

A photograph of pink cherry blossoms in full bloom, set against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The blossoms are in the foreground, with some branches extending from the right side towards the center. The overall scene is bright and cheerful, capturing the essence of spring.

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Class News

Kindergarten

Kindergarten just finished reading Charlotte's Web. The kids loved the book. We ended the lesson by watching the movie and having a little party. We have been working so hard on reading sight words and math skills. We are looking forward to all the fun activities in March for reading month.

1st Grade

Helloooo, Burke Central Panthers! This quarter has been full of fun learning and growing as first graders. Each week in reading there is a focus book. This means we dive deep into one book all week and make sure we get everything out of it that we can. We've learned so many new vocabulary words and grammar skills with these books. We've also been hitting our spelling words HARD! Math is getting harder, but we're getting smarter! We are currently working on TWO DIGIT addition and subtraction. CRAZY! Next is measurement. We hope everyone has had a great third quarter. Onto the last! FIRST GRADE IS THE BEST!! ☺

2nd Grade

Hello from Second Grade. In January, we celebrated 100 days of school! We also learned about Martin Luther King, Jr and the legacy he left. Second graders have mastered 2-digit addition and we are currently working on 2-digit subtraction! In February, we learned what great things President Abraham Lincoln did for our country. We celebrated Valentine's Day, and we also celebrated a once in a lifetime event, being in 2nd grade on Twosday, 2-22-2022. We had a lot of laughs. Second graders also earned a movie and a snack with all their effort and hard work they have shown in our classroom! I'm super proud of them! We are currently participating in Reading Month; this year's theme is the Winter Olympics. Everyone is reading to earn a spot in the Olympics during our closing ceremony. Have a great Spring Break!

3rd and 4th Grades

Hello everyone!! WOW already a new spring nine weeks has come and gone. Hang in there- only nine more weeks to go!! Our class did very well in this last quarter. We did well in the Music Festival at Bowbells. We had a great Christmas and Valentine's Day party. Our class is also getting ready for the Math Meet and have done one Mock Math Meet in Mrs. Rick's class. We did awesome at the Music Festival and will never forget our Christmas performance. This windy cold weather needs to GO far away!! We think everyone is super ready for the warm weather to come back. Just nine more weeks to go!! Make it memorable!

5th Grade

We have been working hard in class. We've been working with fractions in math, writing research reports and we made model volcanoes that we erupted last week! Everyone enjoyed creating our class flag and torches that we used for the opening ceremony to kick off Reading Month. We are working hard at home to reach our reading goals so we can attend the Olympics Games at the end of Reading Month. Pee Wee Basketball has also started, and we have 3 students playing.

6th Grade

March is right around the corner, and we've accomplished so much! Plus, there is so much yet to come, hopefully the snow begins to melt, and we can begin to enjoy the outdoors again! We are busy building our reading skills: Trista, Addie, and Alli have all met Mrs. Lalum's 40-Book Challenge and there are a couple more who are very close to this amazing milestone!! Congratulations!! March is Reading Month and we all are going to work hard to make it to the Closing Ceremonies. We all can reach our goals!

Studies Weekly has us all learning about the middle ages and chivalry. The knights of the round table are coming to a classroom near you very soon. We are loving this era in world history.

Our sixth grade is looking forward to some basketball!! This being the last year of the Titans they are excited to make their friendships last and have a great season. This year's 6th graders playing PeeWees - Corbin, Allison, Dakota, and Addie. Trista is playing travel ball. Good luck to all the hoopsters this spring!

7th Grade

In the beginning of the year, there was a light struggle, trying to remember the routines of every class. There was a difference in teachers and we did not sit in one classroom for the entire day. On the bright side, we have a new music teacher that is positive and very musically inclined. In the beginning of the year to the late middle, we did not have PE. We did reading plus and it was a pain in the side. After Kal'el arrived, he adjusted well to his new surroundings and school. Eventually, Mrs. Chrest allowed us to participate in P.E. and Health instead of Reading Plus.

