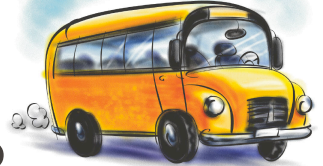


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Transporting Precious Cargo

Bus Policy: Student Drop-off

A child will never be dropped off at their bus stop without a parent/guardian or a person who has been approved by the parent/guardian to meet them at their stop (if the stop is not located right at their house). Because the bus must continue to other locations to meet other parents, the bus cannot, unfortunately, wait for a late parent. Late parents have the option of driving to the next designated bus stop to pick up their child. Otherwise the bus driver will bring any children back to school who were not met at their stop where parents or guardians can pick them up.

To the bus!



Ms. Frizzle from
"The Magic School Bus"

Possible Cuts in Transportation Funding

At the Superintendent's request, the Burnt Ranch Governing Board has adopted a Board Resolution opposing the possible mid-year funding elimination for Home-to-School Transportation and Special Education Transportation. The possible elimination is part of the State Budget if state revenues fall short of expectations.

For our school, the mid-year elimination would cut \$22,838 from our transportation budget.

This possible loss targets parents and students in rural school districts who need school transportation. Students in suburban and urban school districts with taxpayer's subsidized public transportation will not have the same per student losses. We are holding out hope that Assembly Member Chesbro, State Senator LaMalfa, and Governor Brown will repeal this possible cut and be fair for all students in California and not target our rural schools.

Please save your "**Box Tops for Education**" found on popular food items and other products and bring them into the office. We have a wonderful parent volunteer who will be processing the box tops for us again and we are looking forward to the money it can bring to our school!

SEE THIS NEWSLETTER IN COLOR ON OUR WEBSITE: www.tcoek12.org/~br/

FREE COMPUTERS FOR YOUR HOME!

Burnt Ranch School has permission from the Governing Board to distribute our older model iMacs and software specifically to our students/families. While priority will go to those who do not have a computer at home, we will also give computers to families who have an older computer and who are need an upgrade, or to those who want a Mac computer rather than the PC they currently have at home. There is an abundance of educational software to choose

from as well which will run on these iMacs (but which no longer work on our newer machines at school). Please call the school to inquire at 629-2543.



DID YOU KNOW?

“Students with the highest truancy rates have the lowest academic achievement and are most likely to drop out of school.”

-Colorado Foundation for Families and Children

Research tells us that school attendance is critical to successful school achievement. School absence is linked to poor academic performance and is a risk factor for other detrimental behaviors. In addition, a child that does well in school in the early years has a better chance at future school success.

A child is classified by the state to be truant if they have three unexcused absences of more than 30 minutes in one school year (Education Code 48260.5). The state takes school attendance so seriously that when students get older, truancy will delay of their driving privilege (Section 13202.7 of the *Vehicle Code*).

Children in California missed 874,000 total school days due to dental problems. By kindergarten more than 50% of California children have already experienced dental decay, 28% have untreated decay and 19% need immediate care. Unfortunately, the number of students statewide who receive dental checkups in kindergarten have been declining.

NEED TO MAKE A DOCTOR OR DENTIST APPOINTMENT BUT DON'T WANT YOUR CHILD TO MISS SCHOOL?

Friday afternoon is the time specifically set aside for the opportunity to make appointments without students missing out on important classroom work. Please schedule appointments on Friday after 1:30 pm or after school on Monday - Thursday whenever possible.

Kitchen Notes

By Julie Simon

Welcome back to another great year at Burnt Ranch School! I will be cooking up some new recipes and trying new things in the coming months. I have been serving whole grains and locally purchased seasonal fruits and vegetables for 14 years and featuring them on our menus, and now I am able to offer all whole grain rolls, pastas and bread products. It's very exciting! I serve fresh fruit daily at both lunch and breakfast.

Our lunch program is Nutrient Standard-based. We have targets to meet for fat content, calories, protein, and vitamins and minerals. I analyze the menus weekly and monthly to insure that our children are getting enough calories appropriate for their age and growth, but still keeping fats well below the federally set standards. There are NO trans fats offered at Burnt Ranch School.

I welcome and encourage parents and guardians to come have lunch with us (please give a call in the morning so I can plan portions), give comments, ideas, ask questions and, yes, even submit recipes! I am constantly looking for new ways to introduce healthy and nutritious foods and still keep our kids coming back for more.

I can be reached at school by phone, you can e-mail me at jsimon@tcoek12.org with any concerns or questions, or you can always just drop in and see what's cookin'!

Introducing Our New School Counselor:

Joe Maikranz

My goal as the Burnt Ranch Elementary School Counselor is to assist students with their academic, emotional and social progress through the school year. I am on campus every Monday, however, I am available by email and phone five days a week. I look forward to meeting everyone. If you have any questions or just want to stop by and say hi, please don't hesitate to come by on Mondays.



About me: I have been working with youth in many different capacities for the last eight years. The last three years I have spent with Redding School District. I enjoy working with schools because I believe getting a good education is the foundation our lives are built upon. I spend the majority of my free time with my family. I have been married for five years. We have a two year old daughter and we are expecting our second child in April. When I am not with my family I enjoy hunting, fishing, and golf. I am anticipating that this year is going to be a great year.

❖ Indian Day 2011 ❖



The Burnt Ranch 3rd and 4th grade classroom joined students and community members from all over Trinity County to celebrate Indian Day on Sept. 30th. All of the hands-on activities in which students participated were linked to the the California content standards.



Burnt Ranch students performed for the gathering, singing "The Cherokee Morning Song" and "The River is Flowing". They used rain-sticks, rattles and a drum as accompaniment. Carly Nelson introduced the river song with a dedication to the Trinity River. Shawn McIntosh also read to the gathering a quote by Black Elk of the Oglala Lakota.

Indian Day was declared a holiday in 1968, by President Ronald Reagan, to be held the Fourth Friday in September. In 1998, the California Assembly passed AB 1953, which made Native American Day an official state holiday as well.



Art Education in Schools Gets a Boost From New Scholarship Program

Art in Action, a leading nonprofit art education organization, announced that more than 5,000 students in 85 schools are participating in the Art in Action Visual Arts Scholarship Program for the school year 2011-12. Burnt Ranch School is one of the schools. This program is part of Art in Action's mission to bring a quality art education to more students and is launched at a time when many art programs are being discontinued due to budget cuts.

"A comprehensive, standards-based arts education is the right of every child. Arts education encourages critical thinking, creativity, tolerance and positive self-esteem," says Sandra Sterrenberg, Burnt Ranch Art Teacher who was quoted in the Scholarship press release.

Rural schools are increasingly important to the success of the nation's educational goals, according the Rural School and Community Trust, a national nonprofit organization based in Washington DC. The rural share of the nation's students account for 24 percent, according to the Department of Education.

"The President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities recognizes that arts education is an effective tool in school-wide reform and in fixing some of our biggest educational challenges," says Betsy Halaby, program director at Art in Action. "We are delighted that so many educators see it the same way and have chosen Art in Action."