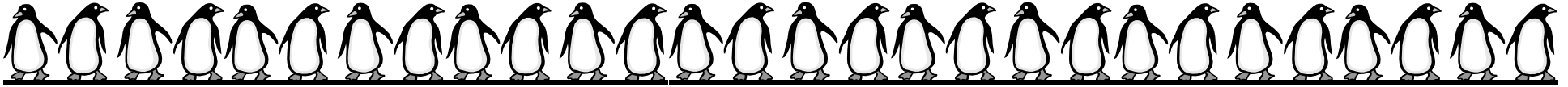


# Burns Park Press



## May 2007 - Calendar of Events

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| <b>Mark your calendars:</b><br>June 15: Last Day of School (half day) |   | 1  | 2 Concerts: 7pm:<br>Dworkin, Everett, Kim,<br>7:40 pm, Kreger,<br>Spiegel, Wall | 3   | 4 Red Cross Blood<br>Drive, 2-8 pm  | 5 Science<br>Olympiad |
| 6 Burns Park<br>Run: Bring<br>Muffins!                                | 7 Instrumental<br>Music Concert,<br>7pm | 8  | 9   | 10  | 11 5th Grade visit to<br>Tappan MS  | 12                    |
| 13  | 14                                      | 15 7pm 5th grade<br>original<br>compositions | 16 Spring Staff<br>Appreciation Luncheon  | 17 7pm, Volunteer<br>Appreciation Tea,<br>PTO meeting (free<br>childcare) | 18 Burns Park Press<br>Articles Due | 19                    |
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**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.

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## From our Principal

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Dear Burns Park Families,

As the warm weather arrives and the school year comes to a close, 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. On behalf of the students and staff, thank you!

To show our appreciation, we invite you to a **Volunteer Appreciation Tea**. The Tea will be from **7:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17**, 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 us for a little dessert and some warm conversation.

### Class Placements

Although most parents feel comfortable leaving the class placement of their children up to the judgment of the Burns Park staff, if you want to share some specific information about your child, please be aware that your input is due by Friday, April 27th.

Teachers will develop class lists that are balanced by ethnicity, gender, achievement and special needs. While your requests are always considered as part of the process, it is important to reiterate that requests for specific teachers cannot be guaranteed. If you have a special concern you would like us

to take into consideration, please write a letter addressed to me that includes your name, your child's name, your child's current teacher and grade, and the special concern you would like us to consider in our placement of your child.

Staffing is still tentative. We know that Marie Wall (4th grade) will be retiring, so there may be some shifting of staff and a new teacher in our building next year. The district is also offering a buy-out for our most senior teachers and we do not know who will retire as a result. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that I will know the affect these changes will have on our staffing and grade assignments until very late in the school year.

### Summer Learning Institute Returns!

This year's Elementary Summer Learning Institute will serve current second grade students. The program will run from Monday, July 2- Friday, July 27 at Logan Elementary School. There will be no school on July 4.

In order to attend, students must be referred by their classroom teacher. Students who have not yet reached grade level reading targets or have not yet reached a secure target on selected second grade math outcomes, are eligible. Teachers and principals are just now receiving applications for the program. If your child has been referred

and you have further questions, please contact your child's teacher. With further questions, feel free to contact this year's Principal, Michele Madden, at 994-1686 or [madden@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:madden@aaps.k12.mi.us).

### Burns Park Run

Kudos to the students, staff and families of Burns Park who will once again make the Burns Park Run a success. A big thank you goes to Jackie and Joel Dalton and Jill Hunsberger for chairing the event and to the many volunteers that are helping along the way. It is a big challenge to coordinate all the elements that go into making this event a success, and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

The PTO-sponsored noon hour Walk and Talk Club has also been a great success. We'd like to thank Marci Ammerman and the many volunteers who coached these children to get them ready for the Run. The Walk and Talk Club is instrumental in encouraging our students to lead active, healthy lives. They very proudly wear their T-shirts the day of the Run and for many days after.

Lastly, thanks go to the many adults that will participate in the Run. You serve as wonderful role models for an active, healthy life style.

### Special Interest Fair

Once again the Special Interest Fair had a great turn out. Students really enjoy exploring their special interests and sharing their expertise with all of the families of Burns Park. A special thanks goes to Agnes Jensen and her committee of volunteers for once again organizing this event.

