

# **Hawk Talk**

## **Butts Road Primary Parent Bulletin Information**

**February/March 2017**

### **Happy Birthday Butts Road Primary!**

In 1966, Butts Road Elementary School opened its doors to students welcoming in the 1966-1967 school year. This year marks our school's fiftieth year serving the students and families of this community. We have several exciting events coming this spring to commemorate this milestone. Former BRP student and Eagle Scout Candidate Noah Timme is constructing raised bed learning gardens! The City of Chesapeake has identified our school for much needed playground renovations, and we will host a BRP Faculty Reunion. I am proud to say that I am a "graduate" of Butts Road Elementary School (grades K-4 back in the 80's), and I know what a special place BRP is to each of you. Thanks for being part of the legacy of Butts Road Primary School!

Jay Lewter, Principal

Coming Soon!

#### **February 2017**

- 1: Teacher Workday
- 6-10: PTA Book Fair
- 7: PTA Family Fitness and Book Fair Night
- 9: VIP Lunch KAM & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- 10: VIP Lunch KPM & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- 14: Valentine Treats (Cafeteria)
- 16: PTA Chick-Fil-A Night
- 16: Report Cards Issued
- 20: Presidents' Day Holiday
- 21: PTA Board Meeting (2:45)

#### **March 2017**

- 9: Early Release Day
- 21: PTA Meeting and Program
- 22: Spring Picture Day

## Morning Arrival

As you know, traffic on Mount Pleasant Road can be tricky in the morning. To ease congestion in our parking lots, we have assigned staff to assist with student drop off from 7:35-7:50. Families who elect to transport children to school in the morning should use the following precautions:

- **Children should be ready to exit when they reach the drop off area.**
- **Children should exit on the passenger side of the vehicle.**
- **Children should not exit the vehicle until they are supervised by staff.**
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If your child needs additional time, feel free to walk your child into the building and say your goodbyes in the foyer.

## Bus Stop Expectations

All students are expected to be at their assigned bus stop at least five minutes before the bus arrives, even if it is cold or rainy. It is extremely dangerous for children to run to the bus when they see it arriving. Our drivers do an exceptional job, so let's do our part by being ready for the bus when it arrives.

## School Closings for Weather

If it becomes necessary for schools to close, you will be notified by our Parent Alert System using the phone numbers you have provided the school. Local news outlets, WFOS 88.7 fm, and local cable access channels are also available.

**A One-Hour delay** indicates that AM K and AM Pre-K, 1-2 should arrive to school, or the bus stop, one hour later than usual. PM K and Pre-K operate on their regular schedule.

**Under a Two-Hour Delay**, AM K and AM Pre-K are *CANCELED*, PM K and PM Pre-K operates under a one-hour delay, and grades 1-2 should report to school, or the bus stop two hours later than their usual time. Lunch will still be served in both circumstances. Please refer to the December page of your BRP calendar for additional information on inclement weather.

## **VIP Lunches**

**February 9-10, 2017**

VIP Lunches are an opportunity for your children to invite a Very Important Person (Grandparent, Parent, Aunt or Uncle, or other significant grownup) to school for lunch! A catered lunch and PTA is provided for the grownup, and the children love to take their grownup to the Book Fair as well. Please refer to the flier sent home last week on PeachJar.

## **Urgent Media Center News**

We continue to have many books damaged and discarded because of water damage. Water damaged books cannot go back into circulation, and some of these books are no longer in print and cannot be replaced. If your child carries a water bottle in their backpack, please have them put the bottle on the outside of the backpack or in a plastic bag. Please do all you can to help prevent damaged books.

I thank you and our books thank you!

Mrs. Andrews

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