janice Lieberman, Debbie Mayfield, Tess Molloy Thomas, Beth Randall, Helen Starman, Nancy Upchurch, Kristen Wickstrom, and Judy Wier. You made our jobs easier and much more fun!

Kim Mass and Patricia Silverman

Lunches with Love:

Did you know that the candy that you contributed after Halloween this year has lasted all the way until the middle of May for our lunch program? Thanks to everyone who comes to volunteer on Tuesday mornings and help our kids put together lunches for the homeless shelter in Ann Arbor. If you are free on a Tuesday morning after you drop your kids off, please stop in and help!

Kathy Sample

Burns Park Press Advertising

Display Ads: We welcome ads for companies and services of interest to our Burns Park community. The BP Press ad size is a nominal 2.5 x 4.25 vertical or horizontal, roughly 1/8 of a page for \$35/ issue or 3 months for \$100. The ads may be enlarged to fit the available space, at no extra charge.

Classifieds: Classifieds are meant to be used by the families of the Burns Park area to sell/buy personal items and/or services. Classifieds will be included on a first come, first served basis as space permits. Rates are \$.20/word.

Electronic Submission, please!

Submit your ad to Anne Gilbert, BP Press Editor (agilbert@surovell.com).

Payment: Please place your check (made out to Burns Park PTO) in an envelope labeled "BP Press Ads, attn: Treasurer" in the PTO box in the school office. (They may also be mailed to the school at 1414 Wells, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.) Both the electronic ad copy and payment must be received by the published deadline for the issue in which the ad is placed.

Questions? Contact Anne at 657-7121 or AGilbert@Surovell.com.

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Thanks a Million

The spring is always a BUSY time of year at Burns Park and there are many committed volunteers and teachers to thank. Please take the time to read through the list and thank them personally when you see them at school.

Many, many thanks to:

- ◆ Kelly Bumgarner for leading the PTO through another great year! We will miss you . . .
- ◆ Jennifer Kiely-Woodburn, Vice-President, David Lowenschuss, Treasurer and Raleigh Sadlier, Secretary - you have all done a fantastic job this year!
- ◆ Steve Brown and the Science Olympiad coaches and volunteers. A great day was had by all the participants!
- ◆ Jackie & Joel Dalton, Jill Hunsberger and all the Burns Park Run committee chairs and volunteers for another successful run; it was a beautiful day and a great time for all who were involved. Thanks to your dedication and hard work the run changes and grows every year! This year's new ideas included a website, the chance to raise money for other charitable causes while running and lots of very cool prizes.
- ◆ Janice Lieberman and the Multicultural committee members: Eileen Alfonso, Delphine Joseph-Stevens, Semra Koknar, Jimena Loveluck, Fei Fei Metzler, Adriana Nichols, Andrea Rojo, Judy Wier, Julie Cohen, Gianna Lete and Helen Starman who recently concluded a year long series of classroom events intended to familiarize the students with various Spanish speaking countries.
- ◆ Carolynn Hayman and the Teacher Appreciation committee members: Kristy Demas, Julie Cohen, Ginny Rogers, Beth Randall, Kate Korte-Turnbull,

Kevin Turnbull, and Anna Hayman. The week long celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week was lots of fun!

- ◆ Kim Mass and Patricia Silverman, the Hospitality committee and all the families who contributed dishes for the Spring Staff Luncheon. It was a beautiful event and the range and quality of dishes was awesome!
- ◆ Lynda Norton and Nancy Vettorello and ALL their volunteers for a super ice cream social. What a fun way for the school community to end the year!
- ◆ Ellen Rambo, Ms. Stevenson and the Field Day volunteers – thanks for two afternoons full of fun and games!
- ◆ Steve Norton and the Middle School Transition committee: Jeannette Jackson, Theresa Reid, Kate Turnbull and Pat Wells for organizing an exciting and informative series of events for middle school parents and current fifth grade students.
- ◆ Cynthia Page, her students and her parent volunteers for the fifth grade original composition concert and the “South of the Border” concert performed by the classes of Ms. Dworkin, Miss Everett and Mrs. Kim. It was inspiring to hear the fifth graders perform music that they had composed and to hear the second and third graders sing in English and Spanish!
- ◆ Sandy Kreger and her students for organizing another successful American Red Cross blood drive. Thanks also to all those who donated!
- ◆ All the teachers and staff at Burns Park for a delicious volunteer appreciation tea and a rousing thank-you song to the tune of La Bamba!

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