



# The Bobcat Express



## Butterfield Elementary School STEAM ACADEMY

<http://bes.maricopausd.org/>

Building STEAM with our Community Partnerships...A focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math to prepare students for college & future careers



Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year!

We are excited to begin another year at Butterfield Elementary STEAM Academy! We are thrilled to challenge ourselves again to become an A school since we are only a few points away from an A! We are up for this challenge and know we can do it!

To get our school year off to an awesome start, we welcome you to come meet your teacher for this school year. She/he will be returning to school Wednesday, July 29th and will have time to contact families to introduce themselves to your child and personally invite you to "Meet the Teacher Night" on Thursday, July 30th from 5-6:30 p.m. Our Health Office Assistant will also be available that evening in the Health Office to take in student medication for the year. We encourage parents/guardians to bring any medication this evening to make the first day/week of school smooth.

Teachers will be giving families packets of forms to update student information. All these forms may be returned the first week of school. **The most important form needed for the FIRST DAY will be the emergency contact information from the profile sheet and the way your child will go home.**

We look forward to seeing you Thursday evening!

Enjoy the rest of your break!

*Mrs. Hildick*



## Butterfield Business

Janel Hildick, Principal  
Kim Foutz, TOSA/Disciplinarian

**Physical Address:**  
43800 West Honeycutt Road  
Maricopa, Arizona 85138

**Phone Number:** 520-568-6100 **Fax Number:** 520-568-6109

School Hours: 8:35 a.m.—3:35 p.m.  
8:35 a.m.—1:35 p.m. Wednesdays  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.  
Breakfast: 8:05 a.m.—8:25 a.m.

### SCHOOL INFORMATION:

**ACADEMIC FOCUS:** SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS & MATH TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE & FUTURE CAREERS

**SCHOOL GRADE:** B

**SCHOOL MASCOT:** "BUZZ" THE BOBCAT

**SCHOOL COLORS:** HUNTER GREEN & GOLD

**SCHOOL MOTTO:** BELIEVE, EXCEL, SUCCEED

**SCHOOL VISION:** A community dedicated to inspiring life-long learners with positive character traits

**SCHOOL GOAL:** TO BECOME AN "A" SCHOOL!



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Believe\*Excel\*Succeed

BES: A community dedicated to inspiring life-long learners with positive character traits





### School Spirit Shirts:

These are available through PTO. Forms for shirts will be available at Meet the Teacher and sent home with your child the first week of school. You will be able to purchase these throughout the entire school year as well.

### *Spirit Day is each Friday!*

Each Friday throughout the year, show your school spirit: Wear Green & Gold or wear your grade level "Character Counts" color. The class with the highest percentage in spirit dress gets to win our school mascot for the week!

### Grade Level Character Counts Colors:

K-Red, 1st-Yellow, 2nd-Purple, 3rd-Orange, 4th-Blue, 5th-Green, 6th-Tie Die of all 6 colors.



### SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

- 8:35-3:35 All Full Days of School
- 8:35-1:35 All Early Release Wednesdays



### Dress Code Guidelines

(Full Dress Code Description on last page)

Any **sleeved** shirt that is school appropriate and does not interfere with the educational environment  
Dresses, shorts, skorts, pants, capri pants and jeans must be clean, neat, and fit appropriately

All skorts, shorts, dresses, skirts must be at least fingertip length when arms are resting naturally at the side

For safety reasons, shoes must be securely fastened in the back

Shoes with heels less than two inches

For safety reasons, all hanging or loop earrings shorter than 1/2 inch



### PTO Corner

Come meet our new PTO Officers this year at Meet the Teacher Night and sign up to join the PTO.

**PTO President:** Jamie Mason,  
masonfamily13@yahoo.com

**PTO Vice President:**  
Chris Eldridge

**Treasurer:** Lorayne Sansone  
**Secretary:** Kirsten Cromwell



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### Medications

It is very important you contact the school Health Office regarding any medications your child takes. No child will be allowed to take any form of medication without a note from a physician.



### School Supply Lists:

School Supply lists are available at Walmart & posted on our front office door, but are also listed on our school website [http://bes.maricopausd.org/under the right column labeled "Highlights"](http://bes.maricopausd.org/under the right column labeled 'Highlights'). You may also come in to pick up a hard copy in the front office.

## BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY AND EVERY DAY SUCCESSFULLY

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The more your child is in school, the more your child is learning! It is not always possible to have perfect attendance, but please know that it is in the best educational interest of your child to be here at school. According to Arizona State Law, after 5 unexcused absences, you may be cited, needing to appear in court. Early dismissals may count as a full day absence, depending on the time of day. Students will not receive a **PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD** should he/she have more than 3 tardies/early pick-ups.

### ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL:

Arrival time to school is between 8:05-8:30 A.M. At 8:30, students should be walking to their class lines and getting in line. The first school bell will ring at 8:30, so students have time to line up with their class, walk in to their classrooms and begin their learning promptly at 8:35.



