

Dorothy L. Bullock School
Parent Newsletter
November 13, 2023

Greetings Bullock School Families! Below you will find important information and updates for our school:

CITRS/ Character Education - Our character virtue for the month of November is *self-control*. We are learning that in using self-control we have the ability to control our feelings, emotions, and reactions.

Bullock Character Education Awards – We have the honor of presenting our Character of the Month Award to our October recipients at this month's board meeting. We are extremely proud of all our students for demonstrating outstanding character and working hard in their classrooms.

Report Cards – The first marking period ends on November 13th. Report Cards will be released in PowerSchool (grades 3-5) and sent home (grades 1-2) the week of parent conferences. During your conference, teachers will share information on how your child is progressing in their classroom. Special Area and Basic Skills teachers will also be available if you have any questions for them.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place from Tuesday, November 28th to Friday, December 1st. We will run an early dismissal schedule on those days and dismiss at 1:15 PM so conferences can begin promptly. We will also host evening conferences on Wednesday, November 29th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Your child's teacher should have communicated a date and time for your scheduled conference. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not have a scheduled date and time.

MAP Reports - Teachers will share your child's MAP report at conference time as well. During the first marking period we completed MAP testing in our building for Language Arts and Math. The MAP Growth assessment is a norm-referenced assessment that has a proven track record of providing rich and valuable student data to schools throughout the world. These assessments will tell us what our students know and what they are ready to learn next. The data yielded from the initial assessments serve as a baseline and help our teachers plan instruction that best meets the needs of all the students they serve.

A Message from Our Nurses - Please remember to keep your child home from school if they are not feeling well. If students have had a fever or have been vomiting during the past twenty-four hours, have communicable respiratory illnesses, or ongoing cold symptoms with coughing and marked congestion, we ask that you allow them to stay home. If you have any questions related to your child's symptoms, please call the school nurse's office for guidance at extension 4311.

Reporting an Absence – When calling to report an absence, please call the attendance line at 856-652-2700 ext. 4111 by 9:15 am. We ask that you provide your child's name, teacher's name, and reason for the absence.

Foods and Celebrations- We ask that all parents/guardians limit the frequency in which you send food items to school for birthdays or any other celebrations. If you send in a birthday treat, it must be prepackaged. Please discuss any food items being sent in with your child's teacher first. This will allow them the opportunity to discuss any food allergies in your child's classroom with the school nurse. We ask that you do not send individual cakes, balloons, or flowers into the classroom as they cannot take these items on the school bus. Parents are not able to visit the classroom for a student's birthday. We appreciate your assistance in our efforts to keep our students safe.

Inclement Weather & Late Arrival – As we head into the winter months, please be aware that all information regarding school closures and late arrivals will be sent via School Messenger from the district office. Please make sure all contact information is updated in PowerSchool. Below you will find our schedule in the event of a delayed opening:

- 1-hour delay: Instructional day 10:00 – 3:00– doors would open for students at 9:35
- 2-hour delay: Instructional day 11:00 – 3:00 – doors would open for students at 10:35

Winter Concerts –

- **Our Winter Concert for First and Second Grade** will be held on December 5th at 9:30 in the Bullock School Gymnasium. Doors will open at 9:15 to allow our families to enter. We ask that you do not arrive prior to this time as we will have buses dropping students off in this area. Additional parking is available at New Street Park.
- **The Band, Orchestra, and Choir Winter Concert** will be held on December 14th at 7:00 PM at Glassboro High School. Students who are performing should arrive at the high school at 6:30 PM. More information will follow from our Music Department.

Upcoming Dates:

11/22 - Early Dismissal 1:15 PM

11/23- 24 - School is Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

11/28 - 12/1 - Parent Conferences - Early Dismissal 1:15 PM

12/5 - First and Second Grade Winter Concert

12/8 - District-wide 2 Hour Delay

12/14 - Choir, Advanced Band, and Orchestra Concert 7 PM