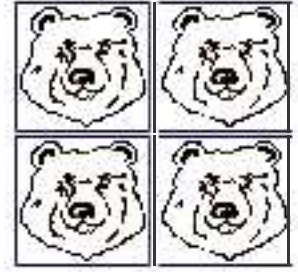


BURNETT BEAR NEWS

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CALENDAR:

This month, the chronological school calendar for the entire year is attached.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A TITLE I SCHOOL?

The LBUSD regular school program is funded by the State of California. Many schools in Long Beach also receive special federal money for the "No Child Left Behind" program, sometimes called "Title I". This money is assigned to schools in high-poverty areas and is designed to provide additional assistance to raise achievement levels.

With the Title I money at Burnett, we are able to have our technology specialist, our Reading Recovery teacher, our reading coach for grades 4 and 5, our intersession teacher, our literacy classes in grades 4 and 5, our school-community worker, our facilitator, college aides in the classrooms, child care workers and smaller class sizes in all grades.

Schools that receive Title I dollars have to meet certain requirements in exchange for this assistance. Teachers must be fully credentialed, aides must have completed two years of college, students must meet high academic standards set by the federal government, parents must be involved in the school's program, and receive notification of their students' achievement on state tests. Before and after school programs, tutoring and intersession are also required and are offered at Burnett.

Watch for an announcement of the Annual Public Meeting which will be held soon where the No

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Welcome to another school year, new changes and new challenges. As enrollment declines in the district, it is no longer necessary to provide bus transportation to other elementary schools in the district. As our enrollment grows, we will create new classes to accommodate our new students.

Other changes include two full-day kindergarten classes in addition to our six half-day classes. We have created a new third grade class, a 4/5 combination class, and we may soon add a K/1 combination class, also.

First grade has been added to the extended-day schedule for our Math+Music program. All first graders will attend a computer math class after school one day a week. Piano lessons will begin in second grade for these students.

Mrs. Tallman has taken on the job as a coach for the Cotsen grant, a program that focuses on making some of our most outstanding teachers even better. We look forward to sharing their successes with all teachers at Burnett.

Other new programs that teachers will be implementing this year are the Baldrige goal-setting procedure for maximizing instructional time in the classroom, and Kagan learning structures, designed to