

Burr Oak Community Schools
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May 2026

Spring into May: A Message from the Superintendent

Hello Burr Oak Families and Community,

May has arrived, and with it comes the vibrant energy of the final stretch of our school year. This is a month defined by celebration, transition, and reflection. As we "Spring into May," we welcome the opportunity to conclude this academic year on a truly great note.

Our calendar is packed with milestones—from our youngest learners crossing the stage to our seniors embarking on their next chapters. We look forward to your participation and continued involvement in the following events:

District Graduation & Ceremony Schedule

- **Burr Oak Virtual Academy Graduation:** May 15 | 6:00 PM
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- **Baccalaureate Program:** May 17 | 2:00 PM
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- **District High School Graduation:** May 17 | 3:00 PM
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- **8th Grade Promotion Ceremony:** May 19 | 6:30 PM
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- **Kindergarten Graduation:** May 20 | 6:00 PM

Community & School Events

- **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4–8):** Our educators give their all every day. Please join us in showering our teachers with gratitude this week to show them exactly how much they mean to our students and our community!
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- **Community Cleanup Day (May 15):** Let's work together to keep our campus and town beautiful.
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- **Bobcat Extravaganza (May 21):** Kick off the morning with us at 8:00 AM for this high-energy district tradition!

Important Calendar Reminder

Please take note that our end-of-year schedule has been modified. The **Last Full Day of School** for students will be **May 22, 2026**. We adjusted the calendar to ensure we met all instructional requirements while finishing the year strong.

As you can see, May is a month of significant activity and achievement. I want to thank you for your unwavering support of our students and staff. Let's make these final weeks memorable, safe, and filled with Bobcat pride!

Educationally,

Dr. Kelvin Butts

May 2026

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17 CLASS OF 2026 Baccalaureate 2:00 PM Graduation 3:00 PM	18	19 8th Grade Graduation 6:30 PM	20 Kindergarten Graduation 6:00 PM	21 BOBCAT EXTRAVAGANZA AT 8 AM	22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—FULL DAY	23
24	25	26	27	28 MHSAA Golf Regionals	29	30
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May Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Chicken tenders Diced pears Clementines Steamed corn Baby carrots Sun chips	5 Mac and cheese Cheese bread stick Broccoli Tropical fruit Steamed carrots Watermelon	6 Cheese omelet French toast Mixed fruit Blueberries Cucumbers Dragon juice	7 Goulash with roll Petite banana Pineapple Baby sweet peppers Celery sticks	8 3 taco pizza bites Diced peaches Apples Steamed green peas Baby carrots Chocolate chip cookie
11 Burrito Green beans Baby carrots Tropical fruit Apple slices Garbanzo beans	12 Pepperoni pizza Steamed corn Grape tomatoes Mandarin oranges Golden apples	13 Chicken sandwich Celery sticks Pineapple Grapes Cauliflower	14 Mac and cheese Cheese bread sticks Cucumber Dragon fruit juice Clementines Strawberry & pineapple mix	15 Chicken drumstick Mashed potatoes Broccoli buds Diced peaches Banana Roll
18 Beef dippers Steamed carrots Baby sweet peppers Diced pears Clementines Cool ranch Doritos	19 Corn dog Cauliflower Pears Mandarin oranges Kidney beans	20 Cheeseburger Potato smiles Cherry tomatoes Diced peaches Gala apples	21 Hot dogs Baby carrots Banana Mandarin oranges Roll	22 Pepperoni pizza Green beans Broccoli Pineapple chunks Granny smith apples

Graduation

**Congratulations
Class of 2026**



**SENIORS:
BURR OAK HIGH SCHOOL
MAY 17, 2026 AT 2:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL GYM**

**8TH GRADE:
MAY 19, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL GYM**

**KINDERGARTEN:
MAY 20, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL GYM**



Classroom Announcements

Kindergarten Ms. Hernandez

My Kindergarten students have done amazing and outstanding things this school year, and I am so proud of each one of them. They work hard each school day and have already accomplished so much! Thank you to all of the parents for your continuous support of your Kindergarten student.