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### KINDERGARTNERS FIRST MORNING!



The first day for Kindergarten parents/guardians can be just as “nerve racking” as it is for their children. Kindergarten parents/guardians are welcome to stay in the MPR/Café and volunteers will check on your child for those who may need extra “reassurance” their children are fine without them. Coffee/tea will be available with donuts sponsored by our school’s Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO).



**FREE BREAKFAST IN THE CAFE FOR ALL STUDENTS EACH AND EVERY DAY:**

**SERVING FROM 8:05-8:25.** Any students reporting to the MPR after 8:25 will not be served breakfast. Students may only eat in the MPR/Café and then must have time to walk to their class lines.

## ENDING THE DAY SAFELY

### SAFETY INFORMATION



One of the most important times of the day for your child’s safety is **DISMISSAL TIME....** It is **CRITI-**

**CAL** your child knows how to go home and where they go to get home. Along with that, it is also very important that this routine stays as “ROUTINE” as possible so as to not confuse the little ones. At Meet the Teacher Night, please fill out the “Dismissal Procedures Form” for both the **FRONT OFFICE** and the **CLASSROOM TEACHER**. Also, under no circumstances, will a **KINDER-GARTNER** be allowed to walk home without an older sibling or parent/guardian.

**Students will not be released early from the front office after 3:20 p.m. as this SEVERELY interrupts dismissal time and the safe departure of our children.**

**KINDERGARTEN BUS RIDERS** will not be released from the school bus unless a parent/guardian or older sibling is waiting at the bus stop for the Kindergarten to walk home supervised.



### Mark your Calendars!



**July 30, 5:00-6:30 p.m.:** Meet the Teacher Night, Enter @ Café/Multipurpose Room

**Aug. 3:** First Day of School , 8:30-First Bell

**Aug. 4:** First PTO & Site Council TITLE I Meeting, 3:45-Library ALL WELCOME ! Child care Available!

**August 14 & 28:** PTO Fun Fridays

**August 18:** FALL PICTURE DAY, retakes on 10/22.

**Sept. 7:** School Closed, Labor Day

**Sept. 14:** School Closed, Teacher Training Day



# Butterfield Morning and Afternoon Procedures

## **\*\*Note Changes in Drive Thru (no longer in p.m.)**

Students may be at crosswalks or on campus no earlier than **\*\*8:05 a.m.** and no later than **\*\*8:30 a.m.** This is the time teachers are on duty.

**\*\*After 8:30 a.m.,** report to office with child to sign in. (Teachers must report to classes to get their students-all duty teachers will be gone)

