

RITENOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDER BOBCAT

MAY 2025

Dates to Remember:

-  **April 30-May 16**
Tentative MAP Testing
-  **May 5-9**
Staff Appreciation Week
-  **Wednesday, May 7**
Papa John's Pizza Night
-  **Monday, May 12**
PTO Meeting
5:30 p.m.
-  **Monday, May 19**
End-of-Year Celebration
(Grades K, 3, 5)
-  **Tuesday, May 20**
End-of-Year Celebration
(Grades 1, 2, 4)
-  **Wednesday, May 21**
5th Grade vs. Staff Kickball Game
-  **Thursday, May 22**
KG and 5th Grade Graduations and Awards
Second Semester Awards (1-4)
-  **Friday, May 23**
Last Day of School (PreK-12)
Field Day

Message from Administration

Hello Buder Families,

I can't believe this is the last newsletter of the school year! Thank you all for your support—what an incredible first year it has been at Buder. Your kindness and collaboration have truly made it a fantastic experience. I'm excited to continue working with each of you and to keep building strong relationships as partners in student success. This year has been a great journey of learning and growth for me, and I'm so grateful to be part of this community.

We've made it to the final stretch of the school year! Our 3rd–5th grade students are gearing up for state testing, which will take place from **April 30 to May 16**. We need your support to help set our students up for success. Please ensure your child is:

- **At school on time**
- **Well-rested**
- **Ready to give their best each day**

Our students and staff have worked incredibly hard all year to prepare for this moment—it's time to **SHOW WHAT THEY KNOW!**

As an added boost, we encourage parents to write short, encouraging letters for their children to read each day before testing begins. These notes can be a powerful way to motivate and uplift them during this important time.

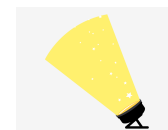
Thank you for being such great partners in your child's success!
Dr. Mack, principal

Buder Spotlight

Request your Yearbook ASAP!

We have less than 20 yearbooks available for first-come, first-served. Please see Mrs. McNabb to request yours before they are gone. Yearbooks will be distributed May 19.

\$20 each



BUDER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Social Emotional Corner

To help meet the social and emotional needs of our students, our counseling team is working diligently with their small groups. They discuss and work through a variety of issues troubling our students.

Please feel free to email our School Counselors:

Ms. Wiese - wiese@ritenourschools.org

PBIS Monthly Focus

Our PBIS focus for the month of May is "**We are lifelong learners.**" When we talk about being a lifelong learner in school, we say that we increase our knowledge and build upon it for success - today and in the future. As we continue to build our knowledge every school year, one of the ways we show this knowledge is through the yearly assessments. Our teachers will be working with students to help them prepare for the assessment at school as well.

These are just a few of the plans and preparations we will be working on at Buder:

- Planning ways to teach students test-taking strategies
- Making sure students know all the main objectives on the test
- Teaching children to use all the visuals as part of the text (charts, photos, drawings, charts, etc.)
- Using the text to support their answer (whether in a multiple choice question or in a written response)
- Planning various motivational and encouraging activities for our tested grade levels
- Decorating the classrooms doors and posters to show our support

Health Tips from Nurse Schwer

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over. Below are a few important reminders regarding medications:

- **ALL** medications must be picked up by an adult by the last day of school. Any medication left in the clinic will be disposed of according to DEA regulations.
- If your student will need medication at school next year, including inhalers and Epi-Pens, please have your physician complete a new medication authorization form over the summer. Return this form before the first day of the 2025-26 school year.

☀️ Use the "**Four S's**" of **Sun Safety** to protect against sun damage this summer ☀️

- **SEEK SHADE** - Avoid peak periods (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in our community), when ultraviolet (UV) rays are strongest.
- **SLOP ON SUNSCREEN** - Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher at all times. Apply about a nickel-sized amount of lotion to your skin and distribute it evenly. Re-apply this sunscreen often, especially after excessive sweating or time in the pool, for it to remain effective.
- **SLAP-ON COVERAGE** - Wear wide-brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts, and long pants that cover exposed skin.
- **SLIDE ON SHADES** - Wear sunglasses that block UV rays.

Cafeteria Menus

Monthly breakfast and lunch menus are posted on Ritenour's website.



<https://ritenour.nutrislice.com/menu/buder-elementary>

Buder Attendance Line

(314) 493-6301 or [Attendance Form](#)

If your child will be absent or late to school, please call the attendance line before 9am daily. Please leave your student's name and reason for absence. Families who do not report an absence will be contacted by phone, text, and email each day.

Thank you for your assistance.