

VAN R. BUTLER ELEMENTARY

HOME OF THE BEARS



VRB Families,

I want to thank you all for another great week of our At Home Learning Program. You all continue to exemplify why our community is such a special place to be a part of. I've seen pictures and received messages about what our students are doing at and I'm filled with joy. The virtual collaboration being learned throughout this program is strengthening your child's educational and career opportunities moving forward. As we continue to work together in these coming weeks, we will become a stronger school and community when we return next month.

As we continue to support you all during these times, I want to provide a quick update as we made some necessary adjustments due to Governor DeSantis's Executive Order 20-91. Understanding this is a fluid situation, we already prepared for our teachers and instructional support staff to work from home. All staff provided numbers they could be reached so we could connect families directly to their teacher or instructional support. Moving forward, only essential personnel will be at the school during the 8:00 to 3:00 to continue their support and connect you with your child's instructor. While few staff will physically be on site, the level of supports you all expect, will continue.

One change that will be evident is I will now be working from home as I fall within the category of those with an underlying health condition within the executive order. Some of you may know the journey I went through five years ago as I received a kidney transplant from one of my lifelong friends. As a transplant recipient, I must take anti-rejection medication so my healthy kidney continues to function like it should. While this classifies me as immunocompromised, please know my doctors are extremely pleased with the state of my current health. As a school and district, we are taking the necessary precautions for all staff members that fall into the categories outlined in the executive order that shall work from home. This will allow us to provide the support and leadership you all have become accustomed to when we can return to a traditional model of education. For those that would like to read about my journey throughout the kidney transplant, please visit the Facebook page below. As I assured you that our supports will not diminish, this goes for you principal as well. Please continue to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns or comments. I've listed my communication methods below and hope to hear from you all soon.

Facebook Page: [J & K's Kidney Journey](#)

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Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,
Jimmy Ross
Principal



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**The VRB Website is
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week of
April 6th to April 10th**

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