

SPECIAL EDITION

VAN R. BUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



COVID-19 Update 3/13/20

We have just received word from the Florida Commissioner of Education that Florida schools will be closed for two weeks; therefore, the Walton County School District is now closed for students from now until Monday, March 30, 2020. More information will follow including guidance for employees the week of March 23-27, extra-curricular activities, testing, and SPICE.

In addition to the above, we also received the following updates from the Florida Department of Education in conjunction with the Department of Health:

- ◆ Anyone (students/faculty/staff/etc.) who go on foreign travel, to any country, must self-isolate for 14 days upon return.
- ◆ Anyone (students/faculty/staff/etc.) who go on a cruise, anywhere, must self-isolate for 14 days upon return.
- ◆ There should be no mass gatherings, which are defined by the CDC as “1,000-25,000 people, but the practical application is any gathering that would strain local resources”.
- ◆ If a student/faculty/staff has been exposed to a person with confirmed COVID-19, and that student/faculty/staff has been in a classroom, we do recommend that you clear the classroom and take necessary steps to sanitize the room.

In regards to specific changes today in Walton County, Superintendent A. Russell Hughes has directed all schools to postpone all out of state professional travel and in state professional travel where a confirmed COVID-19 case is present. All out of county field trips are also being postponed. In conjunction with these changes, Superintendent Hughes continues to oversee the deep cleaning of all area schools. We specifically want to thank our Facilities and Maintenance Department, school administration, plant managers, and custodians for their work in this area.

The district has added additional links to our website, including the Health Department and the CDC, and we have added a COVID-19 button that allows our stakeholders to submit questions via the “Contact Us” button on our website.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe and healthy, and continue to check back for more information.