

Burntwood School Newsletter

DECEMBER, 2009

Special Dates to Remember

December 2	Awards assembly 9:15
December 3	Report card writing no school in the p.m.
December 14	Report cards go home
December 15	Christmas Concert Gr. K-6 7:00 p.m.
December 18	Dismissal for Winter School Break - 2:30 p.m.
January 4	Classes resume



Our Burntwood Winter Concert is being held on Tuesday, Dec 15 for grades K-6 at 7:00 pm in our gymnasium.

Mark this date on your calendar as our students will have been busy, getting ready for a delightful evening. Students who will be performing will need to be at school by 6:30 pm. There will also be an afternoon dress rehearsal starting at 1:15 on Monday, Dec.14 for Gr. K-6. We would ask that if you can attend in the afternoon performance on Monday that you please do so, to avoid the gym becoming over crowded for the Tuesday evening performance.

* Please be aware that there may be a few extra rehearsals with Mr. Frigo in preparation for the Winter Concert. You will receive notices in advance.

SMENCILS

Throughout the month of December, there will be gourmet scented pencils for sale in the office. These would make a great Christmas gift, and come in 10 different scents. They are \$2 each or 2 for \$3. If you would like to purchase some, please drop by the school office anytime!

Please remember that students are expected to stay outside at recess time and during lunchtime. Make sure they have warm clothing for the weather. Just a reminder that there is no supervision on the playground at lunch hour. For the safety of your children, please do not send them to school until 12:50 pm.

Salvation Army Food Drive

Every year at this time Burntwood School assists the Salvation Army with their food drive. Any donations of **NON PERISHABLE** food items are welcomed from Dec.7-11/09.



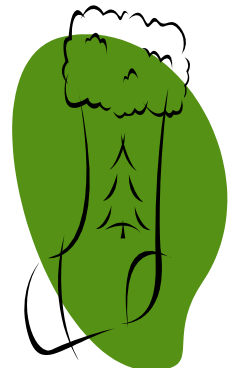
^{December 1}
Burntwood School's parent group will be having a bake sale the night of the concert. They are asking for donations of baked goods from parents to help support their efforts. Any donations may be dropped off at the school during the day on December 14.

Burntwood School's Friends of Rachel group would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all who donated to our



Operation Christmas Child initiative. Our school sent 20 shoe boxes to children around the world.

The staff and students of Burntwood School wish all a Happy Holiday!



Our Weather Station Field Trip
Adventure

By: Jonathan Magistad
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Burntwood School

It was a cold, dark day on October 20th, 2009. The wind was cold, though there wasn't much when we traveled to the flight tower at 9:15 am. It was a crisp autumn morning while the jets were roaring in the background. It was cloudy, the clouds made it dark and gloomy. The rocks were crunching under my feet as we walked to the outdoor technology.

Some of the interesting outdoor technology was the laser, it shot an invisible laser thousands of feet high. It looked very large and heavy. The laser measured the height of the clouds. It pointed high in the sky. It was made out of white metal with small wires around it. Another piece of interesting outdoor technology was the weather balloon. It was large and red, our guide blew it up and it flew up over 2000 feet. We couldn't really see it any more because it went into the clouds. It is used because if the laser isn't working, it acts as the backup to measure the height in the clouds. What they do is blow it up and they put a tiny device inside that calculates how many feet the balloon goes before it pops from the cold when it reaches the clouds. After it hit the clouds and pops, the device falls and the weather people find it to see how far the clouds are. After seeing the outdoor technology we went inside to see the indoor technology. Some of the indoor technology was the computer, which

keeps records of the clouds height each day. Another bit of technology and my favourite was the radar, which shows the planes coming and going and it shows if types of weather are coming too. It is a lot like a computer. It has many symbols.

Part of the personnel is the climatologists, not meteorologists. They get to predict and watch the weather, they get to take care of cool equipment, and last of all they send information to the Weather Network.

**I think it looks really fun because they get to use all the cool equipment and they get to watch T.V. and play cool video games. The workers also have a kitchen, computer and Indiana Jones movies. It would also be great to look at all the meters. The workers get to also talk to the pilots of the planes. I also just love to press buttons. I might consider being one of the tower's board of directors!
hee hee**

I would like to thank my wonderful teacher, Ms. McCartney for organizing and planning such a wonderful day. I would also like to thank Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. House, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. McCartney for chaperoning and driving us on our field trip. It was a great day!