

# BUTCHER-GREENE ELEMENTARY

## APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

### PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Greetings Butcher-Greene Family,

Thank you so much for your continued support. We appreciate your presence at our various activities thus far this school year. Our PTA continues to grow, so if you have not joined, now is a good time. We welcome your input and the PTA is a very good platform we use to solicit your input through. We want to thank all the Dads, uncles, grandfathers and other significant males who attended our PTA sponsored "Donuts for Dudes." It was a very good turn-out on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. As always if you have any questions regarding PTA please reach out to us.

#### MAP (Missouri Assessment Program) and Spirit Week

It's that time of year again. **Our 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are preparing for the MAP test. The assessment will begin the week of April 16th thru May 3rd .** The MAP evaluates students' progress toward the Missouri Learning Standards. Students are assessed in Communication Arts, Mathematics and Science (5<sup>th</sup> grade only). Results from the assessment help us make informed decisions about teaching and learning for our students. It is very important that your child arrive to school **on time** and be **present every day** during the testing window. Also, during the week of April 9-13<sup>th</sup> we will have various activities to encourage students to do their best on the test. The week will conclude with a MAP Assembly on Friday, April 13th, at 2:30 pm. Look for more details coming home very soon.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> grade Family Day

First grade parents we are looking forward to having you join us come for a day of learning, music and art on April 13<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent opportunity to see the instructional day through the eyes of your first grader. Please remember this is an adult only event.

#### Battle of the Books

We are super excited to have acclaimed author W. Bruce Cameron join us for our first Battle of the Books. Mrs. Robben's 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be competing against each other to demonstrate their knowledge of Mr. Cameron's books. Battle of the Books will take place on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30-3:30 pm.

#### Butcher-Greene Webpage

Please check us out on our Butcher-Greene webpage. We encourage you to visit often as well as have your family and friends check us out at [butchergreene.grandviewc4.net](http://butchergreene.grandviewc4.net) for the latest up to date information, news and monthly calendar of events.

Thanks so much,

*Dr. E. Judon, Principal*

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We are anticipating the **2017-18 yearbook** will be available for sale around the first week of May. They will be sold first come, first serve. Stay tuned for more information.



## SECOND GRADE NEWS

2nd Grade has been busy! We are telling time to every 5 minutes and continue to practice counting coins. Parents please practice these skills at home! We have successfully completed fractions and geometry! That was a fun unit with a lot of hands on activities! Please continue to read at home with your child every night for 20 minutes. Studies have shown that when you read daily all subject areas improve. We are continuing to identify story elements (characters, setting, problem and solution), identifying main ideas and details, and writing an opinion paper. It's hard to believe that we are already into the fourth quarter!



Ms. Benneson, Mrs. DeBose, Mrs. Ingrassia, Mrs. Norton

## READING NEWS

### Cover to Cover GC-4 Summer Reading Program is returning to Butcher-Greene!

On May 14th and 15th, the Grandview Education Foundation will bring back the Cover to Cover Program to Butcher-Greene Elementary. Students will be invited to choose

10 free books to take home for summer reading and keep forever!

Studies have shown that students who do not read during the summer can fall behind on their reading skills. These losses add up over the elementary school years. By the time a student enters middle school, he or she may be up to 2 years behind in reading skills!

The books your student chooses for their home library can encourage summer reading and help prevent summer learning loss. With their bag of books, students will bring home a reading log to review their favorite book, along with tips for families to encourage summer reading fun. Students who return their completed reading log in August will receive a prize!

