

Burch PK8

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welcome

BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back! We're excited to kick off another great year with you. In this newsletter you will find info to keep you updated on important dates, upcoming events, and everything you need to know to start the year off right. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

Doors open at 8:15
Dismissal begins at 3:30

Please Note: Parent drop-off and pick-up is located at the back of the building, with the line circling around by the football field. Please do not drop off students at the front entrance unless the doors around back have been closed. There are buses arriving at various times and student safety is a concern. Also, we ask that students not be signed out after 3:00, unless it is an emergency. Pick-ups after this time will need to be through the Parent Pick-Up Line.

**SCHOOL
SAFETY**

Lunch Schedule

11:00-11:30 - PK
11:00-11:30 - K, 1st, 2nd
11:50-12:20 - 3rd, 4th, 5th
12:30-1:00 - 6th, 7th, 8th

Progress Reports

•September 27
•December 10

Report Cards

•November 1
•January 24

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 11 – Faculty Senate
- Nov. 4 – Prof. Learning
- Nov. 5 – Election Day
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Nov. 25-29 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 20 – Faculty Senate

No school for students on these days.

As West Virginia schools reopen for the new year, a significant update to the state's attendance policy has been implemented. This change, driven by Senate Bill 568, introduces stricter guidelines to ensure consistent attendance and accountability. If a student misses 2 days a month, they are considered chronically absent. Mingo County Schools' goal is to have 95% or better for every student, which means less than 9 days absent for any reason. Our school is planning to implement monthly and semester incentives for students with perfect and faithful attendance. Additionally, staff will be reaching out to families once a student reaches 3 absences. Please make appointments so that your child can be at school all or part of the day. If you have any questions or concerns about attendance, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are dedicated to helping all students succeed!



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

Chromebook Policy

Please be aware of our school district's guidelines for Chromebook damages. The following fees will be required for repairs and/or replacements:

Lost or Damaged Chargers.....	\$25
Broken Screens.....	\$50
Lost or Damaged Chromebook.....	\$100

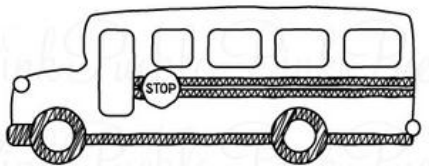


Students practice fire drill procedures on the 2nd day of school.

Burch PK8 is proud to announce we will be partnering with Williamson Health & Wellness to provide a school-based clinic in our building. They will work in conjunction with our school nurse and can provide services with parental consent. Behavioral health services are already in place, and once the clinic is fully up and running, additional services, such as telehealth, primary care, and testing for flu/Strep/COVID-19, will be available. More information will be sent home in the near future.

Change of Transportation

If you need to change the way your student goes home, please send a written note to school with your child on that day. Include the student's full name, date, and if they will be parent pick-up or riding a different bus.



If you would like to speak with your child's teacher, they are available during their planning times.

Kindergarten & 1 st grade	2:00-2:45
2 nd grade	1:10-1:55
3 rd & 4 th grade	10:15-11:00
5 th grade	11:05-11:50
6 th grade	1:10-1:55
7 th /8 th grade	9:25-10:10

BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

9/04	Lenore @ Burch
9/09	Burch @ Williamson
9/11	Burch @ Kermit
9/16	Williamson @ Burch
9/17	Burch @ Crum
9/18	Burch @ Gilbert
9/23	Gilbert @ Burch
9/25	Kermit @ Burch
9/30	Burch @ Lenore
10/02	Burch @ Matewan
10/07	Matewan @ Burch
10/10	Crum @ Burch

BULLDOG SOCCER SCHEDULE

9/07	Chapmanville @ Burch
9/14	Burch @ Madison
9/17	Lenore @ Burch
9/20	Logan @ Burch
9/24	Madison @ Burch
10/01	Burch @ Lenore
10/03	Burch @ Logan
10/08	Williamson @ Burch
10/12	Burch @ Chapmanville
10/15	Semi-Finals
10/22	Championship

What did one pencil say to the other one on the first day of school?

Answer: "Looking sharp!"

Welcome Corner

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new students and families to Burch PK8! We are also happy to welcome our new staff members to the Bulldog family:

Ms. Hall – Music Teacher
 Mrs. Collins – 2nd grade Teacher
 Ms. Ashley – 2nd grade aide
 Ms. Kiara – 2nd grade aide