



November 2018

From Our Principal

At my principal's meeting yesterday, we had a session about taking care of ourselves. The role of the principal (and parent) is to fill others' buckets and you can't pour from an empty cup. Think about when you take a flight and the attendants show you the emergency procedures as the plane takes off. When they talk about the oxygen masks, they always say to put yours on first and then help the children around you. And we know that is because if you don't have oxygen, you're not going to be able to help someone else at a proficient level.

We were also encouraged to take time to meditate and to keep a gratitude journal. I enjoy writing as a reflective tool, and it most definitely helps to keep me centered. As we approach the

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SAVE THE DATE

- 12/8- Butler Jingle Fun Run
- 12/18- Grade Level Winter Parties
- 12/19- Last day of first semester-Early dismissal 12:20pm
- 12/20-1/7 - Winter Break
- 1/8 - Second semester begins
- 1/10- January PTA meeting 7pm (pizza 6:30pm)

wonderfulness of Thanksgiving break, I'd love to share a few moments that I've had this year that I am grateful for:

1. The other day, I noticed a few 6th grade kids sitting with ____ at lunch. It was a really cool thing to see because they sat away from their normal lunch crew to sit with someone who they saw needed a lunch friend. I didn't say anything to the kids because I thought that would take away from their authentic kindness. Today, I noticed about 7 kids sitting at that table with _____. It was pretty amazing to see the change and how these students influenced the others around them in a positive way.
2. The week of the book fair, Grandparents' Day, the Veteran's program and the Daddy Daughter Dance is just exhausting. Everyone in the building is busy taking care of something in regard to the week. Parents are hustling and bustling as well. Each year, I'm exhausted just thinking about the activities as the week approaches. But when it is occurring, and after it all ends, I always feel so proud of the school and the people connected with it. We all collectively put something together that is so special to so many people. I think it's so important for us to remember to enjoy the moment as it happens and I'm so thankful that the events give me that perspective.
3. My son, Jaylon, had his first basketball game this past week and as I worked the concessions stand after his game, I just looked around at all the fun going on in the gym area. I am so thankful for the culture at Shackelford. It's a junior high, full of smelly and LOUD adolescents, but it is a really great place. I am thankful to have another school where I drop my child off in the morning and don't worry about how his day will go. He is loved and taken care of each day, and he really likes that place!

As we go into our break, please take the time to reflect on the things you are thankful for. I encourage you to push yourself beyond the standard answers of family, friends, food, and shelter (not because you're not grateful for them, but because we all KNOW you're grateful for them), and truly think about individual moments you've had in your day to day life that are fantastic. It's a really great exercise to help start your day and being grateful makes you healthier. Remember to take care of yourself first if you truly want to take care of others.

Hope you had Happy Thanksgiving!

Stacie Humbles
Principal, Butler Elementary

Yearbooks



*Congratulations to the yearbook cover art contest winners! Aaron Lim from 2nd grade is the 1st place winner and will have his art featured on the front cover and Andrea Ponce from 6th grade is the 2nd place winner and will have her art featured on the back cover. All entries will be featured in the yearbook. Thank you to all who participated!

*Don't forget to place your order for your 2018-2019 yearbook before the price increases! Use the link below or look for the 2nd order form coming home soon. The price is \$20 until 12/31/2018.

*Don't forget to help us collect pictures from all the school events by downloading the ReplayIt app and uploading all your pictures! Thanks to everyone who has already contributed!

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PRAISE Award

Congratulations to Mrs. Jackson our fall PRAISE Award winner!

Butler Jingle Fun Run

Join us on Saturday December 8 at 9:00am for the annual Butler Jingle Fun Run at SHACKELFORD JUNIOR HIGH (2000 Fielder Rd).

Come help us initiate the NEW track and field

Every student runner gets some jingle bells to run with - but parents can run too!

From Our PTA President

Wow, October and the beginning of November were so busy at Butler! I need to take a moment and thank all of our amazing volunteers who helped us make things happen over the last few weeks. You will hear me say this over and over again, we have the best volunteers at Butler and I am so thankful for your help and participation.

