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Service Learning Day, **Friday, June 5th** Everyone is Invited!

STUDENTS, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS WILL BEAUTIFY THE SCHOOL

BEGINNING AT 8:00 AM TO 12:00

Everyone at Burnt Ranch School will be outside on Friday, June 5th to rake chips, pick weeds, clear brush, sand benches and many other activities to help develop an ethic of service and civic responsibility and to make our school look great! Volunteers from the community are welcome. Choose from a list of jobs and enjoy lunch on us. For more information please give Shirley a call at the school at 629-2543.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR 2009-10

Burnt Ranch School will be continuing the very popular Art and Physical Education programs next year. At the same time, we don't want to skimp on the basics. Our upper grade teachers have asked for and received a longer instructional day to make sure our

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Important Dates for Your Calendar:

June 10th - 8th Grade Graduation
6:30 pm

June 11th - Last day of school
Join us for the awards assembly at 8:30 am
with early dismissal at 11:30 am.





Third and fourth grade students enjoy working together during PE



PE teacher Deb "Coach O" Ownbey

PHYSICAL EDUCATION "A REQUIRED COURSE OF STUDY" AT BURNT RANCH SCHOOL

On May 11, 2009, State Superintendent of Education, Jack O'Connell, issued clarification on physical education as a required course of study. In his letter he stated that a K-8 school district is required to provide at least 200 minutes of physical education instruction in each ten school days. Burnt Ranch School is already in compliance with this

requirement. We provide a professional physical education program taught by our own PE teacher, Deb Ownbey. Very few elementary schools in our area are lucky enough to have a trained, certificated PE teacher on staff. Our students love to get moving with "Coach O" and the innovative curriculum she teaches.

All districts are encouraged to "provide quality physical education that develops the knowledge, attitudes, skills, behavior and motivation needed to be physically active and fit for life."

Education Code Section 33350[c]

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students are prepared for the future. Beginning next school year the 5th-6th and 7th-8th grade classrooms will start school with breakfast at 7:55 am and end their day at 3:10 pm Monday through Thursday. K-4 students will also begin at 7:55 am in their classrooms with a staggered ending time depending upon age/

grade level TBA. Rather than a late start on Monday, there will be an early release each Friday afternoon for K-8 at 1:30 pm. All students are invited and encouraged to stay until 6 pm to participate in our popular After School Program. We feel that this new schedule better serves the academic needs of our students.



Get Smart!

WHAT A “SMART” BOARD CAN DO FOR OUR CLASSROOMS

A Smart Board is an interactive whiteboard that has a touch sensitive screen and connects to a computer. It combines the look and feel of a regular classroom whiteboard with the power of a computer. When combined with a projector, the SMART Board becomes a large, touch-sensitive screen.

Smart Boards are tools that are being used in more and more classrooms and businesses around the country. These interactive boards allow students and teachers to manipulate graphics, video, sound and images. Research indicates that the boards enhance lessons, motivate learners, increase interaction, encourage involvement of students in the subject being taught, and increase student achievement. Research has also shown that students tend to be more involved, attentive, and motivated when lessons are offered using an interactive board.*

Thanks to a grant from the United Auburn Indian Community, along with assistance from the Indian Education Program, BRS has been able to purchase three smart boards, three projectors and five document cameras. Other grants are being written to expand the school’s use of Smart Boards and other computer technology, as well as to provide further training for our staff.

Our own Smart Board expert, Krysty Kilgore, uses her classroom Smart Board daily for instruction in many subject areas. Her students think that it’s fun and they say they like it better than other learning tools. Using up-to-date technology to make learning fun and interesting is a good recipe for a great educational experience.



Mrs. Kilgore using the Smart Board to teach math

“Today’s students need to learn much more than reading, writing, and arithmetic, because advances in human knowledge and technology are transforming the way we work, play and communicate...”

The George Lucas Educational Foundation

* Baylor University, 1998



For the First Five Years

“PLAY GROUP” INVITES YOU AND YOUR CHILD TO COME LEARN AND PLAY

The Readiness Program, also known as “Play Group”, is a no-cost program offered by the Burnt Ranch School District (BRSD). The program is available for children from birth to age 5, and provides a learning environment that will help children in developing social skills and practical life skills, while assisting with language development, and kindergarden readiness.

The program operates at the Indian Hall and the adjoining play yard on Veterans Hall Road

It is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and includes both a healthy morning snack and lunch. The program operates in three, 12 week sessions during the school year. Orientation day is typically held on the first Thursday after the first day school at BRSD.

For further information contact the program at 629-3999 or by calling the School Readiness Facilitator, Jessica McDavid, directly at 629-3723.

Congratulations to the Fire Safe Poster Contest Winners:

Taylor Nelson
(Grand Prize)

Orianna McDavid
Brianna Anderson
Jeremiah Ownbey
Skylar McKnight

