

School Board of Alachua County

Buchholz High School
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School hours: 7:00am to 3:30pm

Students attend: 8:25am to 2:40pm



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Bobcat Pride

Buchholz High School
Gainesville, FL

Bobcat Pride
November 2013

YEARBOOKS

Reserve your copy now!!

Do you have a graduating senior?
Consider surprising your student
with a Senior ad in this year's book.

Purchase your yearbook now, price
will increase January 1st.

Visit www.pictavo.com, you can buy
your personal ad space, buy your
yearbook and even upload photos
to be used in the yearbook.

Club and AP photos will be Decem-
ber 10th

Senior Cap and Gown photos will
be December 13th

CONGRATULATIONS

AJ Everitt, Michael Mulligan, Anand
Vidyasagar, Gunner Smith, and
Brandon Summers successfully
placed in the top three for your re-
gion in the State of Florida Student
Astronaut Challenge. They have
qualified to compete in the State
Competition to be held at the Ken-
nedy Space Center March 7-9,
2014.

**THE
BUCHHOLZ HIGH
SCHOOL BANDS**
PRESENT

A Musical Salute

Veterans Day Concert

Monday, November 11, 2013

7:00 pm

University Auditorium
(UF Campus)

Narrator

Dr. Dan Boyd, Former Superintendent, ACPS

Guest Conductor

Dr. David Waybright, Director of Bands, Univ. of Florida

Master of Ceremonies

Richard Drake, Florida's 89.1 "Morning Edition" Host

☆ FREE ADMISSION!! ☆
Donation of one non-perishable food item
(to benefit local charities) is requested.

<http://buchholzband.com>



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 5Send Report Cards Home
Friday, November 8Holiday – UF Homecoming
Monday, November 11.....Holiday – Veterans Day
Monday, November 25 - 29Thanksgiving Holidays
Friday, December 6Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3Winter Holidays (10 weekdays)
Monday, January 6Classes Resume
Thursday, January 16End of First Semester
Friday, January 17Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Monday, January 20Holiday - ML King Day
Tuesday, January 21Begin Second Semester
Thursday, January 30Send Report Cards Home



INCOMING FRESHMAN SHADOWING

We invite prospective freshman to shadow a Buchholz student for a day. If you are interested please contact the Guidance Office at 352-955-6702 to schedule a day.

OPEN HOUSE

Do you have an incoming freshman or know of anyone interested in Buchholz for the upcoming school year? Plan to attend our Freshman Open Houses.

- Academies Expo. Wednesday, January 29, 2014 6:00-7:30pm
- AP and Honors Open House Thursday, February 6, 2014 @ 7:00pm

THE ACADEMY OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Academy of Entrepreneurship at Buchholz High School is a four-year program for students interested in entrepreneurship, marketing, and management. We are a member of the Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education and are recognized as a national model for schools wishing to establish entrepreneurship programs. Our 2013-14 enrollment is 276 students.

The Academy of Entrepreneurship is your link to an exciting career in entrepreneurship, marketing, or business management. Students are encouraged to develop projects in areas of specialized interest--such as fashion merchandising, advertising, sports and entertainment marketing, travel and tourism, or international business. Business plan competitions, internships, workshops, leadership opportunities, travel, and scholarships are all part of the experience.



The deadline to submit an application is February 7. Please visit our website at www.bhsacademy.biz for more information.

THE ACADEMY OF FINANCE



The Academy of Finance offers a planned sequence of specialized elective academic and technical courses. Students will be involved in activities, which will enhance their education and will prepare them for successful employment.

The Academy of Finance is a member program of the National Academy Foundation (NAF), which was established in 1989 to design, encourage, and support academic programs focused in specific professional fields. The Foundation provides guidance through a board of directors with representatives from national corporations.

The deadline to submit an application is February 7. Please visit our website at www.aofbhs.moonfruit.com/ for more information.



Students Entering Grade 9 in 2013-2014 School Year

Section 1003.428, F.S.