**Let's make reading an exciting part of your summer FUN!**



**You are invited  
Please join us!**

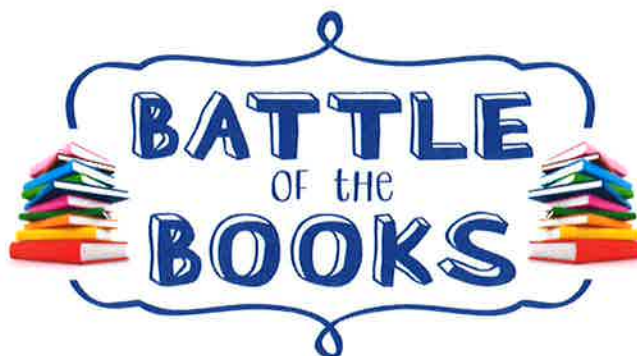
**Where: Butcher-Greene**

**When: Wednesday, April 18th**

**Time: 1:30-3:30**

**What is your purpose?**

**Special Guest: Author W. Bruce Cameron (Bailey's, Ellie's, & Molly's Story)**



## COUNSELING CORNER

Dear Butcher Greene Bear Nation,

Testing season is officially here! We are preparing your students to show what they know and do their best on the test. I know several parents have asked how they can support their students at home. Follow some of these strategies to help your child manage their feelings:



**Reframe it:** When student expresses being worried or scared, explain that the purpose of the test is to assess the school and not just the child. It is only a snapshot of all the wonderful things your child knows. Tests do not define us.

**Teach Positive Self Talk:** Talk to your children about how to turn negative thoughts into positive. When they are feeling overwhelmed about finishing the test think, "I know I can finish this test" or "I know I can find the best answer"

**Practice Relaxing Breathing Techniques:** When your students starts to notice that their anxiety is increasing, teach them to breath in for a count of four. Then hold it for three, and release for a count of four. Breathing can really help increase blood flow to the brain and increase rational thoughts and a feeling of calm. Be sure to practice at times of little to no anxiety.

**Brain Dump:** While at home if your student is expressing feeling anxious or nervous about the test have them write all their negative thoughts on a piece of paper. Then let them tear up the thoughts into tiny pieces. Then practice ways to cope with feelings of fear or anxiety.

**Create a Ritual:** Anxiety creates a feeling of loss of control. The best way for children to feel in control is when things are predictable and a routine. Have your student create a morning routine or ritual to help them feel calm. For example, maybe they have breakfast, put on their favorite shirt, and listen to a pump-up song on the way to school. Routines can really help students start the day off right!

To help get our students excited about what they know, we will have a spirit week here at school. We will celebrate by dressing up to support a specific testing strategy. We will end our week with a MAP assembly on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30. Parents are welcome to come and join in the fun! Preparing for standardized testing starts on the first day of kindergarten. So, we are going to include all students in our week-long celebration because after all we are one team! Please see a list of activities below:

- Monday, April 9th: Don't sweat the test, take deep breaths and relax  
**Wear sweats or active wear**
- Tuesday, April 10th: Winning teams work hard! Come to school prepared to work!  
**Wear Team Gear**
- Wednesday, April 11th: Put on your thinking cap. Read the question more than once"  
**Hat Day**
- Thursday, April 12th: *Limit screen time. The bright lights are bad for your brain*  
**Wear Bright Colors**
- Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>: *Camouflage your fears into confidence. YOU WILL ROCK THIS TEST!*  
**Wear Camouflage**

## COUNSELING CORNER CONTINUED

### MAP Testing Schedule:

Please make sure that your students arrive at school on time! This is essential that we are able to begin our testing sessions on time. Testing will begin approximately at 9:30 and last until 11:30. Fourth and fifth grades will be rotating to the teacher that they see for the testing content area. So, they will test with their reading teacher for ELA and their math teacher for math.

