

Dear Future Fourth Grader & Families,



Welcome to fourth grade! I am thrilled to be a teacher at Butler! This will be my tenth year teaching elementary school, and my eighth year teaching fourth grade as a **Butler Bear**. I feel so lucky to have spent so many years teaching such an exciting grade, and am fortunate to have your child in my class!

We are going to have an **engaging** and **exciting** school year, filled with many new learning opportunities. In fourth grade, students will learn about electricity, matter, the water cycle, Pennsylvania, and regions of the United States. Students will also develop their reading abilities and strategies through the use of high-quality literature and stories. We will read some of my favorite books in fourth grade, and I'm hoping your child will love them just as much as I do! All students will be involved in diverse writing opportunities, hands-on math activities, and utilize technology to research and strengthen their skills in all areas. I cannot wait to see all of the achievements and successes we will have this year!

To tell you a little bit about myself, I received my undergraduate degree in elementary education from **Elizabethtown College**, and then received my master's degree from the **University of Pennsylvania** with a degree in Reading, Writing, and Literacy Education. I began my teaching career in Washington, D.C. Public Schools, and then taught in Philadelphia Public Schools before coming to Butler.

When I am not teaching, I love traveling, cooking, reading, and spending time with my husband and our family. We have an adorable puppy named Milo. He is a Mini Bernedoodle and I absolutely adore him! We also welcomed our first baby, Charlotte, in February 2024, so we have spent the past few months enjoying all of our time with her! I will be spending the first trimester of this school year at home, soaking in all the time I can with Charlotte on maternity leave. I will be returning to Butler for the start of trimester 2, and can't wait to get to know your child then! I will also host a meet & greet upon my return for me to connect with you as well.

In order to help each child reach his or her full potential, I believe it is important that we **work together** as a team. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything you would like to share about your child, if you have any questions, or if you would just like to say hello- I would love to hear from you! You can reach me by calling the office at 267-893-4250, or emailing me at adwyer@cbsd.org.

I hope you are as excited for the upcoming school year as I am. Have a wonderful and restful summer, and I can't wait to see everyone in December!



Sincerely,
Mrs. Andrea Dwyer