

Butler Creek Elementary

Bobcats



A Monthly Newsletter
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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Dear Parents and Families:

Our first month of school is coming to an end and things are going really well here at Butler Creek! It has been really great to get to know your children and a few of you over the last few weeks. We have a busy year planned and we hope to see you be a part of the work we are doing here!

I'd like to give a special thanks to the Butler Creek PTA for organizing a wonderful Back-To - School Picnic. We served nearly 350 meals! It was a wonderful night. Thanks for attending!!

The beginning of the year is an important time to establish healthy school routines. Regular school attendance is a strong component of overall school success including how likely a student is to graduate. Here are a few helpful tips to think about when establishing strong attendance routines:

- * Establish an routine and stick to it!
 - *Pack lunches and backpacks the night before.
 - *Streamline the morning by laying out clothes or bathing the night before.
 - *Establish a reasonable bedtime and reduce screen time 30 minutes before bed.
 - *Be at the bus stop 5 minutes early.
- * Stay home when you are contagious...fevers and vomiting are both good reasons to stay home.
- * Plan vacations and other outings during weekends and/or breaks in the school calendar.
- * Try to schedule appointment outside the school day whenever possible.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We can not do our work without you.

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October

Wednesday, October 5th
National Walk & Ride to School

Wednesday, October 5th
Jog - a - Thon Fundraiser

Tuesday, October 11th
School Picture Day



Thursday, October 13th
Mad Science - 2:05 - 3:05 p.m.

Monday, October 17th
CARE Books Program Begins

Wednesday, October 19th
Books & Beyond Begins

Wednesday, October 19th
Tae Kwon Do Begins - 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19th
Brilliant Bobcat Assembly - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19th
Western/Country Day



Thursday, October 20th
Mad Science - 2:05 - 3:05 p.m.

Thursday, October 27th
Mad Science - 2:05 - 3:05 p.m.

November

Thursday, November 3rd
Mad Science - 2:05 - 3:05 p.m.

Sunday, November 6th
Daylight Savings Time Ends - Clocks back 1 hour

LIFESKILLS FOR OCTOBER— COURAGE

To be willing to take risks

BUTLER CREEK MISSION STATEMENT

Butler Creek serves to prepare well-educated, respectful students who make meaningful contributions to their global community.

Volunteering

We love volunteers at Butler Creek! If you would like to be a volunteer at Butler Creek, or would like to help on Field Trips, **you must first fill out a background check and pay a \$5.00 dollar processing fee for the state.** The background check is good for 3 years. If you have not yet done this please drop by the school office and pick up the information. It only takes a few minutes to fill out and we will be happy to take a check (made out to BC) or cash for the fee. It does take a few weeks for the background checks to come back from the state so if you are considering going on any field trips, or possibly popping in on a classroom project to help, you may consider filling one out and being prepared! Thank you for all you do for your children and Butler Creek!

Back To School Picnic & Open House

Thank you once again to our fabulous Butler Creek PTA for another successful "Back To School Picnic". This is always a huge event that so many families look forward to. This year approximately 350 families were feed. It is always a pleasure to see our students, parents, and teachers enjoying themselves at one of the BC events.

Later in the evening was our "Open House" for grades K-6. This is always an exciting time for students to introduce their new teacher to their parents and see their new classroom. It is always a pleasant time for everyone to relax and possibly get reacquainted with some familiar faces.

Thank you to all who helped at the event and to the parents who were able to come and support their students.



Halloween

For a variety of reasons, we will not actively celebrate Halloween at Butler Creek. We appreciate your cooperation by ensuring that students do not wear costumes to school.

Changing Weather

Our weather is certainly changing fast so with that we want to make sure that our students are nice and warm when they go outside for recess. Please make sure that they leave home in the morning with their coats and hats. Butler Creek students do go outside for extra recess and for lunch recess unless the weather is extremely rainy or the chill factor is very low. Thank you for helping to keep BC children warm and dry during the next few months of challenging weather.

What is a "Just Right" Book?

Children feel confident and competent when they read books that are "just right." But how do you find a "just right" book? Have your child read aloud to you the back and front cover, and first page of the book. If there are more than five words that (s)he cannot pronounce or understand, or if your child has difficulty reading the book in a fluent way, the book may be too challenging. Be supportive about finding a more perfect fit for them. Encourage your child by helping them understand that choosing the right book will help your child feel successful and enjoy their reading!

Clothes Closet Hours

Monday - 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Tuesday - 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Students may select up to 8 items per visit and can shop at the CLOSET 3 times per school year. Vouchers issued by school principals or counselors are needed for students to shop at the Closet.

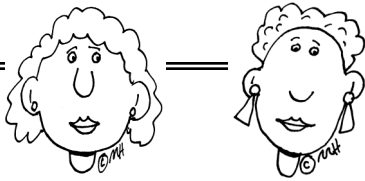
Address
2632 SE 162nd AVE
Portland OR

P.B.I.S News

Brilliant Bobcat Assembly
Wednesday, October 19th, 1:00 p.m.

Yahoo! It's "Spirit Day" at
Butler Creek
Come Join in the Fun
For
"Country Western Day"





**FROM
THE
OFFICE—**

Rhonda Linda

IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- **Student Verification sheets** will be coming home with your student soon. PLEASE return these to school in a timely manner so that we may have the correct information to reach you in the event of an emergency.
- **Remember to call** in student's absence or if they will be late! The Absence Line is **503-762-6111** (leave student name, teacher and reason for absence).
- **Volunteer Background Checks** are good for 3 years. Please call the school office if you are unsure of your previous submission date. Many are expiring in October and December of this year.

Thank you for your help!

**FRIENDLY REMINDER . . .
TARDIES**

Please remember that our tardy bell rings at 7:50 a.m. (8:50 on Wednesdays). Students will be marked 'tardy' if they are **NOT** in their classrooms at that time.

Remember that students start their day on a more positive note if they are in class on time and are able to begin the day with the rest of the class.

We have already been experiencing a high number of tardies each day so we all need to remember to set those alarm clocks and get to school on time.

**STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT SCHOOL
NO EARLIER THAN 7:35 AND NO LATER
THAN 7:45A.M.!!**

Free & Reduced Lunches

If you are on **Free or Reduced Lunches** and have not yet filled out a new form for the 2016-17 school year please do so right away. The drop date for this year is **Oct. 7th.**

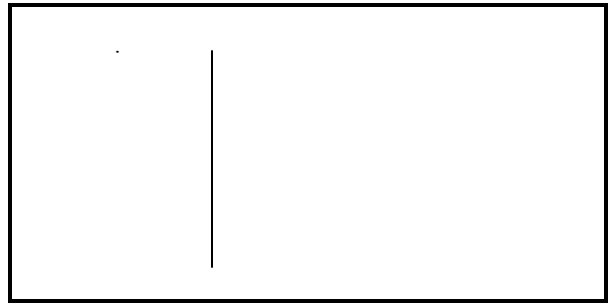


SCHOOL FUNDRAISING IN THE COMMUNITY



THINGS TO SAVE AND SEND TO SCHOOL FOR FUNDRAISERS

- Campbell's Soup Labels & Products
- Boxtops for Education
- Printer Ink Cartridges & old Cell Phones



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