	Graduation Requirements	
	Florida Standard Diploma 24 Credits	ACCEL Program/Diploma Designation ACCEL Program (18 Credits minimum)
English/ Language Arts (ELA)	4 credits in ELA 1, 2, 3, 4 ELA honors, AP, AICE, IB, and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement (must pass the Grade 10 ELA Common Core assessment; must take ELA Grade 11 Common Core assessment when implemented)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Education is not required • 3 elective credits • Online course is not required *All other graduation requirements for a Florida Standard Diploma must be met (1003.4282(3)(a)-(e), F.S.)
Mathematics	4 credits 1 Credit MUST be Algebra 1 1 Credit MUST be geometry (Algebra 1 EOC results count 30% of the final course grade; must pass to earn a standard diploma; geometry EOC results count 30% of the final course grade) If Algebra 2 is selected, Algebra 2 Common Core assessment results count 30% of the final course grade when implemented. • Industry certification courses that lead to college credit may substitute for up to 2 mathematics credits	
Science	3 credits 1 Credit MUST be Biology 1 (Biology EOC results count 30% of the final course grade) 2 credits in equally rigorous science courses 2 Credits MUST have a laboratory component Industry certification courses that lead to college credit may substitute for up to 1 science credit	Scholar Designation In addition to the Florida Standard high school diploma requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass the ELA Grade 11 Common Core assessment once implemented (English Language Arts) • 1 credit in Algebra 2 (MUST pass Algebra 2 EOC) • 1 credit in statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course • Pass the Biology 1 EOC • 1 credit in chemistry or physics • 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics • Pass the U.S. History EOC Assessment • 2 credits in the same world language • Earn at least one credit in AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course.
Social Science	3 credits 1 credit in world history 1 credit in U.S. history (U.S. history EOC results count 30% of the final course grade) .5 credit in U.S. government .5 credit in economics (must include financial literacy)	
World Languages	Not required for high school graduation; but required for admission into state universities	
Fine & Performing Arts, Practical Arts, Speech & Debate	1 credit Fine or Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts (eligible courses specified in the Florida Course Code Directory)	
Physical Education	1 credit Physical Education to include the integration of Health	
Industry Certification	Not required	
Electives	8 credits	Merit Designation In addition to the standard high school diploma requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attain one or more industry certification from the list established (per s. 1003.492, F.S.).
Grade Point Average(GPA)	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale	
Online Course	1 course within the 24 credits, excluding Driver's Ed	

Special Notes: EOC, End-of-Course Assessment; AP, Advanced Placement, AICE, Advanced International Certificate of Education, IB, International Baccalaureate

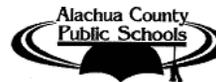


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Section 1003.428, F.S.

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT**

The academic year is well underway, and I'm confident it will be a very successful one for our schools and students. Of course, it will also be a year of transition. Our recently-retired Superintendent Dan Boyd has led this

district admirably for the last nine years. The School Board has just begun the very difficult job of finding someone to fill his shoes. In the meantime, I'm honored to serve as Interim Superintendent of Alachua County Public Schools.

I'm committed to maintaining the momentum we've built under Dr. Boyd's leadership. Of course, there will be challenges. One of the most significant is the move to the Common Core Standards (CCS) and the issues surrounding that move, especially in light of Florida's recent decision to pull out of the consortium developing new tests aligned to the CCS. The state is also planning to hold public hearings about CCS this fall.

In the meantime, we will continue to follow the state's timetable for implementing the Common Core Standards. We have been phasing them in for the last two years, beginning with the earlier grades, and are working toward full implementation by 2014-15 as required by Florida law.

We will certainly continue to monitor the activity in Tallahassee regarding CCS, testing and other educational issues. However, I want to assure you that our schools, teachers and staff will maintain the focus on our primary mission of providing students with a high-quality education that will prepare them for future success.

Thank you for your support of our schools and I wish you and your student a very productive school year!

Hershel Lyons

Interim Superintendent

Alachua County Public Schools

GOLDEN REGIMENT REPRESENTS FLORIDA AT FIRST-EVER BANDS OF AMERICA NATIONAL MARCHING COMPETITION!

Congratulations to the Golden Regiment for earning a Superior rating and coming in 4th Place in Class at its first-ever BOA Super Regional! Thirty-nine of the top marching bands in the nation from GA,

AL, AR, LA, OK, NC, SC, TN, OH, TX and FL made up a field of bands which included Grand National Champions and many Regional Grand Champions from the respective states. Buchholz ended up 19th and was only 3.85 points away from being in Finals. This was a solid step onto the national marching band stage by Buchholz. The Golden Regiment is currently the top-seeded Class 4A marching band heading into the State Championship on Nov. 23rd.



