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VAN R. BUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2020-2021 EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

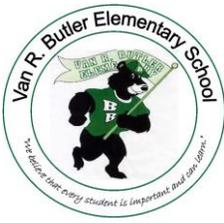
VRB Families,

I want to take a quick moment to thank all of you for your continued support and patience as we finalize our reopening plans for the 2020-2021 school year. As Mr. Hughes stated in the Virtual Town Hall Meeting Monday night, there are three options to choose from that are outlined below. Additionally, I will provide information on the option of Florida Virtual School (FLVS) and Homeschooling. Please keep in mind this plan is fluid and subject to change based on future information. After reviewing the options below, please complete the survey posted on both the Walton County and Van R. Butler websites by Monday, July 20th. These decisions will be a semester-by-semester commitment. While my administrative team has worked tirelessly with our school and district staff, we will be unable to finalize specific details of these plans until we have accurate numbers for each option. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the school Monday-Thursday from 8:00 to 5:00 or via email at rossj@walton.k12.fl.us.

Option 1: Traditional School with student enrolled in Van R. Butler (face-to-face classroom in brick and mortar classrooms, five days a week)

What will brick and mortar look like in August?

- Van R. Butler Elementary School will utilize Florida class size standards, which means an average class size of 18 students or less in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, and 22 or less in 4th and 5th grade. Desks in classrooms will be spaced accordingly with social distancing in mind.
- While we are awaiting official school start and end times based on the results of the student intent survey and state guidelines for transportation, we have devised a plan to limit students in the hallways and common areas.
 - We will still utilize both student drop-off locations (primary and intermediate). Allowing for multiple entry points each morning provides efficiency and limits congestion. For students who wish to eat breakfast in the mornings, we will utilize both cafeterias (building 1 for K-2 and building 4 for 3-5) with social distancing in mind.



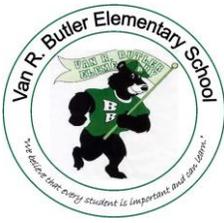
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- Our afternoon pickup locations will remain the same with the primary car line servicing all K-2 students and their older siblings and intermediate car line dismissing 3-5 students. Walkers will continue to be picked up from the east side of the Kindergarten hallway. While afternoon pickup will look similar outside of the school, many steps are being taken inside the building to provide a safe and efficient dismissal process. Rather than students sitting in the hallway, classrooms will be utilized. These students will be divided by grade level and called once parents check in through PikMyKid. Student numbers in each room will be determined with social distancing in mind.
- Students will also experience a few changes throughout the school day as we continue to provide a safe and effective learning environment.
 - Student travel throughout campus will be limited and more efficient. We are installing directional arrows and dividing lines (think of a divided highway) throughout the campus hallways to ensure a safer and more efficient flow throughout campus.
 - Along with the restructured traffic flow in the hallway, Spot Dots will be utilized throughout campus so classes can space accordingly with social distancing in mind.
 - Currently, we plan for students to travel to Special Areas daily. We are excited to inform you we have added two special area courses – STEM and Media Center – to the rotation that already includes Art, Music and PE. Art, Music, Media Center and STEM will continue to have only one group of students per grade level per day. The addition of these two special area offerings afforded us the ability to provide a smaller teacher to student ratio for our PE classes. Furthermore, PE will continue to utilize multiple areas of the campus (gym, blacktop, football field) with social distancing in mind as they provide their instruction.
 - Along with a smaller teacher to student ratio in these courses, we have included 10 minutes between each grade levels “specials” time for sanitization.
 - Recess will also look different from years past as we continue to provide a safer environment. In K-2, only one class will be permitted to use the playground equipment at a time under staff supervision. Students in grades 3-5 will continue to use the large outdoor spaces and playground area to the east and south of the campus. These areas will be partitioned, and classes will rotate through these areas daily under staff supervision.



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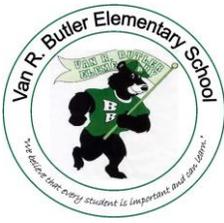
- We are fortunate to have two separate cafeterias that provide flexibility in scheduling and an opportunity to plan with social distancing in mind. We are staggering lunch times for both primary and intermediate to allow for students to be placed accordingly with social distancing in mind. With our flexibility and staggered times, we currently plan for students to eat lunch in the cafeteria.
- Clubs and after school activities will be postponed as a precautionary measure until further notice. We are exploring the possibility of clubs meeting during the school day and will provide additional information at a later date.
- School visitors will be minimized and encouraged not to enter beyond the safe and secure lobby. If a visitor must enter, the individual will be screened and expected to wear a mask. As a precautionary measure, parents/guests will not be permitted to eat lunch with their child or participate in classroom/birthday celebrations to until further notice. Items intended for distribution within the school to students other than your own will not be permitted until further notice.

