

Butner Primary School

"The Bear  Facts"

Priscilla Joiner, Principal

Student's School day: 8:10 - 2:45 (M,T,Th,F)
8:10 - 1:55 (W)

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

September-October, 2012

Proud to serve the children of the Fort Bragg Military Community

Mark Your Calendar

October

05 – CSI Day – Non Student Day

08 – Columbus Day – No School

11 – Curriculum Night 4:30-6:00

22-26 – Red Ribbon Week

28 – End of 1st Nine Weeks

30 – Fall Picture Day

November

02 – Teacher Work Day

06 – Report Cards Sent Home

7-8 – Pre K PTC, No School For Pre K

09 – PTC For All Grades – Non Student Day

12 – Veteran's Day – No School

21 -23 – Thanksgiving Holiday

The Butner School & DoDEA mission is:

Educate, Engage, and Empower
Each student to succeed in a
dynamic world.

Our Vision Excellence

Parking Lot Safety

Parents, please take every precaution to provide safety for our students when transitioning to and from school. There should be no jumping the curb between the road and the school parking lot. Likewise, be aware there are locations that do not allow left turns at certain times of the day. Both driving across the curb and turning left across the drop off/pick up traffic lines presents serious risks. Additionally, please refrain from bringing riding toys such as bikes, skates, and scooters for walking students. Children riding these types of toys on the sidewalk along the main driveway is hazardous.

You must bring your ID card to pick up your child every day. We have substitute teachers everyday who will not be able to recognize you. To provide the highest level of safety, your ID card is required.

Help Stop Bullying

We are participating in efforts to help stop bullying at all schools. We want the school & the community to be free of fear from being bullied for our students. DoDEA's campaign is "Stop Bullying Now! Take a Stand. Lend a Hand". For information about bullying & what you can do to keep this from being a problem for your child, go online & check out the following websites:

www.stopbullyingnow.com and www.stopbullying.gov

**Welcome to Butner
Primary School!**

Mrs. Joiner

Principal



Calendar (Continued)

December

05 – Mid Term

19-24 – Winter Break, No School

25 – Christmas Federal Holiday

26 -31 – Winter Break, No School

The Butner School Goals:

Goal 1: By the end of the year, all students will increase performance in problem solving using instructional interventions in math.

Goal 2: By the end of the year, all students will increase performance in reading comprehension using interventions implemented in literacy instruction.



School Hours of Operation

Please make a special effort to keep track of the hours of operation at our school. We ask this to help us make the most of the instructional day with your children & to provide the highest level of safety for your children as well. Dropping students off too late in the morning gives them a difficult transition from home to school. Dropping students off too early in the morning or picking them up too late in the afternoon causes a safety concern because we do not have staff in the building to provide adequate supervision. Please note the times listed below.

Student Times

8:10 Students may enter the building M-F

2:45 Dismissal of students on M,T,TH,F

1:55 Dismissal of students on Wed

Breakfast Times

7:45-8:15

Please Leave Pups at Home

Please help us keep the school grounds safe and sanitary. Do not bring dogs to school as you walk your children to the building or pick them up in the afternoon. We have many small children who can easily be knocked down by frisky dogs. Bringing pets to school also causes a sanitation problem. Pets relieving themselves on school grounds can spread waste & germs that can pass to children. Thanks in advance for leaving your pets at home as you escort your children to school.

Student Comfort during Safety Drills

As a normal part of our school safety plan, we conduct drills to teach children how to move & act in the event of emergencies. These drills may include fire drills, inclement weather drills, bomb threat drills, & lock down drills. Most drills involve the sounding of an alarm that is very loud. Please discuss the role of drills with your children at home. Hopefully, this will lessen any anxiety they feel when the alarm for a drill is sounded. Teachers will also be reviewing the drills with students in their classrooms.

Information Updates

Parents, please help us keep accurate & up-to-date records in our student data management system. When you change your phone numbers, street address, email address, or emergency contact information, contact the school & give the new information to the office staff. We routinely use this type of information to contact you concerning important matters. Accurate records become even more critical in emergency situations. Call 910-907-0203 to enter updates in our system.

Keep Vaccination Records Up-To-Date

Students must have up-to-date vaccination records to enroll in a Department of defense School. Copies of these records must be provided to the school nurse for verification of eligibility to remain in school. We encourage parents to update their child's immunizations promptly & provide record of the updates to the school nurse. Parents are welcome to visit our website for specific information on registration and immunization requirements for 2012-2013.

If you have any questions please call the school nurse for assistance at 910-907-0203



PTA Starts Planning for the New Year

The Butner Parent Teacher Association for the 2012-2013 school year has already met & started making plans for the year. Several volunteers, both new faces & friends from past years have volunteered to help make sure that our school is everything it can be for the students of the Butner Families. However, we can always use more help. Please meet & get to know the people who are serving on the PTA board. If you have skills that can help our children be successful please pitch in & help. Don't forget to join the PTA for the 2012-2013 school year. Your child will be bringing home an invitation to join the group of parents who support the education of all of our children. Please look for the event & fundraiser schedules that will be circulated. Every penny counts & we count on you! You can contact the Butner PTA through the main office.

