

School News



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From the Principal

Welcome Back! We are off to a great start! We opened school with a "Welcome Back to School" rally with students, staff, and parents. At our rally, we welcomed new staff members to our school community. We are excited to have John McCoy, first grade teacher; Tracy DeLuca, Literacy Specialist; Regina Nervo, fifth grade teacher; and Jose De La Mora, Plant Supervisor. We also welcomed new students and parents with our traditional Burroughs "Welcome" Song.

Our fifth graders are at Camp Hill this week and we will feature their experiences in the next issue. This is a great way to begin the school year as a grade-level team. They are looking forward to hikes, songs, camp fires, making projects,

and making new friends as they learn together with Burrough's and Bixby ES students.

We are pleased to announce that our test scores are in and they look great! We met our Academic Performance Index (API) and our Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Congratulations to staff, students, parents and community for all of your hard work.

From Lara Hayes, Counselor
BURROUGHS IS NOW
A "PEACEBUILDERS"
SCHOOL

Burroughs teachers and staff started off the new school year in staff development learning about our new PeaceBuilders Program. Our staff participated in hands-on activities that focused on positive reinforcement. This was a wonderful team building experience. One staff member commented, "I learned how to deal with difficult



behavior without getting emotionally involved." Another staff member stated, "It was a positive boost, a reminder of what I love about my job. I also learned, that I don't need to get all worked up when a person misbehaves. I can choose peace everyday in every situation!"

We will be inviting parents to future workshops to learn about this new program. As the pledge

says, "We will build peace at home, at school, and in our community each day."

"BEST BUDDIES"

This year Burroughs will be the first elementary school in the country to host the "Best Buddies" (BB) International program. This program is designed to pair a student from our general education program with a student from our intermediate special education class.

Some of the activities may include field trips, P.E. board games, lessons on friendship and compassion, arts and crafts, and spending time with their peer buddy. We are excited about bringing this program to the Burroughs community and we look forward to the lasting friendships that will be made.