The family projects that were returned each month were wonderful! The students did a fantastic job with reading during the month of March, meeting their goals! They also did a great job reading their backpack books and returning them to school each week. Throughout the school year, we have learned about and discussed different careers. The children shared with me their future career choices: Cohlton says he would like to be a painter, while Gunnar would like to build a house for Popo. Lilly says she wants to be an ice-cream truck worker. Ryan wants to be a farmer, and Gabby is interested in becoming a doctor. Jupiter aspires to be a singer, teacher, and chef. Levi wants to be a running back, while Asher would like to be a Culver's worker. Curtis says he will take care of pets. Blake is unsure of his career plans. Allison, Jacob, Alvin, Remi, and Serenity are all interested in becoming teachers.

Save the date: Wednesday, May 20th at 6 p.m. is our Kindergarten Graduation in the Big Gymnasium. We invite family and friends to join us in celebrating this exciting occasion. As the end of the school year quickly approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of my students and their families for their cooperation and support throughout this school year. I will truly miss each of my students and would like to send my best wishes for continued success in their education. Your child has accomplished many great things and will continue to have many more successes. I know they will do great things. Good luck and thank you once again. Have a safe and exciting summer, Allison, Ryan, Jacob, Jupiter, Cohlton, Alvin, Asher, Lilli, Gunnar, Remi, Levi, Lilly, Blake, Gabby, Curtis, and Serenity!

First & Second Grade - Mr. Hunt

First grade has been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They have also been using 2D shapes to make fractions like halves and fourths. The class is getting close to their final unit of the year about data/graphs! In English, first grade students have been learning about conjunctions, prepositions and the long "l" sound when found in words that have "ld" and "nd".

Second grade has also been learning about shapes and using rectangles to make rows and columns. These rows and columns end up forming arrays, which will help them to visualize multiplication problems when they get to third grade. In English, second grade students have been learning about abbreviations and finding the main idea of a short story.

Both classes have been working on research papers this month. We have used magazine articles, the Epic app on iPads, listened to true stories on Youtube and even listened to books read aloud in the classroom.

Both classes have started the final unit of the year about plants. They are excited because they planted seeds a few weeks ago. They are keeping a close eye on them and making sure they are watered daily. Sunflower and Pumpkin was the type of seeds they had to pick from.



Classroom Announcements

Mr. Rick

History of Foods- 5th Grade

The 5th graders have really improved their skills in the kitchen. They have been in the class for about a month. They do not burn pancakes anymore. We made grilled cheese sandwiches and only had 2 students to have burned edges. This is a great achievement for this age group!

World History- 10th Grade

We are studying Nationalism in Europe. We will be studying the age of Imperialism around the world.

Outstanding students are: Audrianna A., Hudson B., Jersie C., Blake G., Michael H., Hope K., Hanna P., Linda U., Ivan V.

Government- 11th Grade

We are studying how the government sets the budget for all the different departments. We will be studying how the judicial branch of government affects U.S. society.

Outstanding students are Braxton B., Keyton K., and Coen M.

Senior Portfolios

As part of graduation requirements at Burr Oak High School, all seniors must complete a portfolio. The seniors must then present themselves and their portfolio for a formal interview.

All 2026 seniors passed their interview on their first try.

Mrs. Everett Middle School ELA

Congratulations 8th Grade on your upcoming graduation! I look forward to the (bittersweet) celebration.

Summer break is nearly upon us! Just a couple of thoughts to share as we depart for a few weeks of summer fun, family, and sunshine. First, many reputable studies have been recently published about the benefits of limiting screen time. This may be something to consider for your family during the upcoming break while students have more time to choose their own activities. Also, read, rEaD, READ! :O) Read books, comic books, graphic novels, magazines, newspapers, etc. All of this reading will keep minds sharp and students more prepared to return to learning in the fall.

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . . . The man who never reads lives only one". ~C.S. Lewis

Finally, we wish a safe and happy summer to all of you/yours. May you find lots of time to rest, to spend with family, and for whatever brings you the most joy. I look forward to all of the tales of adventures when we return!



Trip To Belle Isle

