



# A LITTLE KNIGHTLY NEWS



**SOUTH BUTLER  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PTO NEWSLETTER  
February 2018**



- 5<sup>th</sup> Sarris Candy Sale begins
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bowling Party 5:30-8pm @ Family Bowlaway
- 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day Parties
- 16<sup>th</sup> No School
- 19<sup>th</sup> School in Session - Snow Make-Up Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sarris Candy Sale Ends
- 26<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 7pm (Primary Library)
- February 26<sup>th</sup>- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Book Fair - Read Across America Week
- 27<sup>th</sup> Skate Party 6:30-8:30pm @ Skate Castle



- 9<sup>th</sup> No School
- 9<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Spring Fling
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bowling Party 5:30-8pm @ Family Bowlaway
- 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Kindergarten Registration
- 26<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 7pm (Primary Library)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Skate Party 6:30-8:30 @ Skate Castle
- 29<sup>th</sup> No School (3<sup>rd</sup> Snow Make-Up Day)
- 30<sup>th</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup> No School
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> No School (4<sup>th</sup> Snow Make-Up Day)



The Sarris Candy Fundraiser will kick off Feb 5th and end Feb 20th. Orders will be delivered on March 21st and can be picked up from 4pm to 6pm. Orders will be here before Easter so stock up on some goodies!



The 2018 Holiday Shop was a great success! We hope all of the kids enjoyed a great day of shopping! Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help.



The 2018 Kindergarten Spring Fling will be March 9<sup>th</sup>. If you know any families who will have a kindergartener starting for the 2018-2019 school year, invite them to meet the principal and the kindergarten teachers and obtain all of the info needed to enroll your child in school! This is a great program to answer any questions and concerns you may have. Kindergarten Registration will then be March 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.



South Butler County School has partnered with Kelly Educational Staffing. We are Now Hiring Substitute Teachers, Teacher's Aides & Secretaries

### Details

- Create your own schedule
- Become involved in the school & serve your community
  - Work school hours
  - A degree in education is not required

**Employee Perks include:** Weekly Pay, Bonus Plans, 401 K Options, Employee Discounts, Professional Development, On-the-job learning, Opportunities to Work Every Day

**Apply Today!**

**Call 412-788-4591 Extension 4 to speak to Laura.**

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Congratulations Super Readers, You did it! The 2017 Reading Raiser was a great Success and we thank all of the students who participated in this fundraiser. Our students raised **\$16,077.15** with over 200 kids participating and reading **92,399 Minutes**. Mr. Mandalas was a great sport at the assembly letting the students slime him!

The Top Reader and Money Earner Awards all received a \$50 Gift card to Playthings Etc.

**Top Money Earners**

Kindergarten - Nora Griffiths  
First Grade – Tripp Santora  
Second Grade – Emily Boltz  
Third Grade - Kaila Purcell and Audrey Fox

**Top Readers**

Kindergarten – Aiden Boltz  
First Grade – Cannon Huffman  
Second Grade – Emily Boltz  
Third Grade – Sofia Barnes

**Read A-thon assembly winners**

- \$20 Playthings Etc. Gift Card** ~ Hailey Essary and Jane Krenzer
- Pittsburgh Zoo Passes** ~ Jessica Temoshenko
- Children's Museum Passes** ~ Kaylee Pisor
- Stomp Rocket** ~ Tanner Caudill and Kamryn Oprosky
- Giant Plush Penguin** ~ Serj Heade-Fortino
- Beamo Flyin Hoop** ~ Emma Kamer and Victoria Rachwal
- 100" Mega Bounce Ball** ~ Rocco Huerbin
- Plasma Car** ~ Simon Burd
- Pogo Stick** ~ Meredith Rice
- Large Super Hero Set** ~ Cailin Christie
- Large Star Wars Lego Set** ~ Thomas Drissler
- Hoberman Sphere** ~ Piper Lindsay
- Slimy, Squishie, Floof Basket** ~ Kenleigh Fry
- LEGO Boost Creative Toolbox** ~ Owen Greene
- Fun Fore All Passes** ~ John Schaefer and Matthew Neff
- \$300 Overnight Package for Splash Lagoon** ~ Avelynn Brickett

**Congratulations to Mrs. Rush's Class for Collecting the most pledges and with the Top Minutes Read! They earned a pizza/sundae party!**

**Congratulations to Mrs. Rice with highest class participation with 96% of her students participating!  
Great Job SBPS Students!**



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The class that collected the most box tops for November was Mrs. Beale with 389. Mrs. Kernans' class came in a close second with 313. The school collected 1,517 for the month of November.