PLAN TEST

Buchholz will be administering the PLAN (Pre-ACT Test and Career Interest Inventory) to all 10th graders in November 21, 2013 during 1-4 periods. This is the only date of this administration. The PLAN is free and all sophomores are included in the administration, so signing up is not necessary. Taking the PLAN is a great way to prepare for the ACT, know if your test results are on track for college, and help students find potential careers that match their interests. Students should bring #2 lead pencils and a calculator on this date. More information about the PLAN is available at www.planstudent.org

P.E.R.T. TEST

During the 2011 legislative session, section 1008.30, Florida Statutes, was revised as a result of the passing of House Bill 1255 to expand college placement testing by requiring administration to high school students. The legislation also requires high schools to provide postsecondary preparatory instruction for students who do not meet or exceed the approved test scores.

The P.E.R.T. tests Reading, Writing, and Math skills, and is mandated for all 11th graders by Florida State Statute 1008.30. We will be giving the P.E.R.T. testing during March 2014. More information about the test can be found at the Florida Department of Education website (www.fldoe.org).

Students who do not meet the state's standards will be required to take college readiness courses during their senior year.

ACT VS. SAT PRACTICE TEST

Saturday, November 16 8:00am-12:15pm in the Auditorium @ Buchholz High School. Cost -\$25 In addition to experience with samples of timed ACT and SAT sections, this test is designed to help you determine which exam you will score better on. Students can register before or after school in the guidance office, and during A and B lunch, cash or check (Buchholz High School) are accepted.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

The PTSA invites parents to a Financial Aid workshop on Thursday, November 14 at 7pm in the BHS Auditorium. Our speaker is Reyonna Parrish from the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OFSA) at the Florida Department of Education. Ms. Parrish will present on topics including saving for college, Bright Futures, Florida's scholarship and grant programs, and Navigating Your Financial Future. Go to www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org for more information. This presentation is open to parents of students in all grades.

Want to know the most current BHS information during the school year?
Check buchholz.sbac.edu
Paw Press is updated daily!



Students Entering Grade 9 in 2011-2012 School Year

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Grade Point Average(GPA)	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale	
Online Course	1 course within the 24 credits	



Students Entering Grade 9 in 2010-2011 School Year

Section 1003.428, F.S.

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Important Testing Dates for the 2013-2014 school Year

SAT Registration 2013-2014

\$51.00 Fee includes Writing portion
www.collegeboard.org

TEST DATE	TEST(S) OFFERED	Registration Deadline
December 7, 2013	SAT and Subject tests	November 8, 2013
January 25, 2014	SAT and Subject tests	December 27, 2013
March 8, 2014	SAT Only	February 7, 2014
May 3, 2014	SAT and Subject tests	April 4, 2014
June 7, 2014	SAT and Subject tests	May 9, 2014

ACT Registration 2013-2014

\$52.50 Fee includes Writing portion (\$36.00 w/o Writing)
www.actstudent.org

TEST DATE	Registration Deadline
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013
February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014

Students on Free/Reduced Lunch may see a guidance counselor for fee waiver for ACT and SAT testing

Buchholz Semester Exams

Fall Exams December 18th– 1st and 6th periods
December 19th– 2nd and 5th periods
December 20th– 3rd and 4th periods
Final Exams June 3-5, 2014

FCAT Testing-

Feb. 25th-26th	FCAT Writing for 10th Graders
April 7th-11th	11th and 12th grade retakes
April 14th-18th	10th Grade FCAT Reading
April 22nd-25th	9th Grade FCAT Reading



Florida End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments

December 2nd-13th	EOC Window
April 28th-May 9th	U.S History EOC
May 5th-9th	Biology EOC
May 12th-16th	Algebra 1 EOC
May 19th-23rd	Geometry EOC

Advanced Placement Exams– May 5th-16th

**HOMEWORK REQUESTS**

A parent may request homework by calling the Guidance Department. A minimum of 24 hours advance notice is needed to obtain homework from teachers. If homework is provided, the student is expected to have it completed and turned in to the teacher upon his or her return to school.