### School Improvement Team (SIT) Members Wanted

The School Improvement Team (SIT) is looking for a few good parents to replace retiring members for the 2007-2008 school year. No experience necessary! This is a great opportunity for you to help make a difference.

The School Improvement Team is made up of teachers, staff, parents and the principal working together to improve student achievement. The team meets bi-monthly (meetings usually last an hour and a half) to work on key issues that impact our students' ability to succeed and be challenged academically. We encourage members to serve on the team for two years. Please call me at 994-1919, or drop a note in my mailbox or the SIT's mailbox to express your interest.

## From our Principal - cont'd

### Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7-11 is National Teacher Appreciation Week—a time set aside for us to honor and celebrate the professional educators at Burns Park who give so generously to all our children. Please take a moment to thank your children's teachers for all they do for the Burns Park community. A note or picture is always appreciated. Bus drivers, food service, noon hour supervisors, secretaries, teachers, child care providers, crossing guards, support staff, teacher assistants and custodians all enjoy positive feedback. Thanks for remembering them during that week.

### Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing! Don't forget to check the Lost and Found for those misplaced winter hats, mittens and 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.

### Preschool Programs

Ann Arbor Public Schools offers 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 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.
- ◆ Remember that your child will not be allowed to enter 6th grade unless all vaccines are up to date (Public Act 89 of 2000 and Public Act 368 of 1978).
- ◆ 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.

There are many fun and exciting events and activities coming up — musicals, 4th Grade Camp, Field Day, and lots of class fieldtrips — but we expect teaching and learning to continue until the last day of school. We are proud of our students' progress and are committed to make these last weeks of school meaningful and memorable.

Please watch for any special notes that may come from your child's teacher in the days ahead.

Educationally Yours,  
*Kathy*

## From our PTO Presidents

Hope everyone had a great Spring break, despite the weather around here!

At the PTO meeting in April, we discussed PTO programming for the 2007-08 school year. We made some minor changes to the structure of our Executive Board, including adding the Volunteer Coordinator to the Board. We also transferred the responsibilities of the Vice President to the President Elect, and eliminated the position of Vice President.

We are in the process of filling the PTO Officer and Chair positions for next year. We have opportunities of all shapes and sizes, and are always looking for new faces. So be sure to talk to Kelly, Helen, or Janice Lieberman, our Volunteer Coordinator if you'd like to get involved next year. We need you!

There was also some thought provoking conversation about school funding and foundations, topics which may be revisited at the May meeting. Stay tuned!

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## Field Days Coming Soon!

For those of you new to our school, Burns Park field days are different from most other field days. Our students “run” our field days. The third and fourth graders will be running the games for the lower elementary field day (K-2), the afternoon of **Wed., May 30** from 2:15-3:15. The following afternoon, **Thurs., May 31**, they will “run” different games for the upper elementary grades (3-4) from 2:15-3:15. (They do split shifts for their own field day, so that they can also participate.)

The students are in charge of organizing the games and seeing that the participants know how to play the games, play safely, and have a good time. However, we do need parent volunteers to help supervise our students. That's all you need to do – help supervise.

Each of the third and fourth grade classes will be in charge of several games, so it is difficult for the classroom teacher to be in several places at the same time. That is why we need your help. If you can volunteer for one, both, or part of either afternoon, please contact Ellen Rambo (741-9640 or ellen@diamondbullet.com) or myself, Judy Stevenson (994-1919 or stevenso@aaps.k12.mi.us).

## Students Read for More Than 326,000 Minutes!

Congratulations to our Burns Park students, parents and staff. During the three and a half weeks between March 7 and March 30, our students read (or parents and teachers read to them) for more than 5,400 hours. If each minute equaled a mile, that would be more than 45 times around the planet. Truly we Raced Around the World with Reading! I am so proud of all of our students.

Our kickoff assembly on March 7, with local storyteller Yvonne Healy was a big success. It was fun to see everyone dressed in yellow, blue, red, and green on team color day. 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 and AAEA Union President Linda Carter. The last activity in celebration of March is Reading Month was our annual Read-a-thon on March 30. Many students showed up at school carrying pillows, sleeping bags or stuffed animals, and some even brought tents. Everyone snuggled down and listened to and/or read for the entire afternoon.

