



March 23, 2020

Hello Butteville Parents and Families,

With the COVID-19 concerns growing, the safety and well-being of our students, families, and staff is vital to us. On Tuesday, March 17, the California Department of Education issued guidance for schools during these uncertain times, and this notice is to inform you of the latest developments around our academic plans for students into the foreseeable future. On March 19, Governor Newsom issued a stay-at-home order. He has also indicated that schools may not open before summer vacation; we hope this is not true. Pending approval by the Board, the current plan is that school will remain closed through April 17, 2020. This difficult decision needs to be made for the safety of students, parents, and staff.

Butteville will continue to provide educational services to our students during the closure. The Butteville staff is already hard at work transforming our curriculum into a distance learning platform, for as long as needed. We will continue to offer distance learning to our students until the state determines it safe to return to the classroom.

On Monday, March 30, your teacher will contact you to schedule a time to handover educational materials. We currently expect to do this transfer on Tuesday, March 31, either by curbside pickup or possibly by bus delivery. Our staff will meet and decide how exactly this transfer will be handled and will then update you on this and all distance learning procedures. If Chromebooks are sent home, there will be a contract agreement to sign prior to usage at home. We will try to streamline the pick-up of materials for those families who have children at different grade levels. We will also provide more information regarding the allocation and collection of student work as plans develop.

Our staff will maintain connections with students through a variety of means, including Google Classroom, Google Meet, Zoom, and/or through telephone calls. Our distance learning platform will provide continuity and support with instruction, learning, and achievement using flexible scheduling. We will provide breakfast/lunch to-go meals for pickup and possible delivery at our bus stops. You will need to contact Colton Cheffey at colton.cheffey@butteville.k12.ca.us to order meals for each week that the school remains closed.

We certainly understand the challenges and hardships that COVID-19 and subsequent school closing presents to you, to all of us. We appreciate your flexibility and support. These are unprecedented times that require innovation, resolve, and patience while the school remains closed. Our office will open and teachers will be present on Monday, March 30; however, **please do not come to the school grounds**, except to pick up the materials, once instructed. If you have any questions, please call the office. Please look for any updates as this week progresses.

Sincerely,

To learn, question and think . . . to perform, dream and succeed!

Eric J. Bragg
Principal

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