8th Grade

Jr. High basketball ended with a 10-1 record! Abby started track and loves it. Nate, Trevor, and Logan are ready for baseball. Izik and Logan are in speech. Jackson is weightlifting. Sasha is working at the Main Street Café in Columbus. Kase is getting his steer ready for 4-H show. Abby and Kase are ready for calving season.

9th Grade

We are excited that we are able to go to prom! Fernanda and Kayel are enjoying track. Braedyn, J.C., and Toby are enjoying gaming. Skyler is staying busy with actual work! Audrey is in travel basketball. Fernanda and Skyler are doing great in speech. Rocio is learning to play the guitar. Toby built a snow fort. We are ready for summer, baby!

10th Grade

Jonny and Hannah are enjoying track and encourage everyone to join. They hope to break records this year. Alexis is speaking wonderfully at speech meets! Kyra is excited for prom! Hannah is teaching dance lessons to "get your boogie on at prom." Ray said that Tyson's abs are better than Jonny's. Jonny is not jealous or anything! Tyson is moving in with his brother. We are all excited for spring break!

11th Grade

Garett is in track. Good luck! Wry says The Ranger is worn out, and he has to drive Jerry now. Wry is taking donations for getting The Ranger back on the road. He is also opening a shoe cleaning business. Lexi is doing "absolutely nothing." Jaden is "just chillin' and waiting for the snow to melt!

12th Grade

Prairie is almost finished with her vet clinic hours. She is sad that it is almost over and happy to be receiving her certificate! Kenadee is unemployed until summer. Alysun is doing well in speech. Kyle is applying for an internship and we all wish him luck! As of Feb. 28, we have two months and twenty-four days left of school!!!! WE DO NOT HAVE OUR DUCKS IN A ROW! #senioritis, #headache, #tiredofhashtags

Remember The Titans

By Kenadee Merritt

This 2022 basketball season marked the end of the Bowbells and Burke Central co-op, the Burke County Titans. Bowbells and Lignite first joined forces in 2002 and have been together ever since for volleyball and basketball. The Bowbells and Lignite students have formed a great connection through their extra curriculars but are looking forward to new opportunities with different teams. Junior volleyball player Lexi McEvers commented about the end of the co-op, "I have had such an amazing time as a Titan. I have formed connections with the students from Bowbells that I don't think I can find anywhere else. However, at the end of the day, we could no longer make the Titan co-op work because we don't have enough students. I know wherever we all end up, we will do great things as athletes. I will always remember my time as a Burke County Titan."



Spelling Bee



On February 16, Bowbells hosted a spelling bee for twenty-four students among three of the county schools. Kal'el Boyd took first and will travel to state on the 21 of March. The competition was fierce and included words such as reggae, aspartame, and scrawny. We couldn't be prouder of how our students did. Corbin and Tey placed in the top eight. We will be cheering Kal'el on all the way to state!

LifeSmarts

Unfortunately, we were not able to attend LifeSmarts this year due to the passing of our attorney general, Wayne Stenejhem. Our scores did qualify us for state, and we highly encourage more students to join in the years to come!



Some facts about Mr. Stenejhem:

- ❖ He was North Dakota's longest-serving attorney general
- ❖ He was a UND law school alumni!
- ❖ Was awarded the "Champion of the People's Right to Know" award
- ❖ Received the 2005 North Dakota Peace Officer's Association's Lone Eagle Award
- ❖ was inducted into the Scandinavian American Hall of Fame in 2007

Senior Profile



Kenadee Merritt

- **Future Plans**
 - I am going to MSU to major in criminal justice and get a minor in police management and investigation. Maybe I'll work for the FBI, but I'm not sure yet.
- **Favorite Movie**
 - *Without a Paddle* -- I cannot even count how many times I have seen this movie. I wrote a whole paper about it for Composition.
- **Favorite Song**
 - "Sunroof" by Nicky Youre.
- **Favorite Highschool Memory**
 - I have a few. One time Lexi and I were skipping though the gym and Lexi fell flat on her face. The color run we did at the end of last year was also a great memory, and finally winning battle of the classes this year!!
- **What I am going to miss the most about high school**
 - I will miss all of my amazing friends. No one can make me laugh as much as them. I will also miss being able to walk into my mom's classroom whenever I need something, but I am especially going to miss all of my amazing teachers that have helped me get to where I am now.

