



Happy February everyone! I am quickly approaching my one-year anniversary at Buford City Schools! Now that I have been here through all the seasons, Spring, Summer, Football, and Winter I wanted to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

January did not disappoint with so many amazing events throughout our school system and February is just as packed. Our Wrestling team had a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the Duals State Championship and our Buford Senior Academy students dominated the district spelling bee! Our Career/Tech clubs hosted our first annual Cookies and Cocoa 5K run at the high school to benefit Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. They raised over \$8000 in one day with tremendous community support. In an extremely unexpected turn of events, I placed in the Males 50 to 99-year-old category. My wife thinks that is a hilarious distinction- until I remind her that she is in the same age category!

As a teacher, I always loved a good snow day. Just the threat of possible bad weather would put a spring in your step. Turns out I have changed my tune considerably as I will have to make the call if we get bad weather. I am loving these 50° days and rooting hard for the groundhog to not see his shadow on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>! While we have not had much winter weather yet, February always brings the possibility of snow/ice-related events. Please make sure that your contact information is up to date in our system. We will be using this information to send messages to all families and employees regarding our status of closure due to dangerous weather conditions.

February is also an interesting month for sports as we are in the midst of playoffs and State Championships for our winter sports while at the same time enjoying this balmy weather at our Spring sports that have already started playing matches and games. I want to thank our coaches and athletics department for being problem solvers as we navigate the need for practicing and competing at multiple locations. Good Luck to all our teams.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Go Wolves

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