



Simon Butler Elementary School

Respectful * Responsible * Kind

Principals' Welcome

Welcome to Simon Butler Elementary School – Home of the Butler Bears! We are a Kindergarten through Sixth Grade elementary school community who values quality education and student excellence. It is our pleasure to welcome you to our school and to explore our website.

Butler shares in a collective commitment to students, not only to our cherished traditions that have been shaped since our school opening in 1965, but the endless possibilities that lie ahead for today's child. We are educators and professionals who work with our community of students and families creating a positive learning environment with a focus on student success in academics and emotional wellness. Our students and staff take pride in our Butler Pledge of Being Respectful, Responsible, and Kind. The staff at Butler understands the importance of ongoing professional development and learning to provide the foundation for positive educational experiences for our students. We work diligently to understand the needs of our children – while providing a safe place for all students to learn. As professional educators, we persistently strive to instill that commitment to life-long learning within each of our students - in preparation for a child's personal successes within our changing world.

The children at Butler know that character matters – and with the support and guidance of their parents and teachers – our students are learning what it means to be dependable, reliable citizens.

Specifically, the Butler Bears community focuses on 5-Pillars of Character:

- **B**utler at its best
- **U**nderstanding
- **T**eamwork
- **L**eadership
- **E**xcellence
- **R**espect

Besides our dedicated staff and students, Butler's excellence is enhanced by the positive partnership that exists between home and school. Our parents are extremely giving of their time and energy – volunteering at school throughout the year. Our PTO and Committee Organizers plan many engaging and exciting family-oriented activities – making Butler Elementary the “center of the community” during those special events. Working together ensures that our *home* and *school* team is always doing what is best for the children.

We admire the Butler community and are fortunate to serve as principals of this school. We look forward to helping make this year very special for the families of our school and the students we serve. It will prove to be an engaging, stimulating, and rewarding year in your child's successful education. Our hope is that all families can experience how special Butler Elementary is to our learning community.

Sincerely,

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