IMPORTANT POLICIES**PROHIBITED ARTICLES AND SUBSTANCES**

There are several school policies that we wish to call to your attention in hopes that awareness of these policies will make the start of school a satisfying and orderly process for all involved.

- Smoking and tobacco products are not allowed on the school campus, in areas adjacent to the school, or at school sponsored activities on and off campus.
- Drinking or possession of intoxicating beverages at school or school sponsored activities is prohibited.
- Possession or use of drugs and/or drug paraphernalia on school property (including buses), at school sponsored activities, and in any vehicle brought onto school property or to school sponsored activities is prohibited.
- Possession of weapons and the use of weapons on school property (including buses), at school sponsored activities, and in any vehicle brought onto school property or to school sponsored activities is prohibited.
- Walkmans, iPod's, boom boxes, headphones, CD and DVD players, and similar devices are prohibited.
- Playing cards are prohibited.

The items prohibited above are subject to confiscation by school authorities and any student possessing them is subject to the Code of Student Conduct. The school is NOT responsible for confiscated items.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Buchholz believes that student academic performance is directly related to class attendance. **Parents should encourage students to attend all classes regularly and reserve absences for emergencies.** Students who have more than six unexcused absences in a semester must pass a comprehensive final exam and have a passing grade for the semester in order to earn credit. Notes from a parent or guardian may excuse up to six absences for the following reasons: sickness, injury, death in the family, or some other insurmountable condition. Documented appointments with health care professionals, religious instruction or religious holiday; participation in a school sponsored activity approved by the principal or designee; and court appearances (subpoena required) are excused absences. Documentation excusing absences must be turned into the Attendance Office upon the immediate return of the student to school. Make-up work will not be assigned until a note has been received and affirmed. Absences will not be excused for a previous semester or school year.

**A NOTES FROM PTSA PRESIDENT**

Dear Bobcat Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying their school year so far. It is hard to believe that we are in November already. Thank you to those who have joined PTSA! We have over 200 members so far including parents, faculty and staff. It's never too late to join and show your support. Membership forms are available in the front office at the school.

On October 9, 2013 the PTSA hosted an "Ice Cream Social" as a reward to students who were on the A/B Honor Roll the last semester of 2012-2013 school year. About 200 students enjoyed ice cream. Way to go students keep up the great work!

On October 22, 2013 the PTSA hosted the "Straight A Breakfast". Congratulations to everyone of these bright students.

Upcoming events in November and December include:

1. "Bright Futures" informational meeting, as well as, other ways to plan financially for college , November 14, 2013.
2. Staff Holiday Lunch: December 5, 2013 during both A and B lunch

As you can see your PTSA is hard at work. So far it has been a great year. We look forward to seeing you at one or all of our upcoming events. Have a great day!

Tina Kaercher
BHS PTSA President

**BOBCAT ATHLETICS
CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Football- Good Luck Bobcats

Volleyball- District Champions!!

Swimming & Diving- Good Luck Bobcats

Boy's Golf-District Runner-Up, Tyler Allen advanced to State

Girl's Golf- District Champions, Regional Runner-Up, Gabby, Amos, Jodie Karsono, & Chelsea Stilwell advanced to State

Cross Country- Girls 2nd @ Districts, Boys 3rd @ Districts-
Both are moving on to Regionals

Not all Fall Sport Seasons were finished at time of press

GOOD LUCK

Soccer ~ Basketball ~ Wrestling ~ Girl's Weightlifting

**STRAIGHT A BREAKFAST**

On Tuesday, October 22nd, PTSA recognized 100 students who received straight As for the 2012-2013 school year with a breakfast at Northwest Baptist Church. Students earning straight A's for the first time received an Academic Letter. Those students who earned straight As for a second year, received a bronze star; those who earned straight As for a third year received a silver star.



Seniors who earn straight As for all 4 of their years at Buchholz High School will receive a gold star at Senior Awards Night in May.

Also recognized at the breakfast were those students who were chosen as National Merit Semi-finalists, National Merit Commended, and National Achievement students. These students all scored high on the PSAT that they took during the fall of

their Junior year. Congratulations to all of these hard working students!

