Burris Laboratory School fosters a culture of respect and trust where every student is challenged to pursue excellence by engaging in a well-rounded, technologically-enhanced, rigorous curriculum in a safe and secure environment. As a model school engaged in best practice research and the preparation of highly effective educators, we cultivate and collaborate with community partners to prepare students for success in an ever-changing world.

Here is what is happening at Burris this week:

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Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

John Dewey
Burris K-12 Yearbooks

Burris’s first K-12 yearbook is available to order by visiting www.yearbookordercenter.com.

The cost is $46 until winter break.
Please support our yearbook program and have a keepsake of our 2015-16 school year!

Spirit Wear Order
Due to Mr. Wlodarek 11/24.
Mrs. Dawn Miller, Principal

November 7, 2015

Academic All State Owl Athletes

Girls Soccer: First Team

- Kalina Hardin
- Abbie Watson
- Gretchen Andreasen
- Kylee Powers
- Hanna King
- Nicole Blackburn
- Anna Rather
- Ashley Nault
- Michaela Barber
- Shantyle Wallace
- Savana Wallace
- Claire Moorman
- Sierra Wilson
- Megan Spitzer
- Emily Heintz

Boys Soccer: First Team

- Grant Ward
- Calvin Shenk

Honorable Mention:
- Connor Kurek
- Ben Adams

Congratulations to Claire Moorman for being selected as the top academic all state athlete in girls soccer!

We are so proud of all our athletes!
Thank you Old National Bank and Burris Parents!

Burris was the recipient of a $1000 check from Old National Bank as winners from an online voting contest. Thank you to the parents who voted.

We did not plan our outfits. 😊

Our Future Problem Solvers team is working on their second problem on the topic of disappearing languages. They had an opportunity to Skype with two Ball State University linguists working on a project in Mexico.
Ivy Tech Community College admissions counselor, Seth Davidson, is visiting Burris on December 4th. It will be held in the Counseling Center at 9:00am. There is a sign up sheet in the Counseling Center for any students interested.

The Burris Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Burris Auditorium. Honor Society officers, Kaylen Jones, Hannah Bolander, Claire Moorman, and Connor Kurek will be presenting the program, along with special guest speaker, Mr. Byrum. Everyone is welcome to attend to celebrate Burris’ newest Honor Society members.

There will be an Honor Society meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 3:05 in room 206. We will be finalizing plans for the Induction Ceremony. All Honor Society members should be there. If you cannot attend, make sure that you talk with president Kaylen Jones about what you will miss.

Any juniors who have not finished ACCUPLACER testing that began on Thursday will finish on Monday, November 23. See Mrs. Maugherman with any questions.

Applications are now available for the 2015-2016 Optimist International Essay Contest. This year's official topic is “Lead by Example: Reality or Fiction.” Participants are required to write an essay on the given topic between 700-800 words. The submitted essays will then be judged and winners announced. First-place winners receive a $2500 College Scholarship to the school of their choice. Students who wish to enter can come down to the counseling center to pick up a list of rules and an application for the contest or to have any questions answered.

Ancilla College in Plymouth, Indiana is having their “Access Ancilla Day’ December 1st. The Open House includes a campus visit, lunch, and information sessions with current professors, financial aid representatives, or advisors. Students will get to see all that Ancilla has to offer. Lunch and parking for this open house are free with a reservation. In order to reserve your spot, please visit the website www.ancilla.edu/access-ancilla

Juniors and seniors interested in adding college classes or internships or independent studies to their second semester schedules should begin planning now. Proposal forms for internships and independent studies are now available. They will be due no later than December 4th, so that they may be approved well before second semester. Talk to Mrs. Maugherman by December 4th if your plan includes online or on campus Ball State or Ivy Tech classes for second semester.

Information for the 2016 American Legion High School Oratorical Contest is now available in the counseling center. The contest is open to all 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th graders under 20 years of age. Contestants will be required to deliver an 8-10 minute prepared oration and a 3-5 minute assigned topic oration. The subjects of topics will be chosen from a field of topics of the United States Constitution. There are sequential levels of the contest District, Zone, and State. Contestants who win their District will receive $200, winners of Zone receive $800, and three state finalists receive $1000 and a plaque. The State Champion receives $3400 in addition to all other rewards. Students who are interested in competing must request information from the counseling center no later than December 4th.

The Prindle Institute for Ethics is holding an essay contest for all high school students on ethics-related topics. They will award 5 prizes of $300 each for the best-written essay. This year’s prompt is “Does the United States have a moral responsibility to intervene in countries where human right violations are occurring?” The deadline to submit completed essays is February 1, 2016. The website to find guidelines, rules, and submission information is prindlepost.org/highschoolessay/
News from Mrs. Shepherd

On Saturday, November 14, 5 Burris students attended the GSA Fall Leadership Youth Summit sponsored by Indiana Youth Group. Throughout the day, they attended several sessions and met lots of new people. In the opening session, students learned how to write effective letters to legislators. Students were then given the opportunity to write a letter to state legislators urging them to expand civil rights protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

In the breakout sessions, students attended workshops on the following:

* Ice breakers to be used in meetings

* Informational session about LGBTQ+ History

* Strategies to make GSA welcoming to transgender students

* Strategies to advocate for policy changes to support LGBTQ+ students

It was a terrific experience for the attendees. Burris Prism, the Gay-Straight Alliance, meets on alternating Fridays. All students are welcome in grades 6-12. Interested students should contact Ms. Shepherd to be added to the Canvas group.
First grade students enjoy music from a middle school student at the end of lunch!