

Locker News for Families 2009

- **LOCKER COMBINATIONS** – Your child should memorize their locker combination before the first day of school. Have them write the combination in a secret place. We suggest the page with their birth date in their daily planner/Bufnett Agenda available at the Bobcat School Store. Discourage your child from writing it on the outside of their notebooks, folders, or book covers. Tell them to keep their combination a secret, not to share it even with their best friend! NOTE: Locker combinations can only be changed over the summer.
- **SWITCHING LOCKERS** – Your child’s locker is conveniently located in their team area. Students are not allowed to switch lockers or keep their belongings in another student’s locker. Your child may only use the locker assigned to them.
- **DECORATING LOCKERS** – Students may attach decorative **magnets** to the inside of their locker doors if they wish to display appropriate items. Adhering tape, “sticky tac,” or stickers will damage paint.
- **LOCKER ORGANIZATION** – Locker partners should work together to divide their locker space evenly. Wire locker shelves that sit at the bottom of the locker work well for extra organization. Avoid plastic locker shelves that place pressure on the sides of the locker. Your child should plan to clean out their locker periodically.
- **BACKPACK STORAGE** – All coats and bags must be put away in lockers before your child’s first class of the day. Teach them to prevent locker jams. Show your child how to keep coats, backpacks, and other supplies away from the edges of the locker. Backpacks should be emptied and stored either on the back hook or top shelf.
- **PASSING PERIODS** – Encourage your child to be polite. As they approach the lockers, they should say, “Excuse me I need to get to my locker please.” Locker partners should hold the door open as their locker partner approaches. Being courteous is a Bufnett expectation.
- **LOCKER FRUSTRATIONS** – Reassure your child that if they have trouble getting their locker open, we have a simple solution: Report to the next class on their schedule and inform the teacher. Staff members are here to help and some even carry locker keys for easy access!
- **CLOSING THE LOCKER** – For extra security, advise your child to make sure the top and bottom of their locker is closed and have them turn the lock so it doesn’t remain on the last number of the combination.
- **USING ANOTHER STUDENT’S BELONGINGS** – Remind your child to respect personal property by not borrowing their locker partner’s supplies without asking and to use only the textbooks assigned to them.