A big thank you to the Friends of the Library and all the volunteers who made this March is Reading Month possible. Special thanks to the parents of fifth graders who will be graduating from Burns Park this year: Sherry Moravy-Penchansky, Jimena Loveluck, Carolynn Hayman, and Margie Morris. We will miss you. Thanks to all of the volunteers for the read-a-thon. We also thank 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. Thanks also goes to Party Central for donating all of the red/rojo balloons that decorated the library the week before Spring Break.

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*

## Art Room News

AAPS Annual Spring Student Art Exhibit

April 17-May 30

Main Public Library,

343 S. 5th Ave

Lower Level, Children's Literature Department on the First Floor, and 3rd Floor

The following students have their artwork displayed:

**Kindergarten:** Allison Diebolt, Celeste Yahr, Wil Ayers, Nicholas Thompson, Jacob Zell, Callie Hastie, Jacalyn Wasserman, Manasa Tirupathi, Andrew Tesmer, Ari Basch, Bliss Han, Natalia Paley Whitman.

**1st grade:** Lucas Bumgarner, Timothy Markel, Emily MacInnis, Leahley Alawi, Natalie Viguucci, John Wallace.

**2nd grade:** Madeline DeRose, Alison Schulte, Oceana Bailey, Caroline Taub, Vinicius Barbosa, Mitchell Sapp, Alex Janowicz, Rawabi Al Harabi, Lydia Hill.

**2/3:** Felix Watson, Gracie Davis, Jessica Cardenas, Elise Blaauw, Maddie Schoeni, John Metz, Julia Hines, Ellie Korman, Anne Boyd.

**3rd grade:** Nana Akuoko, Nicolas Figueroa, Nathan Silverman, Dani Smotrich-Barr.

**3/4:** Rose Lewis, Matt Scotten, Derrick Asher, Senelma Heinonen Smith, Dan Metzler, Juliette Killough, Mason DeVarti, Hannah Chosid, Jesse Krislov, Darby Hakken, Sharionna Royster, Danielle Sacerdoti, Madeline Halpert

**4th grade:** Charles Markel, Sara de la Cerda-Harlow, Seetha Davis, Aidan Connolly.

**5th grade:** Erica Lupian, Charlotte Rivard, Danny Hochster, Nan Hu, Sophie Morris, Cole Winston, Leah Surratt, Emma Jane Rickman,

### Field Trip to Kelsey Museum

Ms. Dworkin and Ms. Kreger's classes will be going on a field trip to the Kelsey Museum of Archeology to observe and study how curators put together exhibits about ancient cultures. Both classes are studying the ancient Mayan culture and will be putting together an exhibit for the whole school community to attend at the end of the school year.

*Kate Higgins*

## Upcoming Concerts!

Here's a reminder of our upcoming concerts for the remainder of the 2006-2007 season:

**Wed, May 2, 7 p.m. : Mrs. Kim, Ms. Everett & Ms. Dworkin's** classes sing "Songs from South of the Border"

The "South of the Border" classes should line up outside of the music classroom between 6:50 & 6:55. Parents go to the auditorium to get seated.

**Wed, May 2, 7:40 p.m.: Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Spiegel & Ms. Kreger's** classes play their recorder songs and sing "The Beatles"

Students for the Beatles concert should not arrive until 7:30. Please enter the building quietly so that the 3rd grade concert is not disrupted! Thank you. Again, these classes may line up outside of the music room. Please be sure no student from these classes is blowing into their recorder! Thank you.

**Tues, May 15, 7 p.m.: 5th Grade Original Compositions**

For the 5th grade show, ALL STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO THE AUDITORIUM by 6:55. 5th grade students are seated as part of our audience due to the unique nature of this concert. Please be sure your child attends this concert.

As always, all parents and students are welcome at any show---these will be enjoyable!

Thank you and thanks to all the help to make these shows possible. The May 2nd show will be accompanied by a great parent band (very fun and exciting to all), and the 5th grade compositions are amazingly creative and cool, so please come to any and all shows, even if your child isn't involved!

