



Dear BRE HERD,

It is hard to believe that the first quarter of the school year has come to a close. The students and staff at Buffalo Ridge have accomplished so much over the past nine weeks, and I could not be more proud of their accomplishments. Despite the obstacles placed in their way, everyone has continued to trudge forward with a smile on their face and an attitude nothing short of positive.

I find myself smiling from ear-to-ear imagining our first day of full in-person learning on October 19th. It has been so long since Buffalo Ridge has been at full capacity, and I am simply ecstatic to have every child back in the building at the same time. It will be a day that I will remember for the rest of my life.

As communicated over the past week, BRE procedures will continue to be adjusted to meet better the needs of our students, families, and community members as we return to full in-person learning. The biggest, yet most subtle adjustment, will be our new car loop procedure. If you haven't done so already, please watch our <u>traffic report</u> <u>video</u> and look over our updated <u>pick-up/drop-off map</u>.

Wahoo! Our Fundraiser was a HUGE success! Read-4-Fund\$ has been so impressed by our student donation participation, exceeding reading goals, and phenomenal fundraising efforts during these unprecedented times, they have adjusted our goal to reflect our efforts. Our fundraiser wrapped up this week with class and individual parties. We are excited to announce that our students raised \$40,285 and read over 136,000 minutes!! Our students averaged \$105 raised per student with 70% participation!

Dr. Thelen and I MISS YOU SO MUCH, but Buffalo Ridge will continue to follow the same rules and procedures set up at the beginning of the year. We will miss having our parents and volunteers in the building. Still,

we will continue enhancing our communication via BRE TV, Youtube videos, and School Messanger so everyone can feel informed.

We would like to wish you a relaxing and restful Fall Break. We hope you all can find some time to unplug and reconnect to what matters the most; family and friends (while social distancing, of course!) I know we will be doing the same.

Warmly,

Jen and Rob