Halloween was huge fun for all, especially those who got to see themselves on TV doing the Monster Mash, or posing with a herd of dinosaurs.

We had our Cinderella Store, thank you to everyone who made dress donations. It was so fun to help the girls to shop for fancy dresses, shoes and accessories for the Father Daughter Dance. It was even better to see all the girls wearing their new dresses at the dance itself.

Grandparent's day was a huge success, it was so heartwarming to see all the students enjoy a lunch with their families. If you haven't seen the pictures taken that day you can download them from our Shutterfly page at

www.butlerelementarygrandparentsday.shutterfly.com .

We capped the busy Book Fair week off with our PTA Meeting/Veteran's Day program. The Butler choir performed in honor of our troops, and our flag ceremony was conducted by TX-103 JROTC. We were also able to honor our librarian Mrs. Jackson with the PRAISE Award, she has made such a difference at our school and you as parents noticed and nominated her for her hard work.

There are several things planned for December, so keep an eye out for our coat and shoes donation box and information on our Jingle Fun Run. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 10th when we will honor our PTA Life Membership winners for this year.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, I hope the week with friends and families has recharged everyone for the month ahead!

Liz Bankhead

PTA President 2018-2019

Register Here for the
Jingle Fun Run
<http://www.butlerpta.org/jingle-run/>

Parent Education



Tumble Books

Did you know that AISD has lots of technology resources for your student? One of these is access to Tumble Books, which provides your child with a plethora of e-books to read on his/her device. To take advantage of this great tool click link below. Enter the username: aisd and password: student, then enjoy interacting with the books!

To check out more of the technology resources AISD has to offer, go to

<https://sites.google.com/a/aisd.net/libsrv/online-resources>.

Sincerely,

Valorie Kruger

4th VP- Programs and Parent Education

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Librarian's Corner

LIBRARY CORNER

BOOK FAIR

Thanks to all that helped make the Butler Book Fair a success! I could not do it without the PTA and the many volunteers that put in countless hours. Thanks also to the families for shopping. Hopefully many of you were able to put back some amazing books for gifts. I look forward to adding many new titles to our library shelves with the profits we earned.

BOOK DRIVE

We will be having another book drive in May in order to get new books in the hands of our students for the summer. I do not have room to store donated books at this point but would love if you would start saving your finished titles. I will be accepting any books appropriate for Kindergarten - 6th grade that are in good condition. More information to follow in the spring.

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Community Service Corner



Butler Elementary is a special place to be, and nowhere is that more evident than in our community service projects. We had a ton of donations for our Cinderella Dress shop and we were able to provide not only dresses, but a fun experience for our girls as well. I hope as the years go on this project grows, and more girls find out how much fun it is to come down and shop for free! It was definitely exciting to watch their faces light up when they found the perfect dress!

Big thanks to everyone who donated to the Butler Canned Food Drive benefitting Mission Arlington! The official tally isn't available as of the writing of this article - but every grade should be proud of their participation and we are definitely helping our community with the amount of food we have collected.

More ways to Help!

Since this is the season of giving, we have two more projects coming up! The first is the coat and shoe drive which we are conducting in partnership with the Arlington Council of PTAs. You can drop off your gently used coats and shoes starting November 26 until December 6 (a Thursday). All coats and shoes will be donated to Arlington charities. We almost all have coats and shoes that our kids have outgrown since last winter - so let's give them a new life with someone who really needs them. We are collecting kids and adult sizes, so check everyone's closet when you are collecting!

The second project we have is the Winter Wrapping Wonderland. This project is a way to bless our teachers and staff during the busy end of the semester. The way it works is teachers and staff bring us all the holiday presents that they are giving this year and we take care of wrapping them. This year's Winter Wrapping Wonderland will take place on December 14th and December 17th. Volunteer opportunities are available to help with wrapping, and we are also accepting donations of gift wrap, tape, ribbon, gift bags, tissue etc. For more information

on any of our community service projects please contact

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