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Notes from the Principal's Desk

Butler Families,

We have had a wonderful beginning to a great 2008! We are moving forward full force academically, reviewing our mid year assessment data and already planning for the 08-09 school year. We have some upcoming events that we would love for you to join us for. We will have a Chick-fil-A family fundraiser on February 7th, a community board meeting at Case Elementary, our school talent show on February 21st and we would love for you to come out and support our Oral language Fair student finalist on January 31st (BD) and February 28th (AC) at 6:00 p.m. at Sheldon High.

Step Up To Writing

This month we are beginning to implement the new Step Up to Writing program in grades 3rd - 6th. Our Kinder-2nd teachers will implement the curriculum for the 08-09 year. Step up to writing is a way to simplify teaching and writing for students and teachers in the classrooms. Teachers are excited and spent a minimum day being trained to use the program in their classrooms. We look forward to seeing the results of the program throughout the upcoming years.

Community Meetings with Members of Elk Grove Unified School District's Board of Education

Please join us for our community meeting with our board member. The Elk Grove Unified community is invited to a night of information and discussion with the seven members of the Board of Education.

Each board member will host a meeting at a separate school site beginning at 7 p.m. on February 5, 2008. The evenings will include presentations about exciting district initiatives and time for questions and answers.

The evening is designed as an informal way for parents, community members, teachers, students and staff the opportunity to meet board members. These individual meetings will take the place of the regularly scheduled board meeting.

The seven meetings will be held simultaneously. The public is invited to attend any one of the meetings.

Below you will find a schedule of the board members and the school sites they will be at: you are welcome to attend any of the meetings, however the meeting at Raymond Case is the closest in our region

Tuesday, February 5, 2008 – 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.	
Jeanette J. Amavisca	Raymond Case Elementary School
Pollyanna Cooper-LeVangie	Toby Johnson Middle School
Priscilla S. Cox	Pleasant Grove Elementary School
Pamela A. Irey	Florence Markofer Elementary School
William H. Lugg, Jr.	James Rutter Middle School
Chet Madison, Sr.	Samuel Jackman Middle School
Brian Myers	Sunrise Elementary School

If you have any questions about the meetings, please contact Communications at (916) 686-7732.

Important Dates to Remember

- D Track Intersession
Mondays – Thursdays (2/4 – 2/14)
Grades 1-3 (7:55-11:00)
Grades 4-6 (7:55 – 11:00)
- Talent Show Practice
Wednesdays, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20
2:30 – 3:30
- Drama Club Try-outs
Tuesday, 2/12
Callbacks (if needed)
Thursday, 2/14
Drama Club Practice
Tuesday & Thursday, 2/19, 2/21, 2/26, 2/28, 3/4, 3/6
- Holidays - No school
Monday 2/11 & Monday 2/18
- Oral Language Faire Assembly – AC
Wednesday, 2/6 1:30 in MP
- Chick-Fil-A Family Night
Thursday, 2/7 5:00-8:00
- Oral Language Faire Semi Finals – AC
Tuesday, 2/12 gr. 1&2 9:00
Wednesday, 2/13 gr. 3&4 9:00
Thursday, 2/14 gr. 5&6 9:00
- Talent Show Performance
Thursday, 2/21 7:00 in MP
- Oral Language Faire Finals - AC
Thursday, 2/28 6:00
Sheldon Performing Arts
- Bingo Fundraiser – 4th Grade
Friday, 2/29 6:00 in MP
- A-track Science Fair
Wednesday, 3/5
- Track Change/Minimum Day
Thursday, March 6
All Kinder classes 7:55-11:26
Grades 1- 6 – 7:55 – 12:30
D track returns on Friday 3/7
Track Change Movie 12:30-2:30
ABC Report cards
- Upcoming Field Trips
6AC Smedberg Visit
Tuesday, 2/14 9-1
- 1AB Country Club Lanes
Friday, 2/29 9:00
- KAC Fire Station visit
Friday, 2/29 9:00
- 4A IMAX Theater
Friday, 2/29 9:15
- 5C Starbase
Tuesday, 3/4 8-2



SRC Library Check-Out Time



If your student would like to come in and work on their SRC points while they are off track, or check out books, the library is available during the following times:

Library Off Track Open Hours 2/1-3/6				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:10-10:25	2:00-2:30	2:00-2:30	2:00-2:30	2:00-2:30
2:00-2:30				

BUTLER FAMILY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

AT
CHICK-FIL-A



Thursday
February 7, 2008
5:00-8:00



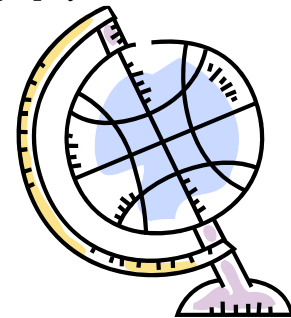
Join us for dinner - art activities - fundraiser
10% of your purchase will go to Butler Elementary!

The class with the most students attending the event will earn a FREE chick-fil-A kids meal in their classroom.

Located at 8430 Bond Road (the old Krispy Kreme building). For menu information, please visit www.chickfila.com

Geography Bee Winner!

Congratulations to Johnathan S. for winning Butler's 2007-2008 6th Grade Geography Bee Contest. Johnathan is eligible to compete at the state level competition. His name will be engraved onto Butler's new Geography Bee winner's plaque in the office. Way to go!



Butler needs an A.M. Crossing Guard..... If you're interested in assisting students across the busy streets in the mornings and helping to ensure safety, please contact Mrs. Werner-Tetz in the front office to discuss a crossing guard opportunity. Many students walk to school without an adult, we want to ensure every child's safety on the streets and in the cross walk areas around the campus. Please be extra careful in watching your speed and safety in the area.

Character Education

The character trait for February is RESPONSIBILITY



- ⊕ I will come to class on time with all the required materials
- ⊕ I will complete my homework when assigned
- ⊕ I will be accountable for my decisions
- ⊕ I will try to always give my best effort

SCIENCE FAIR

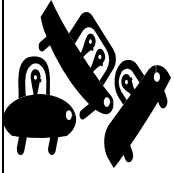
A track - Wednesday, March 5, 2008

B,C, D tracks - Wednesday, March 12, 2008



One winner from each grade level will be selected to continue on to the **District Competition, March 25-27**. All students must submit an **Intent to Participate** form signed by their parent or guardian to their teacher by Wednesday, January 23 (Tracks A, B and D) or Wednesday, February 13 (C Track). Packets containing possible ideas for experiments will be available. Please see your teacher.

Parking Lot Concerns – We Need Your Help



We need your help in keeping our parking lot safe. Please do not double park your vehicles or leave your car unattended on the side of the road. We have a small parking lot area and a large number of families picking up children. We ask that you relax, breathe deeply and be patient and courteous to others. Teachers are stationed outside the campus daily to assist children and help the flow of traffic. Our top priority is the children's safety. We appreciate your care and support.

Oral Language Faire FINALIST B & D Tracks!

Selection: They'll Be Sorry When I'm Dead
Coach: Mrs. Hammond
Participant Sunpreet D.



Selection: Hercules and the Hydra
Coach: Mr. Utile

Participants: Sara F., Alessandra F., Olivia C., Jesus H., Andy Y., Claudia H., Carina L., Han N., Nicholas F.

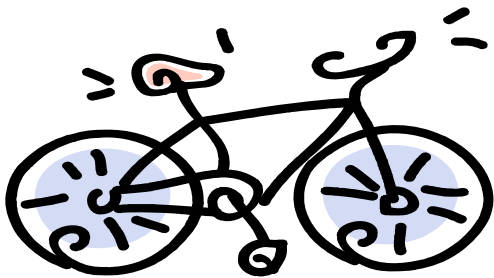
Selection: Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29th of May?

