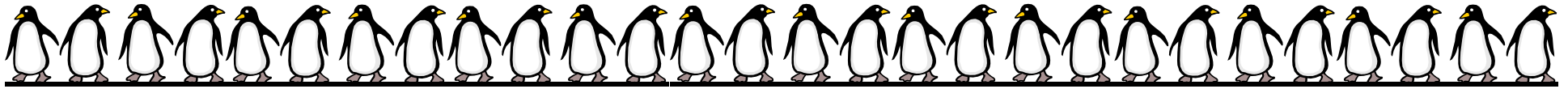


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Calendar of Events

- Wed, Apr 30 **Blood Drive**
- Sun, May 4: **Burns Park Run**
- Tue, May 13: **5th Grade Concert**
- Wed, May 21: **Burns Park Spring Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon**
- Thu, May 22 **Volunteer Appreciation Tea,**
7pm
PTO Meeting, 7:30 pm
free childcare in gym
- Mon, May 26: **No School: Memorial Day**
- Wed, May 28 **Ice Cream Social, 5:30-7:30**
Rain date: Thur, May 29
- Fri, Jun 13: **Last Day of School (1/2 day)**

Burns Park Run

www.burnsparkrun.org

Sunday May 4, 2008, 8:30am

Spread the word! Share the web address with friends and family. Hang flyers (print from webpage under volunteer link)! Every registration is \$\$ for our school! Register online (kids' discount) or by printing a paper form. See you Sunday!

Burns Park Ice Cream Social

Wed, May 28, 5:30-7:30pm (rain date: Thur, May 29)

Moonbounce

Giant Slide

Dunk Tank

Ice Cream & Pizza

Snowcones

Face Painting

Cakewalk

And so much more!!

Come and Enjoy!

Check out the **PTO websites:**

<http://www.burnsparkpto.org>

and Penguin Talk :

<http://www.burnsparkpto.org/confer/>

Burns Park Mission Statement:

All of our children will become confident, secure, caring individuals of a diverse community who are lifelong learners and achieve personal success.

From our Principal

Dear Families,

Spring is finally here! I just returned from visiting our 4th graders at Camp Ohiyesa. Wow, did they ever get lucky with the weather. Three beautifully, warm, sunny days in which to learn about nature, Michigan history and each other; who could ask for more.

Vote May 6th

Don't forget to vote Tuesday, May 6. You are being asked to restore the operating millage and sinking fund. Both millages ask you to continue current millages set to expire in 2009. Detailed information about these millages can be found in this newsletter or on our school website.

Summer School Program

Parents of kindergarteners, second and fifth graders should have received an informational letter about the district's summer school program, the Summer Learning Institute. Teachers, using input from support staff, will soon identify students they feel would most benefit from this program. If you need additional information, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

6 Steps to a Trouble Free Playground

It is very common these days for me to hear great praise from substitute noon hour supervisors that it is a pleasure to supervise our students at recess. They comment often that our students' capacity to be self-directed, friendly and inclusive is remarkable.

Recess is to have fun, make friends and get exercise. That is our motto at Burns Park. In order to help our

students keep active while having fun and playing with friends, we teach them how to play games from the book, *Games Kids Should Play at Recess* by Dr. Hinson. Dr. Hinson used his expertise as a PE educator to create developmentally appropriate variations on many of the popular sport games such as baseball, football, and soccer. These games are played in smaller groups and are designed so that all players are active and, without the help of coaches and referees, can quickly resolve conflicts.

In addition to these more traditional looking games, we teach lots of other games to encourage all kids to be active at recess. Whenever necessary, noon hour staff step into our children's discourse to help them redirect the game so they can go back to having fun, making friends and getting exercise. Our approach is proactive and is intended to stop conflicts before they become hurtful.

We do not allow games that could result in an injury, including games that involve tackling and other physical contact. Our use of flag belts eliminates the need for tackle football or pushing during a friendly game of tag.

Our children are learning as all children this age learn. Please feel free to call me if you have questions about the playground or about any incident or complaint from your child regarding the playground. If I don't know about it, I will investigate and get back to you.

Thanks for your support of our efforts to make recess a fun, friendly, active experience for everyone.

Thanks for All You Do!

