



One Week Under Our Belts!



From the Principal:

Hello Everyone! The re-entry to S.B. Butler has been going Very Well. It was so wonderful to see all of the in-person students and families back at Butler this week. Teachers are working hard at balancing the teaching of their in-person learners while providing learning opportunities for those at home. We are continually making adjustments, especially for the first few weeks. Teachers will be providing schedules so students that are distance learning can follow a "normal" day from home.

- **Daily Attendance** - For all students who are distance learning (both full distance and at-home hybrid students) - In order for students to be marked "in attendance" for the day, students must log-in and complete the required assignments by the end of the day. Please communicate with your child's teacher if assignments will be turned in later in the evening due to parent's work schedule. Students will be marked absent for the day if they have not completed their daily work by the following morning.
- **Distance Learning Expectations** for all grade levels can be found at the back of this newsletter. Please review these as they include expectations for learners at home, zoom lessons and tips for parents. These have also been posted to the SBB website for your review.
- **Picture Day** is scheduled for Monday, October 23rd. This will be for students in Cohort A. We are in the process of scheduling a 2nd day for our Cohort B students. Unfortunately, at this time - there will be no group class pictures and we will not be able to photograph our full distance learners.
- **Virtual Open House** - I will be meeting with staff next week and will get more information out to families about this event.
- Our **TLI Early Dismissal Days** have been put off through December. Please note, the first early dismissal day on the school calendar is Wednesday, December 23rd.
- Lastly, I will be sending out an invitation through the "Remind" app to all families on Friday. Please be sure to follow the directions to sign up. It is my intention to send newsletters and messages through "Remind" moving forward. Please contact the office if you do not receive the email invitation, or if you have any questions.

Please make sure that your **contact information is up-to-date in PowerSchool, as we will be communicating with you through email, phone calls, and text messages.** There is also a link to complete this online, if your student is not returning in person.

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Nut Free

Just a reminder: SB Butler is a Nut Free Zone. Please plan accordingly.

Thank you!

PTO Mum Sale

SBB PTO will be kicking off their annual Mum sale on Friday, September 11th.
Order forms can be found online and will be going home with student.
Orders can be placed online at:
<https://go.rallyup.com/buttermums>

Thank you!

Distance Learning Expectations for Students

Grades K through 2



Daily Distance Learning Schedule

1. Login to your Seesaw Classroom
2. Watch or attend assigned lessons
3. Work on and/or turn-in the assignments that your teacher requires for the day
4. Read for 20 minutes (independently or with another person in your house)
5. Complete at least 1 lesson of Dreambox
6. Complete 20 minutes of Lexia

Specials - *All students have all four Specials each week - PE, Art, Music, Media.* Check your Specials weekly to see if you have an assignment and when the assignment is due.

Daily Attendance for students who are in Full Distance Learning and the days that Hybrid students are Distance Learning

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Completing your assignments

1. Try your best!
2. Ask questions and look at feedback (a private question to your teacher through Seesaw, during a lesson if live, or ask a parent/caregiver).
3. Turn-in completed assignments on time.

Student Rules when participating in Live Lessons

- 1. Be on time.**
- 2. Follow your teacher's directions for how to share or ask a question.**
- 3. Listen to your classmates when it is their turn.**
- 4. Stay focused during the lesson.**
- 5. Dress appropriately for school.**
- 6. Limit the background. Only the student should be in view.**

Tips for Parents/Caregivers

- 1. Designate a workspace for your children to use as their Distance Learning space.**
- 2. Stick to a schedule. (Teachers will provide one.)**
- 3. Check the assignments your child needs to do every day and please remember that it is important for them to complete their work independently.**
- 4. Limit the distractions during the time that your child is completing assignments and/or participating in live lessons.**
- 5. Encourage movement breaks for your child. Some children also prefer standing when completing assignments.**
- 6. Communicate with your child's teacher through email or Remind if you have questions about an assignment.**
- 7. Please do not ask questions during a Zoom lesson. Lessons are for students.**
- 8. Praise your child's efforts!**

Distance Learning Expectations for Students

Grades 3 through 5



Daily Distance Learning Schedule

1. Login to your Google Classroom
2. Watch or attend assigned lessons
3. Work on/or turn-in the assignments that your teacher requires for the day
4. Independent reading for at least 20 minutes
5. Complete at least 1 lesson of Dreambox

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