TOGETHER WE RISE: Raising the Bar, Closing the Gap,
Believing All Kids Do Well If They Can

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Important Dates

March 2nd - Read Across America Day!
March 2nd - Butler Builders Meeting 5:15pm
March 18th - 20th - Spring Break (No School)
March 23rd - Kindergarten Round Up
(12:30, 4:30 & 6:00)
Butler Families,
The Butler Scholars have not let the flu, snow or cold weather slow them down. They continue to be relentless at achieving their goals! We have been busy learning and celebrating our accomplishments in 2020!

On January 31st, the Butler Scholars celebrated exceeding their Butler Bucks goal through our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). The school-wide reward of a Dance Party took place. Watching the staff and students dancing and being playful brought me so much joy! We are so proud of our students’ efforts to continue to follow the 4B’s (Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe).

In honor of Black History Month Butler’s morning announcements included an interesting fact about Black History and during Morning Meeting teachers led the students in a five minute discussion on leaders pertaining to Black History. The Student Leadership Team read to classrooms about an African American leader. In addition, the staff honored a Black American Hero by displaying this person’s accomplishments on their classroom door. If you haven’t done so please stop by and check out all of the heroes that we honored.

I want to thank you for the heartfelt messages you sent for your child they covered the Butler Halls. The students absolutely loved pointing out which message was for them! We will end February with the Butler Builders sponsored Carnival and Family Engagement Event at The Greatest School on Earth! You don’t want to miss it~ see you there!

As always my door is always open if you have questions, concerns or ideas please stop by or feel free to call.

Together We Rise
Best Regards,
Carmen Banwart,
Butler Elementary Principal
CORRECTION! The 12 month school calendar has an error in it. The month of June is incorrect. The dates do not correctly line up with the days of the week. June 1st should be on Monday, not Friday. Please make the correction to the dates in your calendar. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

Go Big for Kids and support the Fort Dodge Community Schools Foundation Annual Fundraiser Go Big, Go Dodgers.

In 2019, your support helped add the following to our district:

- iJAG program at FDSH
- Peace corners at Duncombe Elementary
- Interactive technology at Feelhaver Elementary
- Math Talks materials at Cooper Elementary
- Surface planer for career and technical education at FDMS
- Battle of the Books program at all elementary schools
- Leader in Me district wide coming in 20-21
- and more!

The Big event is **Friday, April 3, at 6 p.m. at Fort Frenzy**. There will be live music by Salty View, a live auction, food, tailgating games, a cash bar and more!

Tickets are $40 per person ($20 for FDCSD employees and one guest). Go to [www.fdcsfoundation.org](http://www.fdcsfoundation.org) to purchase tickets or make a donation.

Fort Dodge Senior High is looking for projects in the community for our construction students. If you have a desire for a shed, garage, or small addition on your property and like the idea of helping our students learn a skilled trade, please contact Adam Kent at [akent@fdschools.org](mailto:akent@fdschools.org) with your ideas. If your project aligns well with our curriculum, we will make it happen. District administration will make the final determination on participation in any project.
A message from the Classrooms:

**Kindergarten:**  Spring is right around the corner and we are working hard to blossom our learning! Students are learning how to decode and encode CVC words and CVC words with the digraphs sh, ch, and th. We are also building fluency with decoding and encoding. In math, students are learning about teen numbers and are working to build fluency with addition and subtraction within 5. In OER, we have recently started a new unit. In this unit, students will be learning about how and what animals depend on trees. Students are doing amazing work here at Butler! We also are looking forward to seeing you for our Read Across America Day on March 2nd.

**1st Grade:**  The first graders are learning about how birds use their bodies to survive. The students are working on the learning targets use research to learn and write about birds. They will participate in conversations with their classmates about birds. In math, we are working on place value. How many tens and ones are in a number? We are also adding ten to a number and subtracting ten from a number. We continue to learn foundational skills to help be proficient readers.

**2nd Grade:**  The second graders have been busy “bees” learning about pollination and the animals that help the pollination process. We have researched, read books and written informative paragraphs about how bees and other animals help plants grow and survive. Math has gotten more complex with adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers. We are working to build these large numbers with our base-10 blocks and manipulate them (make trades) to add and subtract. Fact fluency continues to be a focus as well. Mastery of facts within 20 are the expectation by the end of second grade. Whole group intervention involves reading passages for fluency. We are including a fluency activity to use at home in our yellow folders given out at the carnival. For those students who were unable to attend we have sent those folders home.