For December Mrs. Zacherl's class won with 168 Box Tops collected. The school collected 729 for the month. January's Box Tops winning class was Mr. Savannah with 309. The school collected 1,400 for the month.

Thank you everyone for participating. Keep on clipping!



"Thank You" to all who supported the Knoch Knights Legacies Foundation via [AmazonSmile.org](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile) in 2017! The \$212.97 raised went directly into the classroom via a Parrot drone purchased for Mr. Dennis Walters's Automation and Robotics classes at KMS! If you haven't registered with AmazonSmile yet, just go to AmazonSmile.org and select "Knoch Knights Legacies Foundation" as your non-profit of choice, then do your shopping! Amazon will donate .5% of qualifying purchases directly back to the Legacies Foundation!



Add a special memory to the year by having lunch with your child at school. You can buy lunch for yourself at \$3.40 in the cafeteria or bring lunch for yourself and your child. Please take a moment to fill out your form and return it to the school indicating what day works for you as well as an alternate day as only a set number of parents can attend each lunch period. Check out all the details online at [www.southbutler.org](http://www.southbutler.org). Click Primary School and then South Butler Primary PTO link. If you do not receive a confirmation email or call **within 3 days** of submitting the form, please contact Jennifer Zolinas at 724-282-2486 or [rjzolin@zoominternet.net](mailto:rjzolin@zoominternet.net). You must be on the schedule for the week to enter the building for the lunch visit.



### **BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE & BE PRODUCTIVE!**

On January 26 the students at South Butler Primary School celebrated the end of the 9 week grading period with an assembly. The assembly celebrated the children that have been following the important 4 B's: Being Safe, Being Respectful, Being Responsible & Being Productive! Two 200 club winners were drawn and Brayden Belton won an Art Kit and Mariyah Rose won a Kindle. Congratulations!


Mr. Mandalas also raced a group of students who choose to race the principal for being a 10 in a row winner. Students with Perfect Attendance were acknowledged and a group of student speakers spoke to their fellow students about the 4 B's. Keep up the hard work SBPS students!

# KINDERGARTEN



## REGISTRATION IS COMING!

It's time to register for Kindergarten! Please share this information with anyone you know who has a child who will turn 5 before September 1, 2018! The sooner they register, the smoother the process, and the more fun for their child! Registration/ Screening dates are March 20, 21, 22, and 23.



**South Butler County School District**  
2018-19 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION  
DISTRICT FACT SHEET

**School District:** South Butler County School District  
**Phone Number:** (724) 352-1700  
**Website:** [www.southbutler.org](http://www.southbutler.org)  
**Contact for Kindergarten Registration:** South Butler Primary School Office (724) 352-1700 ext.1600  
**Location of Registration:** South Butler Primary School Building  
**Registration/Screening Dates:** March 20, 21, 22, 23, 2018  
**Age Requirement:** Children must be five years old **before** September 1, 2018 to register for Kindergarten.

**Documents that are REQUIRED to be presented the day of registration:**

- Proof of residency (utility bill, construction/purchase agreement, rental agreement)
- Child's original birth certificate
- Immunization records to date
- Custody Papers, if applicable

**The Pennsylvania State Health Law requires each child entering school for the first time to have the following immunizations before school begins:**

- Diphtheria and Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, and Varicella (Chicken Pox Vaccine)
- Children will need a physical **after** September 1, 2017 before entering Kindergarten.

**Spring Fling**  
The South Butler Kindergarten teachers are hosting a parent-child program, **Spring Fling 2018**, on Friday, March 9, 2018. Come and join the kindergarten teachers for a fun-filled adventure including stories, songs, crafts and games. You will get to spend some time with each teacher and visit their classrooms. Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for one of the three sessions to be held that day. The session times are 9:15 am – 10:15 am, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, and 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm. Please call the school to register: 724-352-1700 ext. 1600 or e-mail Mrs. Hughes at: [hughesk@southbutler.net](mailto:hughesk@southbutler.net). Don't forget to include your child's name in the e-mail. Please register by March 2, 2018.  
**Sorry, we will not be able to accommodate siblings for this program, and we can only accommodate one parent/guardian due to limited space.**

**Scheduling for Kindergarten Registration:**  
Parents will be able to sign up for registration/screening timeslots at the Spring Fling. An informational letter will be coming out in early March to provide details of when to call our front office to schedule a time for registration/screening in the event your child will not be able to attend Spring Fling.