The staff and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the time and energy you have spent volunteering at Burns Park this year. On behalf of the students and staff, we thank you! To show our appreciation, we invite you to a **Volunteer Appreciation Tea**. The Tea will be from **7:00 to 7:30 on Thursday, May 22, 2008**, just prior to the last PTO meeting of the year. Burns Park School is a better place to learn because of the extra pair of hands you each so generously provide. Please join use for a little dessert and some warm conversation.

Note Cards

Lots of families enjoyed highlighting their creative talents with the note card fundraiser organized this year by Ellen Janke & Meg Wallace. Thanks, Ellen and Meg, for giving us all an easy way to share our families' creative works!

Lost and Found

Don't forget to check the Lost and Found for those misplaced winter items (hats, mittens, coats). Unclaimed clothing left at school is donated at the end of each month. Thanks, Judy Weir, for keeping the Lost and Found in order and for donating leftover items to the district's PTO Thrift Shop.

... more from our Principal

Pre-school Programs

Ann Arbor Public Schools offer free preschool programs for eligible families. Eligibility factors include low family income and/or identified risk factors as defined by the Michigan Department of Education. Applications are available in the hallway by the school office or by calling the Preschool office at 994-2303.

REMINDERS

- ◆ Please remember that there is a “no credit” policy for lunches. Please make sure all lunch accounts are kept up-to-date.
- ◆ Please let us know if you will not be returning to Burns Park in the fall. Accurate enrollment information will help us with our planning.

Educationally yours,

Kathy Morhous, Principal

Save the Date!

The annual Burns Park Spring Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 21. Break out your cookbooks and your favorite recipes...we need everyone's help to make this special event a success. Look for a flyer and sign up information in your child's backpack mail. Thanks in advance for your help!!

Elizabeth DeRose and Leslie Sapp,
Hospitality Committee Co-chairs

From our PTO Presidents

Hope everyone had a great Spring break!

At the PTO meeting in April we discussed the upcoming millage renewal vote on Tuesday, May 6. This renewal includes the district's operating millage (non-homestead and hold-harmless) and the sinking fund millage; this is simply a continuation of the taxes that you already pay, NOT a tax increase. If the millage proposals do not pass the AAPS will lose over 45% of their funding.

The Burns Park PTO voted unanimously to publicly support the millage renewals. For more information about the millage please go to the Citizens Millage Committee website at www.a2cmc.org or the AAPS web site at www.a2schools.org/2008millages. Remember to vote on May 6!

We are in the process of filling PTO officer and chair positions for next year. We have opportunities of all sizes and shapes and are always looking for new faces. Please contact Helen, Elizabeth or our Volunteer Coordinator, Janice Lieberman at 761-7431 or liebermanjanice@yahoo.com if you are interested in volunteering. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Muffins, Muffins For The Burns Park Run!

Part of the great tradition of the Burns Park Run is to have a brunch, of sorts, after the run. In order to pull this off again this year, we ask that each family bring a dozen muffins to the warming hut the morning of the run, Sunday, May 4. To feed all the runners, walkers, and their friends and family members, we need a LOT of MUFFINS!

If you are unable to drop the muffins off the morning of the run, you may deliver them to Teresa Jong at 1406 Brooklyn Ave ahead of the run. If you have any questions, please call Teresa Jong at 327-0605. No need to RSVP. Thank you!

Dessert Table and Cake Walk Need YOU!!

Please don't forget two of the Ice Cream Socials BIGGEST events, the Cake Walk and the Dessert Table!! Bring your scrumptious desserts, juicy fruit (sliced watermelon and fruit kabobs sell really well!), and incredible cakes, on the day of the event. The earlier the better!!

Wednesday, May 28 , 5:30-7:30pm

Thanks in Advance from your Chairwomen,

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Lisa Markman – Cake Walk -
markmanlisa@hotmail.com

Ice Cream Social News!

Wednesday, May 28, 5:30-7:30pm—Burns Park

The Ice Cream Social is coming soon!! Please make sure to put this family-fun event on your calendar!! What a great time to spend with your children and community! And remember, our community means anyone, so share the news with neighbors, friends and alums!!

You will find pizza order forms coming home mid-May, so we can get our pizzas ordered. Pizza House has again donated ALL the pizzas. Make sure you tell them 'thanks' if you order from them or dine there! Also, Washtenaw Dairy is giving us a great deal on 'pre-scooped' ice cream, so another 'thanks' is always appreciated!