### April

17 - Tuesday	18 - Wednesday	19 - Thursday
5 <sup>th</sup> -Science/Math/ELA 4 <sup>th</sup> -ELA/MATH	5 <sup>th</sup> Science/Math/ELA 4 <sup>th</sup> -ELA/MATH	5 <sup>th</sup> -Science/Math/ELA 4 <sup>th</sup> -ELA/MATH
24 - Tuesday	25 - Wednesday	26 - Thursday
5 <sup>th</sup> -Science/Math/ELA 4 <sup>th</sup> -Math/ELA 3 <sup>rd</sup> -ELA	5 <sup>th</sup> -Science/Math/ELA 4 <sup>th</sup> -Math/ELA 3 <sup>rd</sup> -ELA	5 <sup>th</sup> -Science/Math/ELA 4 <sup>th</sup> -Math/ELA 3 <sup>rd</sup> -ELA

### May

1 - Tuesday	2 - Wednesday	3 - Thursday
5 <sup>th</sup> -ELA/MATH/Science 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Math	5 <sup>th</sup> -ELA/Math/Science 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Math	5 <sup>th</sup> -ELA/Math/Science 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Math

## CLASSROOM BUDDY NEWS

### Full **STREAM** ahead...

Each Wednesday **Mrs. Anderson's Kindergarten and Mrs. Harris's 1st grade** students get together for buddy collaboration. Weekly learning activities consist of at least three of the STREAM components of **Science** through cooking, digital journaling through the use of **Technology**, literacy instruction through **Read** aloud, **Engineering** challenges, **Art** projects and **Math** with real world connections all around an overarching theme. By participating in these activities, students are learning to communicate, collaborate, be creative, and think critically, all skills they will need to be successful in our changing world.



# OFFICE NEWS



Congratulations to the following students who sold 12 or more Major Saver Cards. For their efforts, they won a limo ride and pizza party at Pizza Hut in Grandview. Thank you parents, students and staff for your support and encouragement during the Major Saver's campaign.



Winners:

- Serenitey Brown
- MetzieAhna Edwards
- Yesenia Santiago



Field Day 2018 for Butcher-Greene will be held on **Friday, May 18th**. If we have to cancel, due to weather, the rain date will be determined at a later date. Parent volunteers are always welcome to help out. Additional information will be sent home at a later date.

Coach Boles-Pelzer — Physical Education Teacher



## Perfect Attendance!



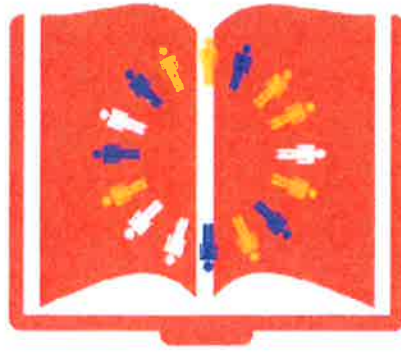
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GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS

## Every Minute in School Counts



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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| TONANCI AGUILERA      | ASA FOSTER         |
| ANYELA AGUILERA       | JACKELYN GARCIA    |
| CARLOS AGUILERA       | YARETZI GODINEZ    |
| KENDALL CANADY        | ALAN GOMEZ         |
| ROBERT DAVIS          | TERRENCE GRIFFIN   |
| WILLIAM DAVIS SANDERS | DONOVAN LEE        |
| JESSICA DOMINQUEZ     | EDDY GUZMAN        |
| SARA DOMINQUEZ        | ISAAC OYEDAPO      |
| CAMERON ENGLAND       | SHEA REID          |
| ABEL FOSTER           | YAHAIRA SANCHEZ    |
| ASA FOSTER            | MICHEL SCHREINER   |
| JACKELYN GARCIA       | LANAYSIA SCROGGINS |
| YARETZI GODINEZ       | MIKAELE WILSON     |



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# SPRINGING INTO PERSONAL FINANCE CLASSES

**TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:**

- BUDGETING BASICS (MAY 8TH)
- CREDIT 101 (MAY 15TH)
- SAVINGS (MAY 22ND)

**In Partnership With:**



**TIME: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**



Member FDIC.  
NMLS ID#: 400039

**LOCATION: GRANDVIEW C-4 TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTER  
(13007 10TH STREET, GRANDVIEW MO 64030)**

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!**

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