## **Buffalo Ridge Elementary Newsletter**

## **March 2020**





Dear BRE Family,

As the days become longer, the nights grow shorter, and the weather begins to warm, I find my soul filling with joy. Saint Patrick's Day, March Madness, and Spring Equinox are just a few reasons to relish the month of March. Spring is beginning to peek its head around the corner, and a few lilies have started to push their way out of the frozen Earth. In many ways, we have turned a significant corner, yet we still have a long way to go.

The month of March is unique, but it is also one of the most challenging months of the school year. By this point, teaching has reached a rigorous pinnacle, and students are beginning to tire. The path towards success is now at a steady climb, and our students must push through this challenging adversity.

This time of year wears on all. Winter snow has lost its charm, and children are chomping at the bit to play outside. It's an urge that we all possess, yet we must continue forward. Spring Break will be here soon, and I cannot wait to spend some quality time with my family. I hope you can do the same.

As the Principal of Buffalo Ridge, I have the unique privilege of watching the entire student body grow each day. I love visiting classrooms and observing the vast array of learning that takes place. It is beautiful to witness and amazing to experience.

Next month, the learning of our intermediate students (3rd-5th grade) will be put to the test as they participate in the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessment. This test, while challenging in nature, provides a wealth of knowledge to teachers and administrators. The data and narrative provide from each assessment equip future teachers with the diagnostic data needed to hit the ground running and are vital to monitoring the academic growth of our students. It's a test that I value, and one that is worth the effort.

March. A month full of magic and excitement. Four-leaf clovers, leprechauns, and hidden pots of gold consume our students' minds and fill their curiosity. This is what I find magical. Children are resilient. They don't stew on their daily grind. Instead, they put one foot in front of the other and continue their quest forward. Every adult can learn something new from an elementary student. Whether it's believing in magic, reading a good book, or walking through an imaginary forest, children teach us that life is about the little moments, and the students at BRE remind me of that every day. I love being the principal at Buffalo Ridge, and I love your kids dearly.

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Warmly,

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