And, what a hard-working and dedicated group of parents volunteering their time to make this event another HUGE success! Please take a look at the list of Chairpeople below. If you see any of them, please show your appreciation by a 'thank-you' or, better yet, please offer to help them out during the event. Most of the activities only require 30 minutes of your time! It's easy and helps out so much!!

Now presenting our 2008 Ice Cream Social Team:

Ice Cream: Agnes Jensen & Kristen Wickstrom
Popcorn: Violet Souweidane
Pizza: Steve Swaney
Hot Dogs: Niki Wardner
Dessert Table: Semra Koknar

Drinks: Joleen Felkey
Cake Walk: Lisa Markman
Moonbounce: Kathy Sample
Dunk Tank: Dawn Korman
Fishing Game: Karen Pender and Jenny Jalet
Duck Pond: Rachel Seel and Katie Chosid
Golf Game: Barry Fuller
Bumblebee Toss: Liz Phillips
Basketball: Loren Jackson and Mary Hampton
Snowcones: Nancy Upchurch (new activity this year & a 4th grade fundraiser!)
Toddler Area: Courtney McCreddie
Face painting: Julie Cohen
Enterainment: Jeff Fessler and Rick Rickman
Prizes: Nancy Vettorello
Bowling: Dave (from Colonial Lanes)
Set-up & clean-up: Linda Joss & Jane Wood
"Thanks again and again to all of you that are helping out!! We could not do this without you!!"
Your Co-Chairs , Jane Wood and Linda Joss

Pioneer Theater Guild Presents Willy Wonka

Featuring from Burns Park:

**Milo Tucker-Meyer (as Charlie),
Leo Alf, Jonathan Thomas & Patrick
Wellman**

A brand new musical based on a most beloved novel and film is cruising down a chocolate river towards Ann Arbor---- and Pioneer Theatre Guild is honored and thrilled to have the opportunity to premiere the pilot of this wonderful show.

Willy Wonka, just adapted by Tim McDonald and Leslie Bricusse for the stage, will be performed by Pioneer High School Theater Guild at **7:30 pm on Sat. April 26 and Fri. May 2 at 7:30 PM.** There will also be matinee performances on **Sun. April 27, Sat. May 3, and Sun. May 4 at 2 PM.**

Based on the iconic novel "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," by Roald Dahl and featuring the music from the beloved 1971 movie by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, this new musical will also introduce several new songs, in addition to the memorable "Candyman," "Pure Imagination," and "Golden Ticket."

All performances will be at Pioneer High School's Schreiber Auditorium.

General admission tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students/seniors/Pioneer faculty. Tickets will be available at MORGAN & YORK (1928 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48104). Tickets also will be sold at the door starting one hour before the show.

Art Room News

Student Artists Honored

Ann Arbor Public Schools Student Art Exhibit

The final exhibit of the year will be held at the Public Library in downtown Ann Arbor from April 18-May 29. Please take the time if you can to see the wonderful artwork made by students from all over the city of Ann Arbor. Artwork is displayed in the lower level, youth section and third floor of the library. The following students' artworks from Burns Park Elementary were selected:

5th grade: Eric Osterwisch, Lucas Arrivo, Casey Jong, Sam Richardson, Charlie Markel, Charlie Korman, Maya Ben-Shahar, Madeline Halpert, KeOnte James, Nathan Ojo, Avital Smotrich-Barr, Edwin Hoffman

4/5th grade: Jack Kozicz, Caroline Phillips, Laura McNeil, Sterling Paris, Sanelma Heinonen Smith, Sydney McGee

4th grade: Kenzie Dalton, Noe Barrell, Akin-Arye Bolden, Ben Greenberg, Zoe Korman, Holden Mass, Dan Metzler, Jack Wood, Ian Schwenke, Tommy Burke, Lauren Goldberg, Darby Hakken, Sara Jackson, Odia Sylla, Dylan Stephens

3rd grade: Jadedea Griffith, Court Middleton, Patrick Wellman, Neerja Garikipati, Ella Ruderman, Anne Noffke

2nd grade: Nathan Sadlier, Clyde MacLatchy, Allie Freshley, Sophia Gibson

1st grade: Natalia Paley-Whitman, Gabe Tesar, Carl Innes, Max Reimann

Kindergarten: Raito Inamani, Shelly Zhang, Nina Van der Velde, Oliver Wang

Clay Houses Honored at Architectural Conference

Former Burns Park parent and local architect, Seth Penchansky, selected the following students' clay houses for special recognition and display at an architectural conference the weekend of April 19-20:

Naseeb Souweidane, Lucy Fuller, Patrick Wagoner, Jack Kozicz, Alec Vereen, Oren Levin, Chase Pender, Avital Smotrich-Barr, Katherine Wardner, Sarah McCurrach, Charlie Markel, Nathan Ojo, John Govern, Sydney McGee, Danielle Sacerdoti, Rose Lewis.