Please refer to the “Reopening Plan for Parents” published on July 8th for additional information regarding the topics below.

- What are the health and safety precautions that will be put into place in the brick and mortar school?
- Will schools screen individuals for COVID-19?
- What will happen if a child or employee contracts COVID-19?
- How will school buses adjust?
- How will school facilities adjust?
- What other changes can we expect?
- What impact (if any) will these changes have on academics?
- In addition to academics, how will we continue to support students in brick and mortar schools?

Option 2: Walton Virtual School (WVS) – student MUST withdraw from VRB and enroll in WVS (virtually at home with enrollment in WVS)

- Walton Virtual School is a separate school of enrollment within the Walton County School District.
- Walton Virtual School contracts with K12 to provide instruction for Kindergarten through 5th grade students.
- Walton Virtual School provides flexibility at home for instructional time through WVS learning platforms.



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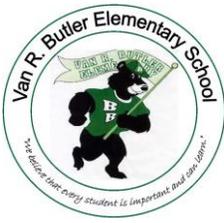
- WVS students receive all instruction and support from WVS instructors and staff.
- For additional information on Walton Virtual School, please [CLICK HERE](#)

Option 3: Innovative Learning Digital Academy (ILDA) with student enrolled at Van R. Butler Elementary School (distance learning at home with enrollment in your current school; synchronized and/or asynchronous interaction with an instructor and their peers five days per week during the school day)

- ❖ Synchronous Learning is defined as instruction and learning that occur at the same time, but not in the same place. VRB ILDA synchronous learning will include ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, Music, STEM, Media Center, and Sanford Harmony. BEAR time may be synchronous for some students.
- ❖ Asynchronous Learning is defined as instruction and learning that occur not only in different locations, but also at different times. VRB ILDA asynchronous learning will include PE and Recess. BEAR time may be asynchronous for some students.
- ❖ Students will attend the Innovative Learning Digital Academy during regular school hours with a built-in lunch break. Specific times will be determined once all surveys are received and transportation is arranged.
- ❖ Parents are responsible for necessary technology to fully participate in all programs. This will include a device that has audio, webcam, and microphone capabilities. The student must have access to reliable internet throughout the school day.
- ❖ Student will follow the same grade level curriculum as the Brick and Mortar students.
- ❖ Students will be required to participate in all assessments to include, but not limited to STAR, PAST, FSA.
- ❖ Students will not be allowed to participate in field trips, clubs, or after school activities.
- ❖ The grading scale for all students is the traditional grading scale found in the WCSD Student Progression Plan (100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 59-0=F)

Additional Education Options:

- ✚ Homeschool: students must withdraw from VRB and enroll in Home Education through Walton County School District
 - Home Education is a parent-directed educational option that satisfies the requirement for regular school attendance. Parents have the freedom to determine their child's educational path and the plan for reaching their goals. Students have the opportunity to explore and learn at their own pace, in any location or at any time.



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- If interested in the program, please contact Ms. Donna Honish at 850-892-1100, ext.: 1319
- ✚ Florida Virtual School (FLVS): students must withdraw from VRB and enroll in either Homeschool or FLVS Full-Time
 - FLVS Full-Time is a public school in Florida that is not part of the Walton County School District. Students follow a fixed, 180-day school year schedule from August to June. Enrollment in this program is through Florida Virtual School and students must be withdrawn from VRB.
 - FLVS Flex is a program run by FLVS that provide flexibility in homeschooling. Students must be withdrawn from VRB. Parents may utilize this program as a homeschool option so please contact Ms. Donna Honish at 850-892-1100, ext.: 1319 and consult FLVS.net for courses in which you may be interested.

We hope this document provides answers and clarity regarding the opening of Van R. Butler August 10. As a reminder, additional information will continue to be provided in the coming weeks regarding class assignments, orientation, etc. Please continue to monitor the district and school websites for more information. If you have additional questions or concerns, please let us know. Thank you for your continued support.

Educationally Yours,

Jimmy Ross

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