

Dear HERD Family,



Words cannot express how grateful Dr. Thelen and I are for the incredible support and partnership we share with our students, staff, parents, and community. From Run4Fund\$ to Field Day Volunteers to the Book Fair and parent-teacher conferences, we have been BLOWN AWAY by your generosity, flexibility, and humility. Rob and I love your kids dearly, and it warms our hearts to watch an entire community rally behind our students. The time, efforts, and resources you have given our kids do not go unnoticed, and words cannot express how appreciative we are. You have **KNOCKED OUR SOCKS OFF** this year. Thank you!

Dr. Thelen and I want to give a **HUGE** thank you to our amazing **BREA/Anna & Laura** and **ALL** of **YOU** for your participation and support of our Run4Fund\$ effort! We raised an *incredible* **\$53,875**! Our original goal was \$40,000, so we raised the bar and blew past that goal as well! The students had a fantastic time at Field/Prize Day last week, and we are so grateful to our community for making this happen! With these dollars coming in, we will do some fantastic things to update our curriculum. In the spirit of transparency, these funds will go directly toward accessing and enhancing the following areas (and please email Dr. Thelen, Ms. Murdock Jacoway or your student's teacher with any questions on these programs):

- Newsela
- Colorado Story
- Wonders
- Benchmark
- i-READY reading & math
- Stemscopes
- envision
- Bloomsights
- BRE TV

Additionally, Buffalo Ridge needs some school improvements around the building, and therefore our BREA PTO will be organizing a Spring Gala for parents only in March 2022. This commemorates our 25th anniversary of Buffalo Ridge Elementary and will be an excellent opportunity to bring our community of staff and parents together for an evening full of fun and fundraising! Please watch for a Save the Date coming home in your student's Thursday folder in November. Funds brought in from the Gala will go toward school improvements, such as:

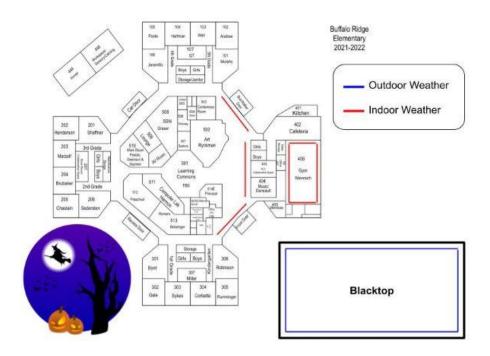
- PLC room furniture, desks, & TV
- Classroom beautification & updates for our different learning styles
- Climate & culture celebrations
- Staff start-up funds for 2022

We are so grateful for your participation and support in enhancing the curriculum and environment we're creating for our students. Thank you!



Please read the following information closely, and reach out to Dr. Thelen, Mrs. Murdock Jacoway, or your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

## **Halloween Party and Parade**



On October 29th, Buffalo Ridge Elementary will be hosting a Halloween Party and Parade from 12:50-1:50. All teachers will host their parties within their classrooms from 12:50-1:30, and the school wide parade will occur from 1:30-1:50. If you are interested in attending the parade, the map above outlines where parents can stand. If the weather allows us to parade outside, we request that parents outline the blacktop area next to the playground, shown above in the blue outline. If the weather requires us to stay inside, parents will line the main hallway and gymnasium, shown in the red above.

HAVE AN A FANTASTIC FALL BREAK!

Warmly,

Jen and Rob

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