*Cynthia Page-Bogen*

## Dance Your Way Through American History

Our school was so very fortunate to be included in a community outreach project sponsored by the Ann Arbor District Library (AADL) Songsters. This program brought to our school Mr. Glen Morningstar on three successive Thursdays in March to teach Michigan dances from the 1700's, then 1800's and then 1900's to all of the 4th & 5th graders. Mr. Morningstar is the caller for contra dances at Lovett Hall in Greenfield Village and a very experienced and knowledgeable caller. We were delighted to have been one of the schools chosen to participate in this activity, offered to us by Mr. Ira Lax, community outreach director at the AADL.

It was impressive to watch the students perform not only simple movements like 'forward and back' but complex figures like 'dip & dive' and 'grand right & left'. Mr. Morningstar is so skilled at explaining contra dance figures to large groups of people of any age level. It was very interesting to watch his process and see his success with the students. They enjoyed it immensely, and all of us were sorry to have it come to an end! We are indebted to both of these gentlemen for their wonderful addition to our school's curriculum.

The "Dance Your Way Through American History" project was made possible, because Ms. Stevenson and I combined our PE and music 4th grade class times on Thursday a.m. It was a pleasure for PE & Music to join forces in this activity which involved both movement and music. The 5th graders we added on during both of our lunch hours.

Please know that if students are interested in continuing to dance, there are local contra dances especially for families every 3rd Sunday at the Pittsfield Grange on Ann Arbor-Saline Road from 2 - 4 p.m. The remaining two family dances are Sundays, April 15th and May 20th from 2 - 4 p.m. Further information can be found on the website for the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Dance, [aactmad.org](http://aactmad.org).

Keep dancing, students, and get your parents out there, too, now that you know how fun it is!

*Ms. Stevenson & Ms. Page*

## Car Seat Safety

Make sure your child is seated, safe, and secure in your vehicle. Learn how to properly install your child's safety seat or booster seat in your vehicle and receive a free inspection on **Wednesday, May 16**, 10 am until 3 pm at Ann Arbor AAA Branch Office, 1200 S. Main Street (across from the Michigan Stadium), or to schedule a free appointment, please call: 1-800-646-4222.

Debita K. Graham

## Helping Our Children Overcome Adversity

Danny Heumann will discuss how to help kids triumph over challenges and teach them to accept others who look or act differently. He'll help us all learn to positively shape their attitude about life while building their resilience.

Danny has much experience with adversity having been paralyzed in a car accident over 20 years ago. He also suffered from several learning disabilities as a child. He works hard every day to overcome all of this and has a fulfilling life as a lobbyist, motivational speaker, avid tennis player, husband and father.

The event will be held on May 8 at 7pm at a School District Admin. Building at 1819 S. Wagner Rd. The cost is \$15 for one and \$25 for two people. Call Lisa at Gretchen's House at 761.2576 to register. Danny's web site is [www.heumannlycapable.com](http://www.heumannlycapable.com)

## muffins! muffins! muffins!

We need muffins for the BP run on Sunday May 6. If each family can bring a dozen muffins to the warming hut the morning of the run, it will help us feed all the hungry runners after the race! Any questions can be directed to Teresa Jong at 327-0605.

## Spring Staff Appreciation Luncheon

As the school year draws to a close, it's time to celebrate and thank our wonderful teachers and staff at the annual spring luncheon on **Wednesday, May 16.**

To make this event a success, we ask for your help. Parent volunteers are needed to provide main dishes, side dishes, salads, and desserts.

Please look for a volunteer form in your child's backpack mail in the next few days. You can either return the form to school with your child or send an e-mail or phone response to Kim Mass at 213-5255 or [nkhmass@selectivityinc.com](mailto:nkhmass@selectivityinc.com)

Thank you!

Kim Mass and Patricia Silverman  
PTO Hospitality Committee

## Hello Burns Park Runners!

Spring has sprung! And it is time to get ready for the 29th running of the Burns Park Run! Mark the date... **SUNDAY, MAY 6!**

Although we received great feedback about the music and fun at last year's run, we've made even more enhancements this year. For example, to make everything easier, we have our own website where you'll find everything you need to know, including a link to registration:: [www.burnsparkrun.org](http://www.burnsparkrun.org). Check it out and please send us suggestions! You can also look for yourself in the photos from last year, hosted by shutterfly.com , and order some if you like (you might even get them FREE if you are new to Shutterfly.)