Straight As:**Current Sophomores:**

Thomas Anderson, Michelle Bai, Konnor Balch, Deajane Benjamin, Dan Angelo Capungun, Ryan Carter, Paula Costas Velasco, Trisha Digao, Ramy El-Kerdani, Catherine Faulk, Dallas Hampton, Brett Hoehn, Ellen Li, Zhaoyuan Li, Marcello Lovreglio, Andrew MacNeil, Emily McGee, Taylor McGee, Dominik Medyk, Jacob Neal, Nicole Nelson, Paras Patel, Hendrix Peel, Hannah Phillips, Benjamin Porter, Olivia Rothstein, Dylan Rowe, Megan Ruppel, Sanika Subhash, Emily Tappy, Stephanie Tyler, Abigail Wilt, and Lillian Zhu

Current Juniors:

Jason Ai, Seoyoung Bae, Robin Best, Andrea Cabassa Miskimen, Joshua Chipman, Soomin Cho, Abbie Clark, Spencer Douglas, Sarah Edens, Janelle Fleming, Courtney Hrivnak, Zachary Jones, Arianne Nicole Lazaro, Lisa Lu, Sati McLeod, Vincent Mei, Michael Mulligan, Kelsey Murdock, Halina Nix, Suzannah Patterson, Karsten Pease, Reva Ranka, Mark Sampson, Tyler Steirnagle, Jade Thomas, Michael Wong, Xiao Xie, and Leo Zsembik

Current Seniors:

Maxwell Bleiweis, Melissa Bowen, Elsa Cuadros, Raven Delk, Stephen Dolbier, Lauren Duncanson, Andrew Fang, Diego Fisher, Dylan Gibson, Riann Gonzalez, Hailey Hampton, Kevin Huang, David Hurst, Jodie Karsono, Arjuma Khadakar, Jaydin Leslie, Kelsey Londagin, Andreea Martin, Jack McFetridge, Shahiem Moore, Clara Murphy, Joyce Nimmo, Kiarra Pena, Alexander Schafer, Brooke Schroepfer, Tildon Smith, Stephen So, Kristen States, Peterson Swanger, Brenan Wayland, Hau-Lin Wu, Robin Xu, Minjia Zhong, and Vivian Zhu

National Achievement Outstanding Participant: Brandon Hudson

National Achievement Semi-Finalists: Andre Alford and Raven Delk

National Merit Commended: Maxwell Bleiweis, Raven Delk, Lauren Duncanson, Andreea Martin, Minjia Zhong

National Merit Semi-finalists: Stephen Dolbier, Andrew Fang, Kevin Huang, David Hurst, Hyun Rhee, Stephen So, Robin Xu, Vivian Zhu

**HOW TO UPDATE YOUR NEW ADDRESS**

In order to change or update your address, you will need two (2) proofs of address. Some examples of a proof of address are: a utility bill, a cable bill, or a HOME phone bill (not a cellular phone bill), your mortgage or lease. If you have any questions about your address change (update), please contact the Zoning Department at 352-955-7700.

Please note: Simply writing your new address on the emergency card does NOT correct your address in the school system.

DELIVERIES FOR STUDENTS

Buchholz works very hard to limit disruptions to the instructional environment of our classrooms. We purposely limit announcements and other items to avoid disruptions during instructional time.

While it is understandable that students may occasionally forget to bring items they need for school, we would like to remind you of school rules regarding deliveries for students. If a student has forgotten something and has requested that a parent bring the item to school, that student should check with the front office **between classes or during lunch** to see if the item has arrived, without notification from the office.

If you must bring cash to school for your student, for lunch or any other reason, please be prepared to wait for your student to be called out of class to come to the front office to pick up the money from you, personally. **We cannot accept cash for delivery to students.**

We can accept items only from a parent, guardian, or someone listed on your student's emergency card. There are no exceptions. If parents wish to have grandparents, brothers, sisters, or other family members to be able to make deliveries to students, their names must be listed on the student's emergency card.

As always, there can be no deliveries of flowers, balloons, candy, or other non-school related items during the instructional day.