Doodle4Google Contest Results

At our school-wide voting on the top 25 designs by fourth and fifth graders, the following six had the most votes and will be sent on to the State Finals:

“Let It Snow” by Katherine Wardner

“If Animals Could Party” by Naseeb Souweidane

“Peace On Earth” by Seetha Davis

“What’s A Circle?” by Casey Jong

“What If Pigs Could Fly” by Maya Ben-Shahar

“Recording and Saving Our Dreams” by Kenzie Dalton

The next four are honorably mentioned here:

“Google On White” by Michael Felkey

“What If Dragons Wore Sneakers?” by Anastasia Gibson

“What If Our Troops Could Come Home?” by Charlie Korman

“Baseball Google” by Patrick Wagoner

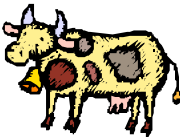
What incredible designs were submitted by students for the contest! I am very impressed with the creativity of all the students who entered. The top six and honorable mention entries are displayed in the showcase across from the teachers' lounge.

Burns Park Run T-Shirt Design Selected

Finally, I would like to announce that Avital Smotrich-Barr's design for the Burns Park Run t-shirt was selected by the Run Committee.

!!!!CONGRATULATIONS to ALL!!!!

Kate Higgins



Students Read for More Than 300,000 Minutes during March!



Congratulations to our Burns Park students, parents and staff. During the three and a half weeks between March 5 and March 31 our students read (or parents read to them) for more than 5,000 hours. That is more than three and a half hours per week per student! I am so proud of all of our students.

\$1370 Raised for Heifer International

Our students "Read to Fee" families around the world through a philanthropic organization called "Heifer International." Thank you to the Burns Park PTO, Morgan & York, Stadium Market, Kanji & Katzen, PLLC and other generous students and families for helping us to raise this money. With this money, our school purchased two flocks of chicks, two hives of honeybees, two llamas, three flocks of ducks and geese, nine rabbits, two goats, a pig, a sheep and a water buffalo through Heifer International to help families around the world. We truly did Read to Feed!

March is Reading Month Activities

Our kickoff assembly on March 6, with a lively game show and engaging film about Heifer International was a big success. Throughout the month, I saw guest readers in many classrooms and extra buddy reading between classrooms. We had some special guests at Burns Park, including Superintendent Dr. Todd Roberts, Mayor John Hieftje, AAEA Union President Linda Carter and Vice President Allan Loeb. On March 14, Detroit storyteller, Ivory D. Williams, enchanted students with stories about Africa and being good listeners. Kindergarten, first and second grade students enjoyed a musical performance

focused on animals and reading by Two of a Kind on March 18. Our annual Read-a-thon was held on March 28. Many students showed up at school carrying pillows, sleeping bags or stuffed animals, and some even brought tents. In an effort to collaborate with the Burns Park Multicultural Committee, our focus this year was on African culture and stories. The last activity in celebration of March is Reading Month was our special reward assembly featuring our special Burns Park teacher jump rope team.

Thank You, Volunteers

Thanks to the Friends of the Library and the March is Reading Month committee, particularly the chairperson, Elizabeth DeRose. Special thanks also to Ruth Slavin, Janice Lieberman, Julie Cohen, Krista Schulte, Kelly Fennell, Kathy Cramer, Steve Brown, Deb Fisch and all of the volunteers for the Read-a-thon. Thanks also to the morning readers of our trivia questions. We also appreciate all of our teachers for their support and the parents who helped their students with the March is Reading Month projects at home and/or read to them at school.

March is Reading Month Photo Exhibit

There is a bulletin board full of photos from the month's celebration. Next time you are in school, please stop by the library media center and take a look. It always brings a smile to my face to see our students enjoying reading so much.

-- Rachel Erdstein

Michigan Author to Visit Burns Park!

