

Butler Creek Elementary

Bobcats



A Monthly Newsletter
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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Families:



Due to inclement weather, the likes of which we have not seen in decades, we have had to make tough decisions about modifications to the school calendar. One tough decision was to convert Parent-Teacher Conferences back into school days.

While our normal conference schedule won't take place this spring, please know that we are striving to provide you with timely and relevant information about your child's progress at the end of this term.

Before Spring Break begins we will be sending you a report card for the 2nd Trimester. Teachers will be adding detailed comments to the report cards to provide you some specific information about your child's progress. Feel free to contact your child's teacher at anytime to discuss questions or concerns you have. You always have the right to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher if you feel the need to have a face-to-face conversation in order to support your child's education and to collaborate with the school.

The cancellation of Parent-Teacher Conferences is not ideal and we understand some worries or concerns that may create. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher for more information about how they are doing in school.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sande

BUTLER CREEK MISSION STATEMENT

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

**LIFESKILLS FOR MARCH
PROBLEM SOLVING & PERSEVERANCE**

March

Tuesday, March 7

Mad Science - 2:05 - 3:05 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

PTA meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 10

Family Art Night - Pre Registration Required - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 12th

Daylight Savings Time - Spring Ahead 1 hour

Tuesday, March 14

Mad Science - 2:05 - 3:05 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15th

Brilliant Bobcat Assembly - 9:30 a.m.

Friday, March 17

No School - K - 6 - Staff Dev./Report Card Prep.

Tuesday, March 21

Mad Science - 2:05 - 3:05 p.m.

Thursday, March 23

5/6 Grade Concert - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 23 & Friday, March 24

Regular School Day Grades K-6

Monday, March 27 - Friday, March 31

No School K - 6 **Spring Break**

Tuesday, April 4

Mad Science - 2:05 - 3:05 p.m.

Thursday, April 6

Parent Night 6th Grade - 6:00 p.m. Butler Creek

Tuesday, April 11

Mad Science - 2:05 - 3:05 p.m.

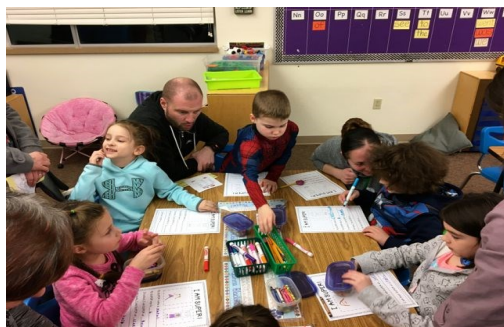
Movin' On Up - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. CMS

Please Help Everyone Be Safe

Our safety patrol employees have had a number of close calls on duty lately. We recognize the fact that we have many parents that drop off and pick up their students daily which increases the risk for accidents. If we all slow down and use patience it will help keep our children and everyone a little safer. Thank you for your help with this serious situation.

Butler Creek PTA Presents Family Art Night!

Come join art night at Butler Creek. It is \$25.00 a family and room for 25 families. It is March 10th in the Butler Creek Café at 6:30 p.m. You must sign up on PTA's Facebook Page <https://squareup.com/store/butler-creek-elementary-pta>. There will be light snacks & refreshments provided. Come join the fun and create your own Family Tree together! Remember you can only sign up online!



Spring Break
March
27-31



Absence Call-in #
503-762-6111

LITERACY NIGHT PRESENTS SUPERHEREOS

On February 23, Butler Creek hosted its annual Literacy Night. The evening began with a performance by the choir, directed and accompanied by music teacher Michael Lasfetto. Choir members Gavyn Woods, Merridy Skarpohl, Hope Hobuss, Salem Solomon, and Kendelle Zilz read summaries detailing the history behind two songs about American folk heroes, Casey Jones and John Henry. Then the choir entertained the families dining with impressive renditions of the two songs. After introductory remarks by Principal Andrea Sande, the marimba band welcomed families to make their way to classrooms for a variety of Superhero themed literacy activities. The activities ranged from reading activities, such as sight word bingo and Superhero ad libs, to writing activities, such as illustrating and writing your own comic strip. Throughout the school, children were engaged in reading, speaking, listening and writing for a variety of purposes. For example, many students read directions to create a superhero mask, others read to perform a reader's theater play, and some students read and then wrote about the many ways service dogs help people. Students also enjoyed winning a free book at the book walk and shopping for books at the book fair hosted by the PTA.

As the culmination of the evening, children's book author and illustrator, Mark Fearing presented about his experience telling stories through animation while working for Walt Disney online and the process of creating his own graphic novel *Earthling*. His presentation focused on how all great stories start with an idea and basic tools and then grow through revision, teamwork and perseverance. At the end of the evening all children were treated to a free book. A raffle drawing was held the following morning and eight students who had completed three activities won signed copies of Mark Fearing's books and another 7 students won either Mr. Fearing's drawings or book posters.

Butler Creek would like to thank all the families that attended Literacy Night, the PTA for hosting a book fair, our student performers, Mark Fearing and the literacy team for all their work preparing for a great event. Thank you!

Movin' On Up

Calling all 6th graders it is time for you to start thinking about your transition to middle school. Centennial Middle School is having their "Movin' On Up" night on Tuesday, April 11th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. This is an important time for you and your parents to find out information you will need for middle school. Hope to see you all there!



Student Profile Forms

Student Profile Forms for next school year 2017-18 will be available in our office on **April 3rd**. **Please remember these are not teacher request forms**. Profile forms are intended to get input from parents to make transitioning to the next grade smoother. **Forms are due by May 12th.**

"Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you."

- H. Jackson Brown

Join Us At McMenamins

Please join us for our Friends and Family Night, A fundraiser benefiting the students of the **Centennial School District**. McMenamins will give 50% of the proceeds to our district to be used for enrichment Science activities.

Tuesday, March 14th, 2017

At

McMenamins Highland Pub and Brewery
4225 SE 182nd Ave, Gresham, OR 97030
5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Connect To Kindergarten

It is time to round up all our future Kindergarteners! If you are already 5 or will be 5 on or before September 1st, 2017 it is time for you to register for fall kindergarten.

When: May 4th

Where: Butler Creek Elementary

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Here is what you will need: **Proof of address, Immunization papers, and birth certificate.**

We will have paper work in the office if you would like to pick it up early after April 1st.

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12th. Please Do Not Forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour this weekend.