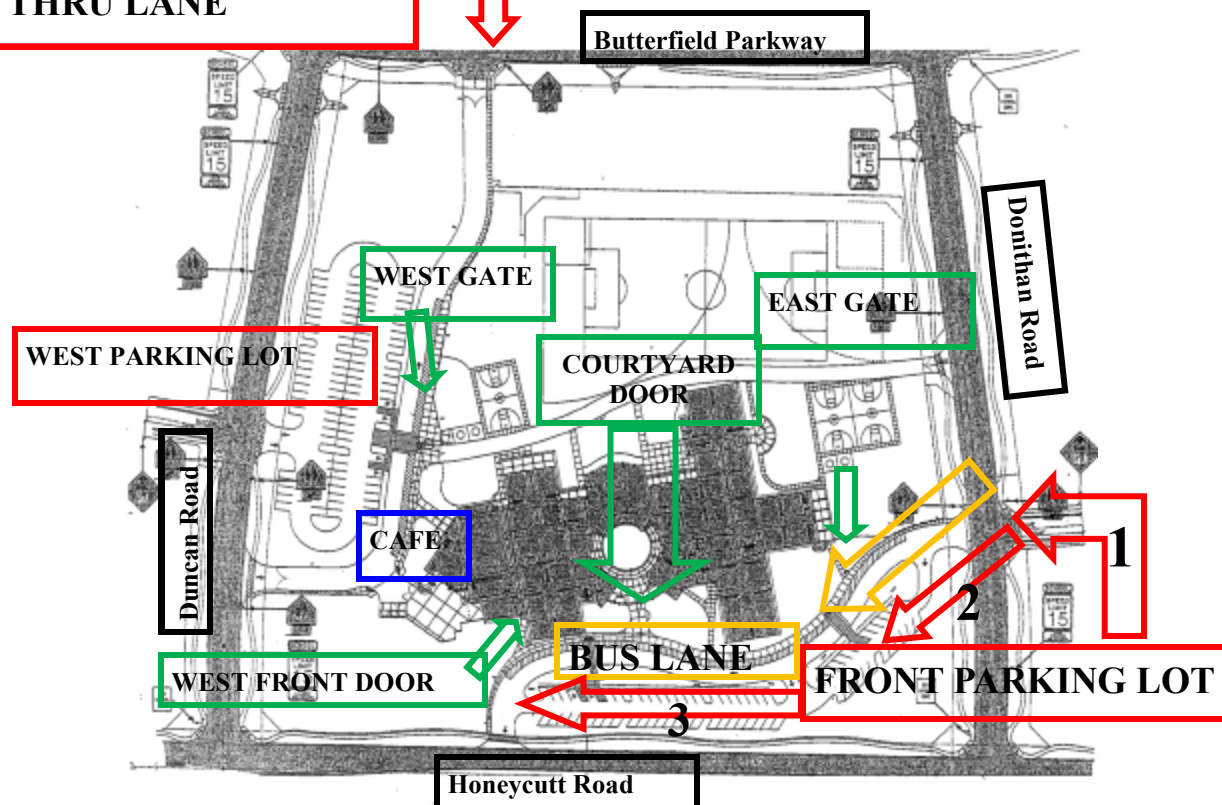
### **MORNING (8:05-8:30)**

- BUS AREA: Front of School **BUS LANE ONLY**– Absolutely no other vehicles
- PARK & DROP: **FRONT PARKING LOT**, adult crosses student at **CROSSWALK** and student enters at **WEST FRONT DOOR**
- DRIVE THRU: **DRIVE THRU LANE**, entrance off of Butterfield Pkwy
- WALKER CROSSWALK AREAS: Butterfield & Duncan enter through **CAFE**, Donithan & Honeycutt enter through **WEST FRONT DOOR**

### **AFTERNOON (3:35)**

- BUS AREA: Front of School **BUS LANE ONLY**– Absolutely no other vehicles
- PARK & PICKUP: **WEST PARKING LOT**, adult crosses at crosswalk & enters at **WEST GATE onto playground.**
- WALKER CROSSWALK AREAS: Butterfield leaves through the back gate & Duncan leaves through **CAFE**, Donithan & Honeycutt leave through the **EAST GATE (NEW LOCATION)**

**\*\*\*A.M. ONLY DRIVE THRU LANE**



# MUSD Elementary Dress Code

## ***Student Dress Code Information***

The school district has the responsibility to promote the basic rules of sanitation, safety, neatness, and modesty while on campus. Students should dress in a manner that, in addition to the following guidelines, takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health, and welfare of self and others. Students will not dress in a manner that disrupts the learning process. Each student must keep in mind that he/she is a representative of the Maricopa Unified School District and the Maricopa community. **The school administrator makes final determinations on school appropriate attire.** The following is a summary and will provide you with guidelines.

## ***Dress Code Guidelines***

Any **sleeved** shirt that is school appropriate and does not interfere with the educational environment

Dresses, shorts, skorts, pants, capri pants and jeans must be clean, neat, and fit appropriately

All skorts, shorts, dresses, skirts must be at least fingertip length when arms are resting naturally at the side

For safety reasons, shoes must be securely fastened in the back

Shoes with heels less than two inches

For safety reasons, all hanging or loop earrings shorter than ½ inch

## ***Dress Not Permitted***

Sleeveless shirts (tank tops and spaghetti strap tops)

Tights worn alone are not permitted

Tight, baggy, oversized, undersized or see-through clothing is not acceptable

No undergarments may show

Flip flops or slip on shoes without a back

No wheels allowed (heelies)

No hats, hoods, or sunglasses are permitted in the building

Fads or styles deemed inappropriate or disruptive to instruction by the administration

**We are always looking for donations of school appropriate clothing.  
Any new or used donations are greatly appreciated!**

## **Ways Parents/Guardians Can Make a Difference for Their Children**

from a study by Dr. John Wherry, President, The Parent Institute

- Know what you're getting into by becoming parents!
- How important it is to take an interest in your child.
- Take the time to care!
- Love 'em!
- Love them enough to let them hate you sometimes (when you have to take an unpopular stand in their best interest)
- Nobody trains us to be parents.
- You have the right and responsibility to come in to school to make sure schools are doing the best possible job.
- If you have concerns, talk to the school first before going to the community.
- Stand beside your child, not in front or behind them (help them face life's challenges with you at their side).
- Listen. Draw them out.
- Before reacting to what your child says about school, share the information with the school and the teacher. Listen to the school and teacher and work with the school and teacher and child to the child's benefit.
- When the school and parent are not in agreement, the child loses.
- Volunteer some time at school. Spend one hour to involve yourself with the school program. It will help you to become familiar with the school. Share your skills.
- Point out to your child when he/she is doing something right. Don't stress when they do something wrong.
- Don't put children down. If you look for what the child is doing right, you won't have time to see the things he is doing wrong.
- Support your school. Parents and schools must work together.
- Visit your child's school.
- Two-way communication between home and school is critically important.