As part of the Ann Arbor Book Festival Authors and Illustrators in School program, we are pleased to welcome Ann Purmell to Burns Park on May 14. Ann was born in Ann Arbor, attended Burns Park for sixth grade, and graduated from Pioneer High School. She currently lives in Jackson but is looking forward to coming back to visit her old school. Her first book was published in 2000. She says, "My favorite part of being an author is being invited to talk to students about the craft of writing and my books."

Ann's presentations will focus on the writing process and creativity and imagination. She will meet with first grade students in the morning and second grade students in the afternoon.

Book Order forms will go home with first and second grade students. If other students in the school are interested in ordering autographed copies of Ann's books, please stop by the Library Media Center or email me at erdstein@aaps.k12.mi.us. All books will be sold at a discount to our families through Nicola's Books. Available books are Christmas Tree Farm, Apple Cider-Making Days, Maple Syrup Season, and Where Wild Babies Sleep.

To learn more about Ann Purmell, visit her website: <http://www.annpurmell.com/>

- Rachel Erdstein

Celebration of Innovation and Excellence

Introducing the First Annual Celebration of Innovation and Excellence. A night that will amaze, surprise and open your eyes to the remarkably bright future of our community. Innovation Stations created by students, faculty, and staff of Ann Arbor Public Schools will highlight some of the exceptional initiatives and possibilities that are occurring within our schools. Join us in celebrating the First Award for Innovation and Excellence being awarded to Bob Galardi.

VIP Pre Party

Saturday May 3, 2008 5pm - 7pm

As part of the evening, you are cordially invited to the VIP event at the home of Christy Perros and Tom Dewhirst from 5pm-7pm. Join us for an intimate get-together, allowing you to meet Todd Roberts, AAPS Superintendent and others who contribute to excellence found in our public schools. Beer, wine and appetizers will be served courtesy of Mediterraneo, Carlyle Bar & Grill and LaPiazza.

Cost for the VIP Pre Party is \$100 per person. Purchase tickets online now!

Note: limited tickets are available.

Celebration of Innovation and Excellence Saturday May 3, 2008

This very special evening will include a tour of Skyline High School, Innovation Stations, and special presentations. Beverages and a light meal will be provided by Chartwells Catering. All attendees will be entered to win a new laptop, courtesy of Apple Computer.

7-8pm Tours of Skyline High School

7-8:30pm Innovation Stations are open

8:30 - 8:45pm Program and Award Presentation*

8:45 - 10pm Innovation Stations re-open and celebrate!

*Bob Galardi, recently retired Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services, will be awarded the first Award for Innovation and Excellence by The Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation. Bob has been an exceptional part of the Ann Arbor Public Schools; as an English and Social Studies teacher at Clague Middle School, President of the Teachers Union, Dean of Community High School and Principal of Pioneer High School.

Ticket Prices

Cost for the Celebration of Innovation and Excellence is \$50 per person (\$60 at the door) or \$150 includes "VIP Party" & Main Event Purchase tickets online now!

Note that all proceeds from this event go to support the mission of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation

If you are interested in volunteering to be part of this event, please contact Wendy Correll at 734 994-1969 or email to wcorrell@aapsef.org

100% of every gift stays in Ann Arbor. Every gift makes a difference.

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Dance Your Way Through History

Burns Park School would like to give a big and warm thanks to the Ann Arbor District Library and their outreach program, co-ordinated by Mr. Ira Lax, for sending Mr. Glen Morningstar, contra dance caller, to run a three week residency entitled "Dance Your Way Through History". This three-part sequence taught our 3rd, 4th & 5th graders dances from the 1700's, 1800's, and 1900's while discussing Michigan history and innovations that influenced and changed dances through the centuries. We were lucky to have this residency last year for the 4th and 5th graders, and this year Mr. Lax granted us a second year with Mr. Morningstar and a unique opportunity: Mr. Morningstar worked for the first time with 3rd graders. Ms. Stevenson and I had petitioned for this, as the 3rd graders had been so eager and capable when we danced a Virginia Reel to "Turkey in the Straw" at Thanksgiving time. The 3rd graders did not fail our expectations, doing an absolutely outstanding job with Mr. Morningstar!

Please thank the Ann Arbor District Library, Mr. Lax, and Mr. Morningstar if you are so inclined. This program came to us free of charge and includes a follow-up visit to the downtown library. Unfortunately since we've had the program for the maximum of two years, we are not eligible for a third year. Ms. Stevenson and I are searching for opportunities to make Mr. Morningstar's residency possible again next year, and, hopefully, every year thereafter. It has been a joy and treat to have had this program at Burns Park Elementary.