Coach: Mr. Utile

Participants: Sydney S., Alexa V., Jamie P., Kelsey W., Matthew K., Matthew C., Trevon C.

~~~~~ Want a new BIKE? Go to School!

Each month that you have perfect attendance, enters you one entry into the final raffle drawing in June. Butler Elementary will award one student with a new bike and helmet. The 2007/2008 Bike Raffle is sponsored by: Kaiser Permanent



District Writing Contest 2007-2008

Objectives: To recognize and encourage good student writing, and to promote quality writing in all areas across the curriculum.

Kindergarten: About Me (Site Competition)

First Grade: Sharing (Site Competition)

Second: People Who Make a Difference (Site Competition)

Third Grade: Friendship (Site & District Competition)

Fourth Grade: Courage

Fifth Grade: Cooperation (Site Competition)

Sixth Grade: How Decisions, Past or Present, Affect the Future (Site & District Competition)

Please ask your teacher for a copy of the writing guidelines & rubrics or stop in at the front office to pick one up.



Deadline for Entries: Wednesday March 14th

Is Your Child Returning to Butler for the 08-09 School Year?

Butler will be sending home forms for parents to complete in regards to your child's return to our site for the new school year. To ensure we maintain a space for your child, please complete the form (1 per child) and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

- We do not accept requests for specific teachers.
- If you are in need of a track change request, please stop by our office to complete a form



Butler's News 10- Teacher of the Month

Mr. Bill Utile, 6th grade teacher has been awarded the Channel 10 Teacher of the Month award. He will be placed into a final competition for the News 10 Teacher of the Year. News 10 came on campus to interview him and his students. If you are interested in viewing his interview spotlight, visit

http://www.news10.net/video/player_news10.aspx?sid=37149&aid=50402



TRACK CHANGE/TRACK ON Reminder

ABC Trackers
Track Change/Minimum Day
Thursday March 6th

D-Track
is Back to School on
FRIDAY March 7th

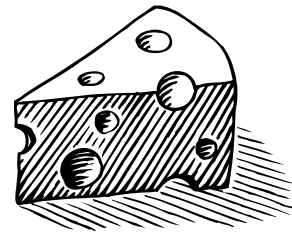


Ask Anne - EGUSD Nutrition Column

The *Ask Anne* column featuring District Nutritionist Anne Gaffney, R.D., appears in EGUSD school newsletters and is designed to help families build healthy lifestyles. You can email questions to Anne at Communication@egusd.net.

Dear Ask Anne,

I have a hard time getting my kids to drink milk.
How much do they need and are there other ways for them to get calcium?
Thanks, Milk Mom

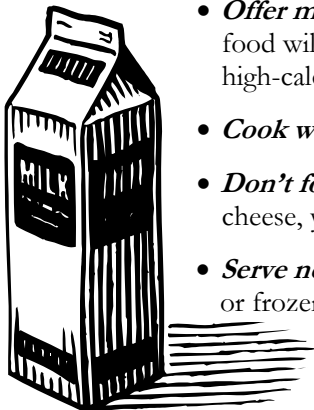


Dear Milk Mom,

Milk is a great source of calcium and vitamin D, both of which are important for healthy bones. An 8-ounce serving of milk provides 300 mg of calcium, or about 25% of calcium needs for an adult and almost half for children age 4-8. The same amount of milk provides about half a day's worth of vitamin D for kids. Some individuals may not be able to consume the required number of servings of milk every day because of lactose intolerance, milk allergies or they simply may not like the taste.

If milk isn't your thing, the same amount of calcium can be found in a variety of foods, including 6-8 ounces of yogurt (choose low- or non-fat); 1.5 ounces of cheddar, Swiss, or jack cheese; one tablespoon of grated parmesan cheese; 1 cup of calcium fortified orange juice; or 1 cup of fortified soy milk or rice milk. Try one or more of these tips to help ensure your child gets enough bone-building calcium:

- **Drink milk yourself.** When your child sees you drink milk, they will be more likely to drink it.
- **Offer milk at meals, and let the child decide to drink it.** Pressure to eat any one particular food will likely backfire in the long run. If at first it's not accepted, keep trying while mixing in high-calcium foods from the list above.
- **Cook with milk.** Use it to make oatmeal or hot chocolate instead of water.
- **Don't forget snacks.** Offer calcium-rich snacks like cheese and whole wheat crackers, string cheese, yogurt with fruit, and cereal with milk.
- **Serve non-dairy calcium sources** like green leafy vegetables, edamame (green soybeans – fresh or frozen), tofu (check the amount of calcium on the nutrition facts panel), and almonds.



Thanks for asking, Anne