Questions for the Teachers

Mrs. Rick

What is your favorite snack?

Popcorn

What is your favorite song?

The Luckiest by Ben Folds Five

What influenced you to become a teacher?

My love of math and tutoring students at NDSU

What are some words of advice that you can give to the students?

Be kind and grateful

Mrs. Julie

What is your favorite snack?

Popcorn

What is your favorite song?

Don't Stop Believing by Journey

What influenced you to become a teacher?

The need for a teacher.

What are some words of advice that you can give to the students?

Don't stress over the little things because in 10 years they won't matter.

Mr. Moore

What is your favorite snack?

Spree

What is your favorite song?

Echoes by Pink Floyd

What influenced you to become a teacher?

High school baseball coaches

What are some words of advice that you can give to the students?

Individualism

Mr. Sayler

What is your favorite snack?

Frito Corn Chips

What is your favorite song?

Cats in the Cradle by Harry Chapin

What influenced you to become a teacher?

Wanted to help students anyway possible and be a positive influence.

What are some words of advice that you can give to the students?

Always strive to be the best you can be. Make yourself proud.

Mrs. Megan

What is your favorite snack?

Granola Bar

What is your favorite song?

The Dance by Garth Brooks

What influenced you to become a teacher?

When I started working with kids a few years ago as a para I found that I enjoyed teaching.

What are some words of advice that you can give to the students?

Don't ever stop learning and growing as a person.

Mrs. Nelson

What is your favorite snack?

Chocolate or Snyder's of Hanover Honey Mustard & Onion pretzel pieces

What is your favorite song?

Life is too short to have one favorite!

What influenced you to become a teacher?

Other wonderful teachers, and I loved helping others.

What are some words of advice that you can give to the students?

Have big dreams. Too many people settle for so little.

Should We Get "Nap Time"?

By Prairie Bly

Did you know that most tiredness in human's peaks twice a day, at 2 am and 2 pm? That is why you're less alert after lunch. As we know sleep is critical in production, memory, and efficiency. Have you even been super tired, so you took a nap, and you woke up feeling much more energized? Your answer is more than likely yes. When we were younger, we were allowed naps because it helped us get through the day and not be moody. Now that we are older, this has not changed. We need sleep to function in our daily lives. We wake up early, go to school, some of us even work after school. We don't get home until late. Then we have homework. We are expected to do this every day. Sounds exhausting, doesn't it? Also, the staff should get a nap too. They get up early. If they have kids, they help their kids get ready in the morning. Teachers go to school before everyone else and they stay later than everyone else. They must go home and care for their family, do their grading and lesson planning, and then wake up early the next day and do it all again. It is proven that when you eat food, it can cause you to become sleepy. I say that after lunch every day we should be able to have a nap. It would increase interest, allow us to stay alert, and be more efficient within our afternoon classes.

Meet Mrs. Robin Mullen!



Robin Mullen is a new para here at Burke Central. She is originally from Ohio. Because of work and family, she moved back and forth between North Dakota and Ohio. She loves North Dakota, and she loves the environment and people here at Burke Central. She said she wants to give the students that she teaches a good, positive outlook on life. She wants them to work hard and know that they CAN do the work, even though it can feel difficult. Robin is a fun, caring, and kind person that we enjoy having here at Burke Central School.

Speech



The BC speech team has had quite a successful year so far. We have attended five meets around the region including Stanley, Mohall, Velva, Nedrose, and Williston Trinity Christian. The results for the Williston Trinity Christian meet are as follows:

Alysun Rudland placed first and state qualified in Impromptu Speaking. Rudland and Ogston placed 1st in Serious Duo. Ogston also took 3rd in Humorous. Fernanda Raudales placed 1st in Poetry and 4th in Storytelling. Jonny Kostecky took 2nd in Persuade and 7th in Humorous. Andrew Patzer placed 3rd in Radio. Logan Heinrich earned 6th in Storytelling. Izik May took 7th in Storytelling. The team is set to travel to Washburn on Sat., March 12.