### What else is new?

1. You can now choose a nonprofit from list of at least twenty (so far). Run, raise money, and recruit your friends to help! More details at [www.burnsparkrun.org](http://www.burnsparkrun.org)
2. Improved prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place by age group and grades.
3. Both child AND adult-size shirts will have the winning 5th grade art design - shirts are Royal Blue this year.
4. Free raffle prizes offered by several generous local businesses - for kids and adults.
5. Special prizes for top charity fundraiser runners by race day.

### What's the same?

1. 5K Run, 10K Run, 5K Walk, Fun Run (~1/2 mile)
2. Great for serious runners as well as families and kids.
3. 8:30am 5K start, 8:40am 10K start.
4. Optional wicking shirts for adults (\$15). Cotton for kids (\$10)

5. Food, friends, Caribou coffee, Zingerman's bagels, music...

### How can you help? In SO many EASY ways...

1. Visit [www.burnsparkrun.org](http://www.burnsparkrun.org). Check out the non-profit links on the fundraising page and charity choices BEFORE hitting Register!
2. Most importantly, REGISTER YOURSELF and BRING A FRIEND... or a bunch of them! New runners and kids are especially desired!
3. Be sure to choose a non-profit during registration (you don't have to donate to be a fundraiser), even if you are not sure about fundraising. If you later choose not to participate, no harm done. (details will come to you via your email address - so give the right one!)
4. Help us advertise! Forward our web link, or put it in your email closing. If you are willing, download our flyer, print it, and hang it in a couple of good spots at your place of work. Get the flyer here: [http://burnsparkrun.org/Documents/BPR\\_FLYER\\_2007\\_Color.pdf](http://burnsparkrun.org/Documents/BPR_FLYER_2007_Color.pdf)
5. Volunteer - or bring some baked goods - let us know if you are going to do this, though. Check out the volunteer page at [www.burnsparkrun.org](http://www.burnsparkrun.org) and email us if you are interested.
6. Can you play the national anthem on electric guitar - or anything else? Willing to take photos for us? Email us.

Any questions or suggestions about improving the run? Email [a2burnsparkrun@gmail.com](mailto:a2burnsparkrun@gmail.com). **Sign up TODAY!**  
Very sincerely,

The 2007 Burns Park Run Volunteers

## Ice-Cream Social – Here's the Scoop!!

The Burns Park Ice Cream Social will be held on Wednesday, **May 30 from 5:30–7:30 pm**. We'll have lots of old favorites, including face painting, moon bounces, giant slide, dunk tank, fishing game, cake walk and more – and a couple new surprises! As always, there will be lots of wonderful food including delicious desserts and the ice-cream bar. Entertainment will be provided by the wonderful Tappan jazz band.

Please look for ticket and pizza order information later in the month.

As always, we need a huge number of volunteers to staff the many wonderful games and food tables. Please consider volunteering for a half-hour shift (or more!). Contact Lynda Norton (lnorton@okno.com; 761-1478) or Nancy Vettorello (vettorel@umich.edu; 668-0619) to volunteer. We'll also need desserts and treats for the cake walk – watch for specific information on those items in the weeks to come. Hope you to see you all there!!

## The Dessert Table wants YOU ...

...to bake (or buy) a dessert to sell at the Ice Cream Social. Just bring cupcakes, cookies, brownies, watermelon or whatever (but easy to distribute) to the Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, May 30.

Semra Koknar

## The Burns Park Kids Care Club Has Wrapped Up For The Year

April was the last meeting of the Burns Park Kids Care Club for this school year. There will be no meetings in May or June.

The Kids Care Club members accomplished some terrific things this year: they organized the Halloween Costume Drive and the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign (raising \$1200 for UNICEF); they made fleece crowns and craft kits for children at Mott Hospital; they learned about the ongoing efforts to rebuild New Orleans and ran a drive to collect items for that cause; they learned about service dogs and made kits for Paws With A Cause dogs; they learned about wild animals native to Michigan and ran a drive to collect items for the Howell Nature Center, which rehabilitates injured animals, and; they learned about ways to conserve energy at home and at school.

