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Notes from the Principal's Desk

Community Support

Thank you so much for all your Bulldog support this month. Our Chick-Fil-A Family night was a BLAST! The restaurant was packed full of Butler staff and families interacting and enjoying one another's company. The children enjoyed dancing with the cows and fun at play. Our 1st Annual B-I-N-G-O night was also a huge success! The MP was packed with families having a fun time enjoying food and prizes. Our 10th Annual Talent Show was Hot! Many students participated and showed off their talent. Again your support made all the difference, and we had a full house! **I am thoroughly enjoying all the support and interaction from all of our families. You make Butler school and community a great place to be.**

A Healthier, Cleaner & Safer Environment

The Elk Grove Unified School District prides itself in providing our students with facilities that are appropriate, clean, and conducive to learning. This includes our bathrooms. Monitoring of our student bathrooms has been increased to 2 to 3 times per day in the recent month. We expect that during flu season, students are making more of an effort to wash their hands; helping to create a healthier and safer environment, and a reduction in student absenteeism.

We are asking parents to make a greater effort to reinforce the importance of bathroom etiquette and hand washing as the best defense against spreading infections and ensuring student safety.

We encourage our students to report to an adult any concerns or inappropriate behavior in the bathrooms.

Students who abuse any of these rules will be disciplined as appropriate.

Thank you for your time and assistance to ensure a healthier, cleaner, and safer environment for your child

Remind your child of the following:

- They should keep bathrooms clean.
- Never play in the restrooms.
- Leave playground equipment outside when entering restrooms.
- When dismissed to use the bathroom, go directly there and return to your class.
- Respect other's privacy.
- Wash hands.

*Thank you,
Carla Victor*

Important Dates to Remember

A Track Intersession
Grades 1-3 (7:55 - 11:00)
Mondays - Thursdays 3/10 - 3/20

Grades 4-6 (7:55 - 11:00)
Tuesday - Friday 3/11 - 3/21

Drama Club Practice
Tuesday & Thursday, 3/11, 3/13, 3/18, 3/20, 3/25, 3/27,
4/1, 4/3

BCD Science Fair
Projects due at school 8:00 3/12

ABCD Science Fair Parent Viewing
3/12 - 6:00 - 7:00 - MP

Family Night at Chili's
3/24 5:00 - 7:00

BD Picture Day
3/25

KB Spring Show
4/2 6:00 - 7:00

Track Change/Minimum Day
Friday, 4/ 4

All Kinder classes 7:55-11:26
Grades 1- 6 - 7:55 - 12:30

A track returns on Monday, 4/7
Track Change Movie 12:30-2:30

Upcoming Field Trips

3/10 5CD Time of Remembrance 8:15

3/11 6BD Smedberg Visit 9:00

3/14 1CD Country Club Lanes 9:00

3/17 5C Starbase Rocket Launch at Butler 8:30

3/19 2BD Discovery Museum 8:00

3/20 4AD Sacramento Assistance League Governor's
Mansion Presentation 9:00

3/26 3CD IMAX 8:00

3/28 4CD Marshall Gold State Park 8:15



SRC Library Check-Out Time



If your child 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 - March				
THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY - Tue 3/11, Wed 3/19, Tue 3/25				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:00-2:30	8:10-10:30 2:00-2:30 Closed 3/11 & 3/25	2:00-2:30 Closed 3/19	2:00-2:30	2:00-2:30

TRACK CHANGE/TRACK ON Reminder

**BCD Trackers
Track Change/
Minimum Day
Friday April 4th**



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Track Change
(get it?)

**A-Track
is Back to School on
MONDAY April 7th**

Oral Language Faire C Track

FINALIST

NATASHA S.

Persuasive speech

Selection: Child Labor

6C - Mrs. Armour's Class

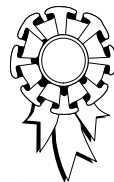


SCIENCE FAIR - Evening Event (All Tracks ABCD)

B, C, D track projects are due -
Wednesday, March 12, 2008

The Science Fair evening event
will be held on **Wednesday
March 12th from 6-7pm.**

During the evening, families will
have the opportunity to view all
ABC & D track projects. Ribbons
will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd
place winners for each grade
level and all participants will
receive a certificate of participation. The 1st place winner at each grade level
will be entered into the **District Competition, March 25-27.**



Character Education

The character trait for
March is **RESPECT**



If you ask your child what a 'Paw Print' is, they will tell you that it's the coolest piece of blue paper a student can receive at Butler other than an A+ on a test. The entire staff is helping to reinforce values that you are teaching at home to help all our students become better citizens. Paw prints are handed out to students for being respectful, responsible, caring, working as a team etc. Paw prints are collected each Friday and approximately 30 student names are announced over the loud speaker. Students are invited to the office to pick up a prize to congratulate them for displaying great character.

Tracks A/B Testing Dates
May 7 through June 5

Track D Testing Dates
April 9 through May 7

Track C Testing Dates
April 8 through June 5



**CST Test
Release
Questions
Online**

The California Department of Education's (CDE) website provides released test questions from previous CST tests for grades 2 through grades 12 as a resource for districts, schools, and families to utilize.

If you would like to utilize the questions as a resource to prepare or review for the tests, please copy the following link:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/css05rtq.asp>

Once you reach the link, scroll down to the appropriate subject area and grade level that you would like to access and print.

If you do not have internet access, and would like a copy of the released questions, please fill out the form below so that we may provide you the materials you need.



**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



March is California Youth Art Month

We entered seven "best of the show" pieces from our site, one from each grade level. The artwork will be matted and put onto a display board in the Robert L. Trigg Education Center (District Office) and will be on display for an entire year. Each child will receive a certificate for participation and a small art prize package. The display boards will be accessible for parents and students to view at times when the district office is open.



Kindergarten	Jillian M.
1 st Grade	Julia S.
2 nd Grade	Eternity B.
3 rd Grade	Julia G.
4 th Grade	Taylor G.
5 th Grade	Andrea O.
6 th Grade	Samatra S.



Ask Anne

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.

This month, in honor of National Nutrition Month, instead of answering a question, I would like to share with you the American Dietetics Association's top 10 Nutrition Facts. During National Nutrition Month®, the American Dietetic Association urges consumers to look beyond the myths of nutrition and focus on the facts. Remember, the theme for 2008 is **Nutrition: It's a Matter of Fact**.



THE EXPERTS AT THE AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION HAVE IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

1. Eating right doesn't have to be complicated. Use Mypyramid.gov to develop a personalized plan for lifelong health.
2. The best nutrition advice is based on science. Before adopting any changes to your diet, be sure the information is based in scientific fact.
3. Get your food and nutrition facts from the expert: a registered dietitian. RDs are uniquely qualified to translate the science of nutrition into reliable advice you can use every day.
4. Balancing physical activity and a healthful diet is your best recipe for managing weight and promoting overall health and fitness.
5. Think nutrient-rich rather than "good" or "bad" foods. The majority of your food choices should be packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients — and lower in calories.
6. Look at the big picture: No single food or meal makes or breaks a healthful diet. Your total diet is the most important focus for healthful eating.
7. Prepare, handle and store food properly to keep you and your family safe from food-borne illness.
8. Don't fall prey to food myths and misinformation that may harm rather than benefit your health.
9. Read food labels to get nutrition facts that help you make smart food choices quickly and easily.
10. Find the healthy fats when making food choices. By choosing polyunsaturated or monounsaturated fats, you can keep your saturated fats, trans fats and cholesterol low.