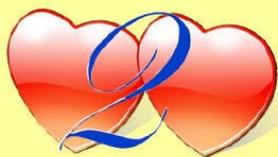
Pitch In, Be a Volunteer!

Don't forget there are many ways to volunteer at school. Ms. Castle, our music teacher, is currently looking for parent volunteers to help with decorations and props for the winter performance. If you would like to assist, please contact Ms. Castle by calling the Butner Main Office.



Heart to Heart

The next Heart to Heart Parent Forum will be held on October 10th at 8:30am. These forums are scheduled to provide a means of two way communication between the home and the community school. Please come to the Butner Primary School computer lab with topics to discuss and any questions you have. Mrs. Joiner, Principal, will be looking forward to meeting with you.



Cookies with the Counselor

On October 23rd, Ms. Shortt, our school guidance counselor, will be hosting the first Cookies with the Counselor of this school year. She will be discussing the importance of reading with your child at home. Plan to meet at 9:00am in the computer lab.



Drop Off Procedures

Parents may drop students off by entering the main school parking lot & following the traffic pattern to the sidewalk in front of the school building. Students may enter the building at 8:10. We ask that you do not drop students off prior to this time as adult supervision is not in place earlier than 8:10. Parents may walk students to the main Butner entrance. Walkers enter at 8:10 with all other students. If walking families arrive earlier than 8:10, parents are expected to supervise their children until the bell rings.

Pick Up Procedures for Car riders

Parents may pick up students by car by entering the main school parking lot & following the traffic pattern to the sidewalk in front of the school building. Numbered cones indicate 5 pickup stations. Parents should display a sign with their child's name & homeroom teacher's name to have children called to a numbered station. Once their child's name is called, they should proceed to the pickup station called for their child & wait for their child to enter the car. Please do not pass cars in the pickup lane unless directed by a Butner staff member. For safety reasons, students should only enter on the passenger side.

Pick Up Procedures for Walkers

Parents may pick up walking students at the area designated for their homeroom class on the front lawn of the school adjacent to the car rider pickup area. Parents must make contact with the child's teacher before taking their child from the line. Please do not call your children to you without letting the teacher know they are leaving.

Tardy Procedures and Absence Notes

The tardy bell rings at 8:20. If your child is late getting to school, you must escort them inside the main office and sign them in with one of the school secretaries. They cannot be dropped off at the curbside after 8:20 as there is no adult supervision in the parking lot after that time. To enter the building you must have a picture ID with you & display it at the front door. This is a security measure to keep your children safe. If your child is absent, he/she must have a note explaining the absence when they return to school. The note can be delivered to the classroom teacher. It needs to be signed, dated, & detail the reason for the child's absence from school. Refer to the link below for the school attendance policy:

<http://www.dodea.edu/attendance/index.cfm>

Make Sure Your Child is Picked up by a Person We Have Listed in Our Records

It is very important to make sure we know who we can release your child to at all times. We check carefully to make sure children are only released to adults who are listed in our database. You are the only person who can update or alter this database. You may come into the office or send a signed letter to your child's teacher to update the list of adults who can pick up your child.

Change in Policy on How Tardy Attendance Affects Your Child's Attendance Record

Starting this year we have changed our tardy procedures and how they apply to perfect attendance awards. Any student arriving after 9:00am will be marked absent for a portion on the school day. These partially absent days will be used in the calculation for perfect attendance certificates. If your child is not checked into school prior to 9:00am they will be ineligible for perfect attendance awards.

The Butner Staff Comes Together to Support Home Reading

Ahoy, Mateys! Welcome to another year of Mystery Reader fun. This year all our students are invited to attend the assemblies. Each month we will feature a new and exciting story! Coming up in October is *The Halloweiner* by Dav Pilker. If you like *Bad Bunnies* or *Captain Underpants* then you will love *The Halloweiner*! In it, Oscar (a dachshund) is bullied by some other dogs.

This year's Mystery Reader Kickoff was a huge success! On Thursday, September 20, our Prek-2nd Graders participated in a pirate treasure-themed assembly. Best of all, they got excited about reading! Our Reading Pirate joined us for an afternoon of fun, and our students sang and danced their hearts out. Teachers performed skits, songs, and acted out portions of their favorite books to get their students excited about reading at home. Reading together is a fun, exciting way to connect with families. Read 20 minutes every night for 20 days and send in that information to your child's teacher. At the end of each month, if your child meets these requirements, he or she will receive a special treat from Pizza Hut.



A Note from The Media Center

Butner Primary School Media Center is here to serve the information needs of students, teachers, and parents. We believe in a stimulating, child-centered, energetic, atmosphere that will enhance knowledge and encourage students to develop life-long learning skills. We want students to understand how to locate information, as well as finding materials for recreational reading, so we work to educate students about the materials in the media center and how they are organized. Students, teachers, and parents are welcome to visit the media center and take advantage of our media center's services.

We always need volunteers to help us better serve the students and teachers!

Shirley Salters
Media Specialist