Ms. Page & Ms. Stevenson

Music Notes

So we've completed our 4th grade show and now our 3rd grade show on April 2 and our 1st & 2nd grade shows will have taken place on April 22 Thank you to all the parents and community members who helped make these shows possible---quite a long list! A special thanks to Steve Norton for service beyond the pale to help with all of the technology issues related to the 3rd grade show. I am always in need of technology assistance: transferring mini DV tapes to DVD, putting new photos onto BP Music website, doing details like changing a tempo or length of a song that is too long. Please let me know if you're skilled in this area and available to help. I'm chronically short and I'll keep a list of volunteers to tap for current and future projects.

Burns Park School would like to thank Dr. Carol Richardson and her Ghana Bronyis ensemble for pairing with us on the 3rd grade concert. We enjoyed their slide show of their home-stay visit to Ghana and hearing Ghanaian music on very cool instruments. It was a fun addition to our concert. Thanks! And a thank you to parents who supported their "Ghana Project". We covered the tuition for 16 years of schooling for Ghanaian girls!

Our last show is Original Compositions 2008 on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m., pieces composed and performed by Mrs. Pryce's, Ms. Kreger's and Mr. Cramer's classes. Any and all students are welcome to attend. It is quite wonderful what the students create! Parents in these classes, please be sure your child attends. Their group has created their composition around all of their members. Thank you, everyone, for a good year!

Cynthia Page-Bogen, Vocal Music Teacher

Dear Burns Park Third Graders and Parents,

Thank you for your incredible generosity! Your contributions will greatly impact the lives of several young Ghanaians, as well as their families and the community. This project has not only changed the lives of those with whom we interacted in Ghana, but it has also granted us a new global perspective to share with our peers. We hope you will do the same.

Gratefully,

The Ghana Bronyi Ensemble

The logo for Anne Gilbert features the name "Anne" in a purple serif font above "Gilbert" in a larger purple serif font. To the left of "Gilbert" are three horizontal green wavy lines.

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Thanks a Million!

Many, many thanks to:

- ◆ The fourth grade teachers and parent volunteers who planned for and attended fourth grade camp.
- ◆ All the room parents as well as art, music and library volunteers who have been in the classroom and school throughout the year assisting our wonderful teachers!

Helen Starman, PTO President

Elizabeth DeRose, PTO President-elect

Burns Park Press Submissions

This newsletter is published monthly by the Burns Park PTO. Contributions from teachers, staff, parents, and students are welcomed. Articles can be sent via email (preferred) or placed in the BP Press box in the office. Articles for the June 2008 issue are due no later than **Friday, May 16**. Late submissions may not be included. Any questions, comments or suggestions about the Press are welcome!

Anne Gilbert, 657-7121 or AGilbert@Surovell.com

Burns Park Press Advertising

Display Ads: We welcome ads for companies and services of interest to our Burns Park community. 1/8 page ads are \$35/ issue or 3 months for \$100. 1/4 pages ads are \$70/issue or 3 months for \$200.

Classifieds: Classifieds are to be used by the families of the Burns Park area to sell/buy personal items and/or services. Classifieds rates are \$.20/word.

Electronic Submission, please! Submit your ad to Anne Gilbert, BP Press Editor, agilbert@surovell.com.

Payment: Please place your check (made out to Burns Park PTO) in an envelope labeled "BP Press Ads, attn: Treasurer" in the PTO box in the school office. (They may also be mailed to the school at 1414 Wells, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.) Both the electronic ad copy and payment must be received by the published deadline for the issue in which the ad is placed.

Questions? Contact Anne at 657-7121 or AGilbert@Surovell.com.

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In Memoriam: Karen Thomas

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of Burns Park 4th grader, Jonathan Thomas, and his father, Andy Thomas, on the loss of their beloved mother and wife, Karen Thomas. Karen passed away April 1 after a valiant 15-year battle with breast cancer. Karen was a very successful writer who worked at the University of Michigan for 22 years in both the Law School and the U of M Hospitals. A voracious reader, Karen owned a collection of thousands of vintage children's books, and she was passionate about collecting other antiques as well. A loving wife and mother, Karen will be greatly missed in our community.

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