

Butner Elementary School

"The Bear  Facts"

Sherry Hall, Principal
Dr. Grant Gabriel, Asst. Principal

Student's School day: 8:10 - 2:45 (M,T,Th,F)
8:10 - 1:35 (W)

Teacher's duty day: 8:00 - 3:30
Office hours: 7:30 - 4:00

March, 19 2009

Proud to serve the children of the Fort Bragg Community

Mark Your Calendar

April

- 2 - Month of the Military Child Celebration 9am-10am
 - School Board Meeting 9am @ District Office
- 3 - 11:45 Dismissal
No school for PreK
- 4 - Courtyard Clean Up
- 9 - Volunteer Breakfast 8:30am-10:30am
- 13-17 - Spring Break, No School
- 21 - Report Cards Go Home
- 23 - Means, Bowling Field Trip
- 24 - Beary Special Field Day
 - Arbor Day

Breakfast: 7:45 -8:15

Lunch Period: 10:30 to 1:15

Mission

Our mission is to provide to all students:
Standards-based instruction.
Opportunities for high achievement.
An environment for productive citizenship and continuous learning.

Vision

Inspiring continuous growth & learning in a stable, nurturing environment

Early Dismissal for K through 4th Graders & No School for PreK.

Remember that PreK students do not attend school on Friday, April 3. K-4 students will dismiss at 11:45 am. They will eat lunch before dismissal. Please make plans to pick your children up on time.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to all of the parents who took time out of your busy schedules to complete the DoDea customer survey!! Your input is greatly appreciated as we look for ways to help Butner grow.

Yearbooks

Due to low sales we had to cancel the 08-09 Butner yearbook. You should receive your refund check no later than March 31.

Spring Break

School will be closed from Monday, April 13 – Friday, April 17 for Spring Break. School will resume on Monday, April 20.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, April 21. Please look at them & review them with your student.



Space Camp for 6-9th graders

NASA Space Camp is a place where kids come together for a journey they will never forget. Each child learns about astronauts and space travel, and also experiences something even more important: developing bonds of friendship. This is a microcosm of the life of military children. They travel, they learn, and they quickly bond into lifetime friendships.

For information on the Scholarship on the web:

<http://www.militarychild.org/child-student/space-camp-scholarship/>

Month of the Military Child Celebration

Thursday April 2nd at 9:00am the staff & students will join together in song to honor our children. This is in thanks for the service the military children make to their country! All students please wear red, white, & blue clothes!!

2009 Operation Purple®

Camp registration opens on March 16 and continues through April 20. During this time, camp locations and specific camp information will be available at:

<http://www.operationpurple.org/>.

Read Across American 2009

Thank you to everyone for helping to make our Read Across America Celebration a huge success. We especially enjoyed our guest readers. Please visit the Information Center to view highlights of our celebration on the showcase computer.

Please remember we are always in need of parent volunteers in the Information Center.



Beary Special Field Day

Remember that Beary Special Field Day is Friday, April 24. We need lots of volunteers to make this very special day successful. If you have not already volunteered to help, please complete and send in the form at the bottom of this letter. You can also call to let them know you are available to assist.

-----Return by Friday, April 10-----

Your Name _____

Child's Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

_____ I am interested in volunteering on Friday, April 24 for Beary Special Field Day.

Courtyard Beautification April 4th

If you love gardening we can use you and your tools as we beautify the Butner courtyard. Join us from 12:00 until 3:00. We will be cleaning, pruning, and planting so that parents who want to eat lunch with their child may picnic in paradise. We really need "muscle" to clean the fountain and replace the pump system.

YMCA Offers Swimming

As the renovations are nearing completion on the Fort Bragg indoor pools, the Fayetteville YMCA continues to show their support of the military by offering free swimming to Soldiers and their Families. Active Duty Soldiers are invited to visit the YMCA for Active Duty lap swimming Monday through Friday 7:30 to 9 a.m., and noon to 2 p.m. Additionally, Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. have been dedicated for Active Duty lap swimming. Families can enjoy open swimming on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. All military personnel and their Families must present valid identification. Fort Bragg MWR would like to thank the YMCA for their assistance during this time. Log-on to www.fortbraggmwr.com for updates and pool re-opening announcements.

Butner Has Fun with Read Across America.

The Students & staff of Butner wear their slippers to school to get comfortable with a good book while visiting the Information Center.



Parents take time from work to read a story with the Butner students!



Cumberland County Community Helps Bragg Parents

On April 1, 2009 PBS will air the Sesame Street special "Coming Home: Military Families Cope with Change". The Military Affairs Council of the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Cumberland County Schools and the Partnership for Children of Cumberland County are proud to announce that our community will host a pre-screening of "Coming Home" on March 26th and March 27th at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum, 100 Bragg Boulevard, in downtown Fayetteville.

Due to the sensitive nature of this screening, it is encouraged that parents preview "Coming Home" and then watch it with their children when it airs nationwide on PBS, April 1, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. (check your local listings).

If you would like to attend this pre-screening, please review the attached invitation and confirm your attendance for either date by contacting Toni Dixon at (910) 484-4242 ext. 232 or via email at tdixon@fayettevillencchamber.org.

Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited so RSVP is strongly recommended.

Enter the Building Safely

Parents please use the sidewalk and designated crosswalks when entering and exiting the front of the school. We have had parents and students run between cars that are in line for pick-up and this creates a huge safety issue for our school.

No Pets on Campus

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school grounds at any time. Several mornings this past month we have had to clean up messes made by dogs. This is a health concern for our students and we respectfully request that you observe and understand the need for abiding by this policy.

Get your Bear Paws

The PTA is selling bear paw "fridge" and "car" magnets. They are the coolest thing going! The price is \$5.00 each. They are designed in our school logo and printed in our school colors. Please see Connie Havens in the front office to get yours while they last.



The Little Frogs are Hopping for Spring

Butner's Sensational 2nd grade students are beginning to prepare for their Spring Musical Concert, "Once Upon a Lilly Pad". The premier will be held Thursday, May 28th in the gymnasium at 6:00PM. More details will follow.



Butner Celebrates its 50th Birthday

The PTA will be hosting a 50s style sock hop & ice cream social on the evening of Friday May 29th. Mark your calendar. The entire family is invited. More details will follow.

End of Testing Celebration

We are proud of the hard work our 3rd and 4th grade students and teachers have done to prepare for the Terra Nova Examinations. In celebration of their efforts and desire to do their best we celebrated with a "Root Beer Float Party" with all the 3rd and 4th grade students and staff on March 19th at 2:00 P.M. The surprise on the student's faces when they walked into the cafeteria and saw the ice cream and root beer was priceless.