We would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who helped at each meeting (Kelly Bumgarner, Carolyn Hayman, Jeannette Jackson, Kate Jones Share, Ruth Slavin, Dan Timmer) as well as those of you who helped organize specific meetings (Lisa Abrams, Emily Hastie, Sandy Kreger). Also, many thanks to those of you who are too numerous to list, but who provided much-needed supplies for our projects. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Finally, we would like to thank the wonderful Kids Care Club members who donated their time and effort each month to helping people, animals and the environment. You are awesome, and we are very proud of you! (Remember that your community service efforts don't have to stop just because the club is over for the year. You and your friends can continue to support programs like Mott Hospital, UNICEF, the Howell Nature Center and others by signing up for the Burns Park Run as a non-profit fundraiser, and/or you can help clean up the school playground on Sunday, April 22 and/or you can participate in the great program that Seetha Davis has organized. See other areas of the BP Press for details about these activities, and thanks in advance for any contribution you make to these worthwhile causes!).

Joel Dalton/Julie Lawson Timmer

## Project Linus at Burns Park

*Project Linus* is a non-profit organization that gives handmade blankets to kids who are sick in the hospital or have had unfortunate things happen to them. I want to coordinate a project at Burns Park where students would decorate fabric squares that would then be assembled into quilts that would be donated to *Project Linus*.

I have put together individual fabric squares for students to decorate and have left them in the office at Burns Park School.

If you or any member of your family would like to participate in this project, follow the instructions below:

1. Take a fabric square from the box in the Burns Park office.
2. Decorate the square(s) within the penciled outline.
3. Use only fabric markers to decorate your square(s).
4. Drop off finished squares in the box marked "Completed Project Linus Squares" in the office.

Once I collect enough decorated squares, I will assemble them (with my Mom's help) into a quilt. I will leave pictures of the completed quilts in the office for students to view.

If you have any questions about participating please e-mail Seetha Davis at [halasyal@trinity-health.org](mailto:halasyal@trinity-health.org). If you want to find out more about *Project Linus*, the website is: [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org).

Seetha Davis  
Fourth grade, Mrs. Wall

## Thanks a Million

Many thanks to the Burns Park Players for sending the entire student body to Pioneer High School performance of The Wizard of Oz. It was a terrific show, and it is so great to see our kids getting greater exposure to the arts!

Muchas gracias to Agnes Jensen and her helpers for their work with the Special Interest Fair. The participants had a wonderful time learning and creating, and we hope that everyone, participants and attendees, learned something new!

4th Grade Camp was a success again, thanks to the hard work from the 4th grade teachers, and all the parent volunteers. We are lucky to have such a wonderful growing experience for the kids as a part of the fourth grade year.

The school grounds are looking great since Emily Hastie and her Clean-up Crew passed through on Earth Day. What a great way to celebrate our planet and get kids thinking about the environment...thanks!

**Kelly Bumgarner & Helen Starman**

Check out the **PTO websites:**

[www.burnsparkpto.org](http://www.burnsparkpto.org)

and Penguin Talk :

[www.burnsparkpto.org/confer/](http://www.burnsparkpto.org/confer/)

## Burns Park Press Advertising

### Display Ads

We welcome ads for companies and services of interest to our Burns Park community. The BP Press ad size is a nominal 2.5 x 4.25 vertical or horizontal, roughly 1/8 of a page for \$35/ issue or 3 months for \$100. The ads may be enlarged to fit the available space, at no extra charge.

### Classifieds

Classifieds are meant to be used by the families of the Burns Park area to sell/buy personal items and/or services. Classifieds will be included on a first come, first served basis as space permits. Rates are \$.20/word.

### Electronic Submission, please!

Submit your ad to Anne Gilbert, BP Press Editor ([agilbert@surovell.com](mailto: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.

## 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 2007 issue are due no later than Friday, May 18. Late submissions may not be included. Any questions, comments or suggestions about the Press are welcome!

Anne Gilbert

### Ann Arbor Public Schools Non-Discrimination Policy

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any educational program or activity available in any school on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, political belief, age, national origin, linguistic and language differences, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, height, weight, marital status, or disability. The Ann Arbor Public School District will provide reasonable aids and accommodations to individuals who desire information regarding the education of District students.

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## Burns Park Blood Drive

Friday, May 4, 2:00 – 8:00 pm

Home made snacks, goody bags, and entertainment from Ms. Kreger's class and others! Each pint saves up to 3 lives!

To sign up, go to [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and type in bpe in the source code box. bpe stands for Burns Park Elementary.

Then just pick a time!