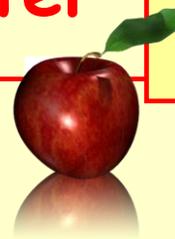




# School Newsletter

Burn Valley  
School

November 2018



## Important Dates

- 11/1 Student of the Month Assembly  
K-3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:30, 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> @9:15
- 11/2 First Trimester Ends  
Original Artwork due
- 11/4 Daylight Savings ends – set clocks back
- 11/8 Minimum Day – 12:41 pm
- 11/9 School Dance – Grades 6 & 7
- 11/12 Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL
- 11/13-11/16 Book Fair Begins in Library
- 11/14-11/16 Parent Conferences  
Minimum Days 12:41pm
- 11/19-11/23 Thanksgiving Break

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Student led conferences are coming up, November 14-16. We are excited for students to show off all of their growth and hard work. Burns Valley students are focused on making a year's growth through dedication to reading, writing, and math. All students participate in Lexia and/or Power Up which focus on foundational reading skills and fluency. They also participate in Symphony Math which focuses on foundational math skills. We are continuously working on building students academically as well as socially. Thank you for all of your support in helping students achieve at school!

## Principal's Message

I am excited to get my first BVS newsletter out to all families and staff! We will be working to produce a monthly newsletter to go home to all families.

To begin I would like to introduce myself again as your new principal at Burns Valley. I have been part of the community now for eight years and am very excited to come back to Burns Valley. Thank you for the warm welcome I received.

Moving forward we have a new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Tammy Serpa. She is a Lake County resident who went to BVS as a child. Her children have also attended Konocti schools and both graduated from LLHS. She has worked in the district previously and left to pursue a career at LCOE in adult education. We are happy to welcome her back to Konocti Unified and specifically Burns Valley as our new Assistant Principal. She officially begins November 2, 2018. Please help us welcome her to the BVS family!

In closing, Burns Valley is continuing its focus on student learning and progress. We are a team of people who genuinely have students at the focus of every decision made. We are proud to be part of the Clearlake community.

Shellie Perry  
Principal



**Tiger Pride!**

## The Importance of the First Thirty Minutes of School

*Burns Valley teachers shared some of the important learning that takes place in the beginning of school each day. We share this with you to stress the necessity of getting your children to school on time and ready to learn.*

Today's "Plans"  
announcements, Attendance,  
lunch count, cafeteria menu,  
Special Events Announcements

Brain warm-up activities,  
grammar lesson,  
multiplication quiz. Morning  
Madness

We also honor students for  
passing exams etc Standards  
based review in math and  
language arts -

A whole-school gathering for  
announcements and the  
Pledge of Allegiance. A sense  
of belonging and community.

Meet and greet...Smile and  
"Good Morning" Pencil  
sharpening and "What you  
did last night?"

Homework check and  
correction, question-based  
reinstruction - small groups  
to review concepts.

Practice our word of the  
day (writing and using it in  
a sentence), word patterns,  
journaling, daily language

Morning Work - a letter of  
the week paper, calendar  
(math) activities and  
centers (all subjects).

## PBIS at Burns valley

Our student have been playing Candy Land to support attendance! Every class with 98% or better attendance gets to draw a card and move forward in the game. We have been playing all month long which included LCOE's Attendance Challenge week where BVS scored 3<sup>rd</sup> place county wide in attendance!  
Way to go Tigers!



## Visible Learning Corner

What is visible learning?

Konocti Unified School District has been focused on the research provided by John Hattie, which identifies what teacher practices impact student learning the most. These practices are ranked by effectiveness. Based on this research the district and Burns Valley are focused on teacher clarity, learning intentions and success criteria, and feedback.

Teacher Clarity - Empowers teachers to focus on clear expectations. Do students know specifically what you want them to accomplish? Do they know what they are expected to do to be successful?

This practice encourages everyone to be more intentional with how we explain our expectations to students as well as to each other.

Learning Intention and Success Criteria - This goes back to clarity. Before each lesson teachers discuss what students will learn and how they will know how they learned it. It is specifically how students are successful in their learning.

Feedback - Feedback is a huge part of the students' success. Students have to know how they did on a task to understand how to do better. The teachers work to let students know how they did as quickly as possible.