

# BUCHER BEAR NEWS DECEMBER 2015

Hi Bucher Bear families and Happy December 1st!

As I reflect on November and in the spirit of Thanksgiving, I wanted to share some things I am thankful for as a part of the Bucher community as I serve in this role. I used some writing from our second grade, first grade, and Kindergarten students to help support me (and quoted them as I did not want to be accused of plagiarism☺)

**-Veterans-** we had a wonderful Veterans Day Program here at Bucher on November 11 where our students did an amazing job honoring and recognizing our Bucher Veterans

From the pencil of a first grader, "I am thankful for veterans because we wouldn't be able to be safe because they fight for us.

**-GOTR:** Girls on the Run- what an experience for the girls at Bucher. The girls learned about believing in themselves and finished with a 5K at Millersville University on November 14!

**-The heart of the Bucher community-** we were able to take the food and penny drive donations and put together 22 boxes that supported multiple families and made sure they had all they needed to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

**-A PTO** that works hard to ensure students are having experiences both inside and outside of the walls of Bucher. The PTO also appreciates and supports our teachers, who are superheroes!

From 2 separate 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, "I am thankful for school for teaching me stuff" and "I'm thankful for my teacher who helps me."

**-Family:** As one first grade student mentioned, -" I am thankful for my family. . . I know they love me so I will always love them."

Moms: "I am thankful for my mom because if you did not have a mom you would not be alive and you would not get to see the world. That is why I am thankful for my mom."

Dads: "I am thankful for my dad because he plays with me. He hugs me."

**-Friends:** Again, better in a students' words than my own, "I am thankful for my friends because I wouldn't have anybody to play with. My friends are awesome." And..."I am thankful for my friends. . . They are smart, and brave, and unique too. That is what makes you you. . ."

As the winter season starts and the days get shorter, I hope you are able to take some time to consider all that you are thankful for. Our youngest students appreciate it and sometimes as adults, it is just a matter of slowing down, taking a breath, and reflecting on our daily experiences. Thank you for sharing the gift of your children with us each day at Bucher.

Please make sure you review the information in this monthly newsletter and contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Andy Martin



**Coming up! Early Dismissal  
Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:40 PM.**

**Please be sure to send a note with your student(s) if there are changes from regular dismissal plans.**

#### Power Packs:

**The PowerPacks program started at Bucher in November. This program allows students and their families an opportunity to take home healthy food choices 1 time per week. We still have opportunity to support more families. If you are interested in this program, please contact Dr. Ravert.**

Bucket Filler Winners: (1 student per grade level who filled a bucket, picked at random)

November:

K	Sophia Le (KF)
1	Hunter Davis (1B)
2	Emery Murray (2P)
3	Naomi Hamilton (3G)
4	Landyn Barr (4D)

## Upcoming Events:

December 8-10	Holiday Shoppe
9	PTO Meeting, Bucher Library, 7:00 PM
16	Early Dismissal, 1:40PM
16	Barnes & Noble Night, 5:30-7:30 PM
24-January 3rd	Winter Vacation

Barnes and Noble Night- December 16: 5:30-7:30 PM

Please come out in the cold and see some of our teachers and principal as guest readers and musicians at the Barnes and Noble book fair. All proceeds from the purchases (both in store and online) allow us to purchase additional books for our Bucher teachers. There will also be the Bucher Bear Hot Chocolate for purchase in the café. Hope to see you there!

## Parent Teacher Conferences

It was exciting to see so many parents at our Parent-Teacher conferences on November 23 and 24. As a building, we held over 350 conferences and were above 97% attendance, outstanding! I want to personally thank you for taking an interest in your son or daughter's education. Your involvement in your child's education is an essential ingredient in his/her success! If concerns arise throughout the year, please continue to keep communication lines open with your child's teacher as we work together to create the best possible learning experiences for our Bucher bears.

### **REMINDER**

Your child will be going out most days at Bucher. It is extremely important they are dressed for the weather, which some days should include hats and gloves.

Also, it is a great idea to put names inside of coats and jackets as our lost and found is accumulating quite a few winter items.



**Don't Forget!**  
**No School December 24-**  
**January 3**

**Students return on**  
**Monday 1/4/16!**