



## September/October 2018

### From Our Principal

I probably say this every year, but the start of this year has truly been like no other. As a staff and community, we've had to pull through our toughest time yet and stay strong for the students and one another. I am just amazed at the way in which our Butler family continues to step up in times of need.

If you've been wondering about the progress of construction, it seems to be moving along. Our projected completion date of the big stuff is sometime around November 1st with punchlist items being finished all through November. I hope to

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### SAVE THE DATE

**10/8-** Columbus Day No School  
**10/19-** Early Dismissal 12:20pm  
**10/25 & 26-** Cinderella Dress Shop  
**11/6-8-** Book Fair  
**11/7-** Grandparent's Day  
**11/8-** November PTA meeting 7pm  
(pizza 6:30pm)

see a STEM lab in the next couple of weeks. We also are projected to be completed with the second half of Ms. Thornton's room and a big area for our 1st graders sometime in November. I thank you all for your patience as we work through this process together. It will be worth it in the end!

Many of you may be aware of the new A-F system for campus and district ratings. I'm pleased that our campus earned a 91 which transfers to an A grade. While we are always proud to be top achievers, I hope you all know that STAAR test performance is just one of many measures that make our school great...and it's probably the least important one at that. We are most proud of our community, our kindness, and our ability to make this school feel like home for all who enter. I hope you feel welcome and safe each day that you are in our building. If TEA gave a grade based on those factors, we would most definitely be an A each year!

Our campus theme this year is to create moments for your child. You may find us creating new moments throughout each grade, or you may recognize other existing moments and watch as they grow to be bigger and better than ever. The moments we have throughout each day at Butler are what we want everyone to remember. I encourage you all to read *The Power of Moments* and to embrace each moment in your lives as well.

Thank you for supporting our staff here at Butler. We appreciate you!

Stacie Humbles  
Principal, Butler Elementary

## From Our PTA President

It is hard to believe that we are already in our second month of school, it feels like

## Fall Fundraiser



Thank you to all who participated in our fall fundraiser. It was HUGE success!!

## Cinderella



The 2nd annual Butler Cinderella dress shop is coming! The Cinderella dress shop is an opportunity for our girls to swap out gently used party dresses for a "new to you" dress just in time for the Daddy Daughter Dance on November 9th. We will begin collecting your previously loved dresses on October 9th in the front office. Just bring your dress (or dresses!) on a hanger and drop it off on your way to class. You can also bring gently used dress shoes and any accessories still in good condition. Please place shoes and accessories in a small grocery style plastic bag for drop-off so that everything stays together. We will accept donations through October 23rd. Then comes the exciting part - shopping! On October 25th and 26th the shop will be open to all girls who want to get that perfect dress for their perfect evening. Donation is not required in order to shop. The shop will be open for parents to shop with their girls after school from 3:35 - 4:30. There will

so much has already happened. We had a bit of a tough start to the year with the loss of our friend and teacher Shawn O'Connell. Throughout it all, the PTA and the entire Butler community including Dads Club came together in true Butler fashion. We will honor him and remember him always. He taught three of my four kids, and I was lucky enough to be his room mom twice, so I guess that means #1mhisfavorite. He was an inspiration to every Superhero and Jedi that has attended Butler and will be in the years to come.

We started the year off with our PTA fundraiser, and thanks to your overwhelming participation we met our fundraising goals. Thank you for working with us to make it such a success. I am learning that anything is possible with this amazing community.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone for coming out to our PTA meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>. I can't begin to tell you how much it meant to me to have you stick with us through our changed plans and reschedules. As you know, Butler is focusing on moments this year, one of mine is definitely conducting my first meeting. I am so happy and feel privileged to be a voice for the families and staff of Butler.

Our next meeting is on November 8<sup>th</sup> and it will be our Veteran's Day program. Please join us on our Facebook page Butler Elementary PTA or join our PTA Remind by texting @broncospta to the number 81010. There is always something happening at Butler, these are easy ways for you to keep track! You can also join our PTA online anytime at [www.joinpta.org](http://www.joinpta.org)

I am looking forward to what this year has in store for all of us, let's make more moments!

Liz Bankhead  
PTA President  
2018-2019

be an area to try on dresses before you decide so that you can get the perfect fit. Watch for a flyer in your child's folder which will have all of the shop information and a permission slip to allow your daughter to shop privately during the school day if you prefer. Our fairy godmother's will be happy to assist her in picking out the perfect dress. So come on out and find that perfect dress you've been wanting without ever having to leave the school!

On a related note - we have sponsorship opportunities for anyone that can loan us rolling wardrobe racks for our dresses! If you have any rolling racks that you can let us borrow we would be happy to put up signage for your business or include flyers with the shopping bags. Contact Natalie Tull for more details!  
[nataliefobestull@gmail.com](mailto:nataliefobestull@gmail.com) or 817-228-5637.

## DID YOU KNOW...



Pop Tab collection is coming this December! Whether you call them pop tabs, coke tabs or pull tabs - we are collecting them for the Ronald McDonald House this December! The Ronald McDonald House provides free lodging and care for families with kids battling serious illnesses in long-term hospital care. The pop tabs we collect are recycled for cash by the Ronald McDonald House in order to fund their mission. We will have a grade level competition for an awesome prize you don't want to miss

### LIBRARY CORNER

Welcome back! I have enjoyed hearing about all the fabulous books the students read over the summer. I love how Butler Broncos LOVE to read! I am always in need of volunteers to help in the library. If you are available during the day to volunteer, please send me an email at [tjackson@aisd.net](mailto:tjackson@aisd.net).

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

#### **November 5-8:**

Book Fair: Many volunteers will be needed this week.

#### **December:**

Battle of the Books teams chosen (grades 4 & 5) Any interested students need to have all 6 books read by this time. Practice will begin in January.

#### **January:**

Bluebonnet voting (Students in grades 3-6 must read at least 5 books in order to vote)

#### **March:**

Read-a-thon

Battle of the Books competition

Mrs. Jackson



The Butler Library offers you an opportunity to leave a legacy in our library through a book donation.

Books of all interests & reading levels may be purchased and donated in honor of a child, family member or special occasion. A personalized name plate will be placed inside the front cover.

Books will be sold at PTA meetings and events, or you may see Mrs. Jackson in the library to make your purchase. This is a wonderful way to contribute extra books to our library and leave a lasting legacy.



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*You are invited to our Book Fair  
Tuesday, November 6th - Thursday, November 8th  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm*

*Please visit us during lunch hours on  
Grandparents Day on Wednesday, November 7th.*



## Parent Education

### Slimy Science

With all the rainy days we are having, you have probably heard “I am bored” one or two times. Making “slime” with your child is not only fun, but also educational. Below is one recipe for slime, but many others can be found on the Internet. Enjoy the kitchen chemistry!

Materials: bottle of school glue, Borax (found in laundry detergent aisle), food coloring, water, and bowls

### Steps:

1. Mix 1 oz. glue with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup water. Add food coloring as desired.
2. Slowly stir in  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup Borax. Once you have stirred all you can, feel free to knead the mixture. The new compound will be formed. If there is any left-over water, just pour it out.
3. Have your child talk about the slime, for example changes you observed (sight and touch) while making the mixture.

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