**Kindergarten Registration/Screening:**  
On the scheduled registration/screening day, families will visit the gymnasium at the school. Each child will spend approximately 45 minutes cycling through hearing, speech, vision, fine/gross motor, concepts, and language stations. During this time parents will be required to complete a registration packet that will take approximately one-half hour. They will also visit with the nurse and guidance counselor for approximately 5 minutes as their child is being screened. Kindergarten registration forms will also be available online at [www.southbutler.org](http://www.southbutler.org). **Click on: Primary School and New Student Packet.**

**Kindergarten Orientation**  
In August (about one week prior to the start of Kindergarten), there will be an orientation that will allow children and their parents to meet the child's teacher. The teacher will present to both children and their parents for about 10-15 minutes in their classroom. Afterwards children will have the opportunity to ride the school bus into town and back. Parents are welcome to take their child to visit the playground any time after school or after the orientation.

Developed in Partnership with the Butler County Early Care & Education Council (724) 283-1010.



Feb. 11-17 is Random Acts of Kindness Week and Ms. Thrower will be giving each class kindness stickers and making morning announcements with kindness challenges for the kids. She will also be giving classroom teachers a list of ideas to incorporate kindness into the classroom for the week. Remember to be kind to everyone!







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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

SBPS is fortunate to have some of the most amazing and outstanding students! We are recognizing 2 of our great students who have been thoughtful and giving to others. If you have a student you would like to spotlight in the PTO newsletter, email Jen Helsel at [jenlg03@zoominternet.net](mailto:jenlg03@zoominternet.net).

RYLEE GILMORE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



This year in lieu of birthday gifts Rylee Gilmore asked for donations for the organization Orphans of the Storm. This is a no kill animal shelter! Way to go Rylee!

CALLIE BAKER – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Girl Scout Troop 2670



Every year since her 5th birthday, Callie Baker has made it her goal to give to others by collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. In place of gifts, she collects items like pencils, soap, toothbrushes, notepads and small toys. This year after collecting items, her Girl Scout Troop 26070, packed the items in shoeboxes with a personal note for each child. “It makes us so happy to give to others!” Callie said. “Some kids never get a gift and we want to change that!” The girls in the troop watched a video, which left some of them with tears in their eyes. “We want to always do this!” replied the girls. “Callie and her troop are striving to make the world a better place and we are so proud of them!”, commented her troop leaders. “They have big hearts and big plans!” Callie has collected and packed over 200 boxes since her idea started. She hopes to keep the tradition with her troop alive for many years to come!

(Troop 26070 members- Anna White, Audra Skorch, Audrey Fox, Callie Baker, Carly Zill, McKenna Brailey, Michaela Hoover, Kayla Hawk, Maggie Powell, Jane Krenzer and Savannah Hocoluck)

# In the Spotlight

Along with the spectacular students in our school we have some of the most amazing teachers who work endlessly to not only teach our children academics but strive daily to teach kindness, selflessness and giving. Here are a few examples of how some of the SBPS classes chose to “Give” instead of receive this past Christmas. These classes chose to forgo gift exchanges and treat bags in order to give to others. Thank you to all of our great staff members!



The SBPS Kindergartners collected backpacks during the holiday season for the Kids Love Project! The Kindergarten classes exceeded their goal of 40 and donated 94 backpacks to the Foster Love Project! We are so proud of each child and Ms. Mohny, Mrs. Buterbaugh, Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. Schnepf for such a great project!



Mrs. Pastoria’s Class – 1<sup>st</sup> grade

In lieu of treat bags this group of 1<sup>st</sup> graders collected food for the SBPS Weekend Food program. This is used for children within the SBPS! The PTO is so proud of your kindness



The Lighthouse  
FOUNDATION

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Garia, Mrs. Stivenson and Mrs. Rice’s  
Classes

These classes collected for the Lighthouse Foundation which helps families in the area. Thank you to each student and family who donated!



We are excited for Junior Achievement Day at South Butler Primary on May 29! All students will participate in JA Day. Volunteers will be teaching each classroom age-appropriate JA lessons about money and finance. All of the lessons are designed to give the students the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their futures and make smart academic and economic choices. It will be a fun day for the volunteers and the students! We need 2 volunteer per classroom so if you are interested in helping teach JA Day to your child’s class, please contact Athena Pacek at [athena.pacek@gmail.com](mailto:athena.pacek@gmail.com) or call/text (412) 477-9475.