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Notes from the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Thank you! Our fall carnival was a big success due to the time and effort of many volunteers. Special thanks go out to some people that made this happen: Dinah McCain, Phyllis Lew, Renee Laoyan, Tahni Guglielmina, Calley FitzSimmons-Jared, Aubrey Johnson, Carla French, and Cindy McCormick. I'd also like to thank members of our PTO that were on hand to support the event in so many ways. Likewise I'd like to express gratitude to the Lyons Club who provided the spaghetti dinner – it was delicious and helped make the event very profitable for our school.

Each year, PTO, with the help of many volunteers hold social events and fund raisers. Without their help the students, staff and community would not have near as many things to enhance learning and add school spirit. We are indebted to these people. At the same time, we recognize that the need for help never ends. Each event takes many hours of prep, organization and clean-up. Please consider volunteering this year. It is always nice to have new people join the faithful to build a larger pool. It is a great way to get to know other parents and school staff. It also communicates to your child that you value the school and education.

ELD/WIN- If you have not yet heard about it, all schools in Elk Grove Unified School District have implemented a new program in order to meet state mandatory guidelines for service to children who are learning English as a second language. We are required to have a program of specific instruction for 30 min. per day in grades 1-6, and 15 min. per day for kindergarten. Schools in EGUSD now have blocks of time each day that are allocated for language development. English language learners have their needs met during this time. However, every child gets targeted differentiated group instruction as well based on WHAT I NEED (WIN).

Our dedicated and creative teaching staff have put together a range of services to support students during this time block each day. Students are sometimes with their own teacher, and sometimes join other groups, depending on their needs. If you have any questions related to WIN time, please ask your child's teacher or an administrator and we'd be happy to tell you more.

Education City: - Our teaching staff is currently investigating a new program called Education City. This program is computer based, highly interactive and motivating. There are auditory and visual supports in the programs. Teachers can tailor the program to meet each student's individual needs and their development of skills aligned with the California Standards for learning for reading and math.

We would like to implement this program this year to support students. Fund raising activities will be our only source of funding to make this happen. Please do what you can to support the fund raising events for Butler students.

Discipline and Safety: B.E.S.T. – Bulldog Expectations for a Successful Team. This committee meets regularly to develop practices, rules, procedures and recognitions that build school spirit and a culture that ensures high standards for learning and safety. The committee is currently reviewing the discipline policy, reward system, and social skills development for students. We will soon be launching character education assemblies that will provide training for students on how to resolve conflicts in peaceable ways as well as how to deal with bullies. We will be conducting a parent survey for your input on these things this year. Please watch for this survey sometime right after the new year. We value your input.

Welcome – A new person has joined our office staff. Mrs. Colleen Jones began work at Butler on Oct. 26. Mrs. Jones is experienced in the tasks of a school office and brings many talents. She is a kind, friendly person as well. We feel very fortunate to have her with us. Please join me in welcoming her to our school.

Sincerely,
Steve Brenizer
Principal



Lost and Found

If your child has lost a coat, please come to our lost and found located in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please check as soon as possible because we donate these items to charity on a regular basis.

The Variety Show is Coming Up –

Try-outs will be in December. More information will be sent home in late November.



Character Education

**The character trait for November is
Caring, Giving & Service**

Important Dates to Remember

- 11/10 – Make-up picture day – D track only
- 11/11 – HOLIDAY - Veteran's Day – No School
- 11/13 – 1st grade – Stockton Children's Museum
- 11/17 – 9:30am - Site Spelling Bee – Oral Competition, multi- purpose room
- 11/19 – 3rd grade – Nimbus Fish Hatchery
- 11/20 – 4th grade – California Museum
- 11/24 – Track change day/Minimum Day – B Track goes off track
- 11/25-11/27 – HOLIDAY – Thanksgiving Break
- 11/30 – A Track back on track

*Mark
your
Calendar*

OFF Track Visiting Days for A-Track in November

Every student and parent must come into the Office and sign in as a **Visitor** before they go to the library, please.

Friday, November 6th - 1pm to 2pm

Tuesday, November 10th – 2pm to 2:30pm

Thursday, November 12th – 2pm to 2:30pm

Wednesday, November 18th – 9am to 10:30am

Friday, November 20th - 1pm to 2pm

The Library will be **CLOSED** on the following days:

- Wednesday, November 4th
- Wednesday, November 11th – HOLIDAY
- Monday, November 23rd – Monday, November 30th