**3rd Grade:**  February seemed to fly by this year, even with it being a leap year! During the month of February, we have achieved many great things. In OER, we completed our first and second unit in module three, talking about classic literature. We will continue to focus on character traits and scene revisions in this module. In math, we are wrapping up working on understanding division and will soon start fractions. On February 26th, third-grade went on a field trip to the Science Center to learn about cold blooded creatures among other fascinating things. Don’t forget to check out your infinite campus and check out your students' grade and their progress so far during this school year. We look forward to spring and warmer weather!

**4th Grade:**  4th grade is at the end of their American Revolution module. We are starting to write a broadside (opinion piece) on why the colonists should support the patriot cause. Our final module is on Ratifying the 19th Amendment (Women’s Right to Vote). We are at the end of our fractions unit in math. We will move on to factors and multiples next. Please remind your child to keep reading each night. We are working hard to hit our end of the year reading goal of 150 words per minute!

**Art:**  Congratulations to the following students who were our Students in the Arts award winners for this fall term in art: K: Cameron Breedon  1st Grade: Callum Rogers  2nd Grade: Talen Beekman  3rd Grade: Karston Froisland  4th Grade: Tyson Anderson  Keep up the good work!

**Family Engagement:**  The Family Engagement team was so excited to see so many families at the Butler Carnival. We hope that you are able to practice and work on the skills with your children at home. If you were not able to make it, please reach out to your child’s teacher to see about getting your child’s folder with practice materials.

**Library:**  Officer Joelyn Johnson will be speaking with the 4th graders on March 9th to discuss the topic of internet safety. In the library students have been discussing concepts and key terms such as phishing and cyberbullying. The students will be generating questions for Officer Johnson before her visit and we will reflect on her presentation after she comes. To be the best digital citizens it is important to be safe and informed!
A message from the Classrooms:

**PE:** Butler students will be working on skill development through games such as Bowling and Hockey. The younger students will be working on special awareness through various games. Students will also be working on different skills with a ball such as throwing, catching, bouncing, kicking, and striking. All students are working on sportsmanship and getting along with others in competitive sports and games. Hopefully our Butler students will get to be outside to play as the weather gets warmer!

**Counselor:** Counseling services such as group, individual, and whole groups are still being provided for students. During the cycle of counseling students will finish their cycle on being College and Career Ready! Fourth grade students will dress up as their career and present facts about their career to their classes; As Kindergarten and first grade will take pictures of the person they want to be when they grow up. Third grade will learn the process of starting a resume and second grade will learn about more careers. As always If families need additional food, clothes, etc please do not hesitate to come to our Family Resource room to collect those items you need. As always thank you for choosing Butler Elementary.

**Music:** Butler students have been digging into their rhythms! They have been doing lots of counting, writing rhythmic patterns, and playing their rhythmic patterns on different instruments. We have also began learning about instrument families and how instruments create sound. We are getting very close to beginning work on program songs, so watch out for information coming up about the Spring Program!

**BRIDGES Case Manager:** The Family Resource Room is stocked with food items, clothing, and brochures of various resources to help families. Also, I am able to help with transportation to conferences, etc., obtaining insurance, housing, getting students to appointments, and collaborating with several agencies within our community to ensure students and their families obtain the help they need.

**PBIS Team:** The Butler students had an assembly February 28th focusing on Caring. The Butler students fell short with meeting their Butler Buck goal in February. They will be working hard to make sure they meet their goal in March by being Respectful, Responsible, Kind and Safe! At home tip: Ask your Student what they did that followed the 4 B’s at school!

**Nurse:** Please see the following information pertaining to medications at school. All medication, prescription and over the counter medication, requires a completed parental permission form. Without this, the medication will not be administered. All medication must be in a pharmacy bottle with proper pharmacy label and over the counter medication must be in the original packaging. Medications must be delivered to school by the parent/guardian. Children should not transport any medication to or from our school. Over the counter medications will not be offered on demand but only after careful assessment of the need to medicate has been made by the school nurse and other treatment measures to resolve the problem have been considered.

**From the secretary:**

Just a friendly reminder: if your child is going to be absent/tardy, please call the office (515-574-5882) so I can mark it down. If your child is running late, please drop them off at the front office so they can get checked in and be counted for lunch. Thank you for your help!
New School Nurses Facebook Page
The FDCSD school nurses have started a Facebook page to keep families up to date with important medical information. Please like and follow Fort Dodge Community School Nurses on Facebook!

