

Burch PK8

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Remote Learning Brings New Experiences for Students and Teachers Alike!



The COVID-19 pandemic has affected nearly every aspect of life, including education. We are about 44 days into the school year, and we know it has been a rough start for everyone. Our dedicated administrators and teachers have been working daily to continue to improve the experiences for our students in both remote and virtual platforms. It has definitely been a challenge to adapt to the new learning programs and new instructional models. We will continue to do all we can to provide consistent and effective instruction. Thank you for your patience and hard work in making this year the best it can be for our students. Parents, your support as learning guides is invaluable and has made a world of difference. You are appreciated! 😊

Helpful Tips for Remote Learning:

- ✓ Treat the day as much like a school day as possible and find a routine with learning times and breaks.
- ✓ Make sure students are participating in Live Meetings as much as possible.
 - ✓ Understand that teachers are teaching during the day and communicating by email or messaging may take time to get a response. It may not be immediate.
- ✓ Please reach out to your child's teacher if you need support in accessing the materials for learning or if you need clarification regarding schedules and activities.

Dates to Remember:

- November 25 – Thanksgiving Break Begins
- December 23 – Christmas Break Begins


9 Weeks Grading Periods:

- 9/8/20-11/2/20
- 11/4/20-1/22/21
- 1/25/21-3/26/21
- 3/29/21-6/2/21

Be sure to monitor your child's progress through LiveGrades.com. You can see grades, track attendance, and send messages to the teacher.

Mission Statement:
All in!
Academics, Arts,
Athletics,
Community!

We are pleased to welcome two new teachers to Burch PK8 this year! Mr. Clay Ellis (PE & Health) and Ms. Whitney Dempsey (3rd grade).

Red Ribbon Week took place virtually this year on October 26-30. WV State Superintendent Dr. Burch & Drug Free All-Stars sent Burch PK8 special messages, which can be viewed on our school's website. 

What is the difference between remote and virtual learning?

In Mingo County, there are two different learning models in which students participate. Some students follow a blended learning model, which means they come to school when our county's COVID-19 designation allows. When our county is either 'Red' or 'Orange', they become **remote** learners, continuing lessons designed by their teacher online. The other model includes students who learn in a fully **virtual** program. This is an online curriculum that is different from the curriculum used by our in-person students. Virtual students complete learning solely from home and never come into our building.



Here at Burch, we are following Bulldog B.A.R.K. Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS). This program outlines the appropriate behaviors for students that we expect to see. You can find more information about B.A.R.K. on our website under the Students tab.

A Reading Challenge

By reading more complex books, your child can learn new words, facts, and ideas. He'll also be exposed to more complicated plots and will grow as a reader. Share these suggestions:

- Knowing something about the topic or setting makes a tougher book easier to comprehend. If your youngster is reading a novel set in China, he could look up the country online (try a children's site like kids.nationalgeographic.com).
- Encourage your child to look at a simpler book on the same subject. A picture-book biography about Harriet Tubman may help your child better understand a textbook chapter on the civil rights movement, for instance.
- Suggest that your child read complicated material with pencil and paper in hand. He can jot down questions, words to look up, or facts he wants to learn more about.

-Home & School Connection

JUST FOR LAUGHS

What has four legs, but only one foot?

Answer: a bed



If you are having problems with your school-issued device, please contact us to resolve the issue.

WE MISS
our students!