ATTENTION PARENTS

For your child's protection, BHS policy restricts contact with students to parents/legal guardians and those persons who have been authorized by the parents/legal guardians. "Contact" includes checking a student out of school, asking to speak to a student, or making deliveries of any kind (i.e. homework, gym clothes, etc.). This policy covers all "non-parents" including immediate family (siblings, grandparents, uncles, aunts), as well as friends, neighbors, etc. This policy means only those visitors that have been pre-approved by parents may have contact with students. Non-parents can be approved by listing those names on your child's signed emergency card. If you have any questions, please contact BHS at 955-6702.



BRIGHT FUTURES COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS REQUIREMENT

“COMMUNITY SERVICE”, is defined as altruistic tasks performed with the intent of enhancing the quality of life in the school or the community at large.

High school students may earn credit for graduation through APPROVED community service. Up to one (1) full credit may be earned, ½ credit at a time, for each 75 hours of pre-approved community service. Students may earn two one-half credits by completing 150 hours of service. Community service hours may only be applied to either coursework for credit or community service for Florida Bright Futures Scholars Awards, not both. A student who seeks one full credit for graduation and the community service for Florida Bright Futures, must complete 250 hours of approved community service activities. (ACPS policy 2575.01)

Effective August 20, 2012 all service hours must be **PRE-APPROVED** by your guidance counselor.

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Seniors and parents need to know that in order to participate in graduation exercises, a student must have successfully completed ALL or ALL BUT 1.0 credit of the required academic credits.



NCAA – ALL ATHLETES

This is a good time to review the information, register and create your account with the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

www.ncaa.org



The NCAA Eligibility Center recently launched a website specifically dedicated to educating students and parents about the new NCAA Division I eligibility standards for 2016 and beyond. Visit www.2point3.org.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

BHS and Alachua County Public Schools requires that the administration of all medications on school property (prescription and over-the-counter) must be done by a school employee. The required forms to provide for the routine or occasional administration of medication are available at the BHS Clinic.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thanks to the generosity of Lowe's Home Improvement Store, Buchholz has a new garden shed, gardening equipment and new planting beds. The garden project is run by the students in Environmental Science who learn to grow food that is harvested and cooked in the school cafeteria.



TEACHER AND STAFF HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

PTSA will be hosting a holiday luncheon for Buchholz Teachers, Staff, and Administration on Thursday, December 5th during A and B lunches. We serve soup, salad, desserts and drinks to our 200+ faculty and staff. Parents provide the soups in crock pots or desserts. If you would like to volunteer to cook, bake, set up or serve for this event, please contact Anne Murray at annemgator@hotmail.com or 377-3967.

As we know that time is at a premium during the holiday season, monetary donations are also welcome. You may send in your donation to the school office (checks should be made out to Buchholz PTSA with "PTSA holiday luncheon" on the memo line.) Corporate sponsors or donations are happily accepted, and will be recognized in our next school newsletter. Please contact Anne Murray at the number above if your company can help with this event. We hope you can help make this holiday luncheon a delicious and memorable event for our Buchholz Teachers and Staff!

FOOD4KIDS

Food4Kids Backpack Program has teamed up with Buchholz to help kids in need. Food4Kids Backpack Program provides food for children over the weekends and during extended breaks from school when other resources are not available.

For more information about sponsoring a student visit www.food4kidsbackpackprogram.com



ALACHUA COUNTY FOOD DRIVE

Schools in Alachua County provide thousands of students with breakfast and lunch during the school year through the Free/reduced Meal Program. Unfortunately, many families are dependent on this program to feed their kids every day. The Winter Break is a time of added financial stress because of the holidays. In order to make this time a little less stressful, we are collecting the essentials. Last year more than 800 families were helped through this effort. BHS clubs and classrooms are dedicated to supports families in our community, for more information call the front office 955-6702.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR FOR BUCHHOLZ!

Anne Murray adult category- Anne volunteers in the attendance office, with cross country, with PTSA and in many other ways.

Jerry Donaldson senior category- Jerry volunteers in the guidance office.

If you would like to be more information on volunteering, please fill out a volunteer application. (You can fill out a paper one in the front office, or visit the volunteer section of the Buchholz website- listed under "community"- for directions on how to fill out the application online.) We will add you to the email list and you will receive information about volunteer opportunities as they become needed.