School Libraries Facebook Page
The FDCSD school libraries have a Facebook page to share with families the fun learning that takes place in our libraries and makerspaces. Please like and follow Fort Dodge School Libraries on Facebook!
I like Butler Elementary because my teacher is kind and we can earn cool prizes by earning Butler Bucks for following the 4 Be’s: Be kind, responsible, respectful and safe.

- Jordyn Rather, 4th Grade
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER WEATHER

If school must be cancelled, delayed or dismissed early due to weather conditions, announcements will be made via:

- Infinite Campus Phone Calls & Texts
- FDCSD Facebook and Twitter
- www.fdschools.org
- TV Stations: WHO, KCCI & WOI
- Radio Stations: KWMT, KKEZ, KXFT, KZLB, KIAQ, KVFD, KTLB
- The Messenger website and social media

Available resources for Butler families include canned and non-perishable foods, clothing, toiletry items and more!

Like us on Facebook
@lovebutlerschool
There will be school April 13 as a snow make-up day.

Please join us on Monday, March 2nd at 8:05 am - Via Facebook Live (@lovebutlerschool)

**Monday** - Dr. Ulrich, FD Superintendent
**Tuesday** - Dr. Anderson, Director of Elementary Education
**Wednesday** - Mr. Charles Clayton, AFES
**Thursday** - Mr. Jeremy Munden, Assoc. Pastor Northfield Church
**Friday** - Mr. Pat Reding, Retired Duncombe Principal

Know Someone Who Wants to Be a Dodger?

Our mission at the FDCSD is to provide quality learning experiences and build relationships that develop productive citizens ready for their futures. A child’s educational experiences including coursework, activities and relationships, will prepare him for his future; what his post-secondary experience will be and the career choice he will make. With our variety of classes and activities, we truly offer something for everyone!

If you know someone whose child currently does not attend our schools but who could benefit from what we have to offer, please share this information with them. The open enrollment deadline for the 2020-21 school year is March 1st, 2020. The application can be found at [http://www.fdschools.org/en/student_registration/](http://www.fdschools.org/en/student_registration/) or is available in the superintendent’s office at the Central Administration Building.
Register Now for Kindergarten Roundup at the FDCSD

February 24, 2020, Fort Dodge, IA- Registration is taking place now for Kindergarten Roundup at the Fort Dodge Community School District. Families can choose the session that works best for them: 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

March 23 at Butler Elementary
March 24 at Cooper Elementary
March 25 at Duncome Elementary
March 26 at Feelhaver Elementary

The child’s home address determines which Roundup location he/she must attend. If parents/guardians are unsure where a child should attend Roundup, please call 574.5679.

Children must be five years of age by September 15, 2019, to be eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall. Parents/guardians who have a child ready to enter kindergarten may register their child for Roundup using the online form located at www.fdschools.org or may call 515.574.5679 to register their child into a Roundup session. The following information is required:

- If your child currently attends preschool or TK at Riverside ELC no paperwork is needed at this time. Please use the online form to indicate your intention to enroll in kindergarten at the FDCSD
- If your child currently attends preschool at Childcare Discovery, Community Christian, Dodger Preschool, Little Lambs or Saint Edmond proof of guardianship, proof of address and immunization records are needed. Please use the online form to indicate your intention to enroll in kindergarten at the FDCSD
- If your child currently does not attend preschool proof of guardianship, proof of address and immunization records are needed. Please use the online form to indicate your intention to enroll in kindergarten at the FDCSD. You will then receive a link to complete the pre-registration process online.

Parents and children will spend about an hour in a classroom where they will engage in various literacy, fine motor and math activities. Parents will attend a brief meeting with the building principal, nurse and kindergarten teachers. Children will remain in the classroom during the meetings to participate in art and story time as well as have a snack.

For families interested in Transitional Kindergarten (TK), pre-registration is taking place now. To be eligible to attend TK in the fall of 2020, children must be five years old by September 15, 2020. Space is limited and a waiting list will be started once the TK sections are full. TK hours will be 8 a.m. to 3:10 p.m., with the doors opening at 7:30 a.m. TK Roundup is March 27. Families may choose to attend a 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. session. Register using the form online form at www.fdschools.org.

Families will need to complete the full registration process online during the summer of 2020.

Please call 574.5679 for additional information or with questions.
Transitional Kindergarten Pre-Registration Opens February 17

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) pre-registration for the 2020-21 school year opens February 17. To be eligible to attend TK in the fall of 2020, children must be five years old by September 15, 2020. Space is limited and a waiting list will be started once the TK sections are full. TK hours will be 8 a.m. to 3:10 p.m., with the doors opening at 7:30 a.m.

TK bridges the path between preschool and kindergarten, providing students with the gift of time that will help them build a strong foundation for future school success. TK is based on the Iowa Core Kindergarten Standards, including focused instruction in literacy and numeracy with a strong emphasis on self-regulation and social engagement. TK is designed to build the necessary social and academic skills for school success.

Children who need additional time and preparation to develop academic and social skills for the rigor of kindergarten may benefit from TK. Families should consider their child’s language, social, cognitive, and motor skills development to determine if TK is the right fit for their child. Conversation with your child’s preschool teacher can also help with this decision. Ultimately, the decision to attend TK is up to each family.

Beginning February 17, parents/guardians may pre-register their child for TK using the online form located at www.fdschools.org. Parents/guardians may also call the registrar at the Central Administration Building at 574.5679 to pre-register their child. The following information is needed:

- If your child currently attends preschool at Riverside ELC: no paperwork is needed at this time, please use the online form to indicate your intention to enroll in TK at the FDCSD
- If your child currently attends preschool at Childcare Discovery, Community Christian, Dodger Preschool, Little Lambs or Saint Edmond: proof of guardianship, proof of address, and immunization records, please use the online form to indicate your intention to enroll in TK at the FDCSD
- If your child currently does not attend preschool: proof of guardianship, proof of address, and immunization records, please use the online form to indicate your intention to enroll in TK at the FDCSD. You will then receive a link to complete the pre-registration process online.

Families will also want to sign their child up for the TK Roundup session using the online form. TK Roundup will be held at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, March 27, at Riverside Early Learning Center.

Families will need to complete the full registration process online during the summer of 2020.

Please join us in congratulating our Students in the Arts winners!
These students were nominated by Mrs. Klein-Ferry (Music teacher) and Mrs. Rake (Art teacher) for going above in beyond.

Art: Cameron Breeden Callum Roger Talen Beekman
        Karston Froisland Tyson Anderson

Music: Ariana Johnson Calli Bird Aria Brown Alex Dreke
        Tieryn Harms
Are You Smarter Than A K-Kid? Game Show
Benefits Dodger Academy Scholarship Program
Save the Date: March 27, 2020

Advance Ticket Price $10.00
Ticket price includes your meal
Butler Elementary School - 945 S 18th St.
5:45 p.m. - 6:30 meal / 6:30 Game On!

Tickets at the Door $15.00
Follow us: facebook: @are.smarter
twitter: @are_smarter

Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis Club.

Working together, we can achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone.

Kiwanis K-Kids
Young Leaders Helping Others
Together we can make a difference!
School Safety Emergency Response Protocols

The FDCSD, in collaboration with local law enforcement and first responders, has adopted four standard response protocols for use in emergencies. During an emergency, one or more of the following responses may be implemented.

1. **EVACUATE**: evacuate is used when there is a need to move students from point A to point B in an orderly fashion. A fire drill is an example.
2. **SHELTER**: shelter is used when there is a need for personal or group protection. A tornado drill is an example.
3. **SECURE the PERIMETER**: secure the perimeter is used, often at the request of the police department, as a preventive measure when there is a threat outside/near the school. This response was formerly known as a lockout.
4. **LOCKDOWN**: lockdown is used when there is a threat inside the school.

What can parents/guardians do to help our schools be prepared for an emergency?

- Ensure your contact information is current in Infinite Campus.
- Keep all medical information for your child up to date with the school.
- Talk to your child about the need to follow directions in an emergency and to pay close attention during drills.
- During an emergency, please do not come to or call the school. Listen for information, updates and instructions to come from the district.

**SAFESCHOOLS ALERT**

The FDCSD is now using SafeSchools Alert, a tip reporting service that allows students, staff, and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration four different ways:

1. **Phone**: 515.373.4351
2. **Text**: Text to 515.373.4351
3. **Email**: 1876@alert1.us
4. **Web**: Use the link under Events at fdschools.org or visit [http://1876.alert1.us](http://1876.alert1.us)

When you submit a tip, be sure to use the FDCSD identification code 1876 in your communication.

Every tip SafeSchools Alert receives about our district is immediately logged in the system and our administration is notified so we can investigate and take appropriate action.

Together, using SafeSchools Alert, we can make our district a safer place to learn and work!