

Bear Creek Hotline

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Bear Creek Office Hours 8:15 AM to 3:45 PM

Student In Class Hours
8:45 AM to 2:45 PM

Principal's Corner

January 1-31, 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of Bear Creek,

Happy New Year! Welcome back after two restful weeks off for the winter holiday break. Teachers and students will be reviewing the guidelines for success as the students get back into the routine of learning.

I want to thank all the families that attended our Winter Concert and thank Grace Bible Church for letting us use their church. Kudos to our students and Mrs. Robinson-Thomas, the music teacher for the wonderful performances. Thank you to the teachers that came out to assist and support our students.

On January 14th, we will start to register new Kindergarteners for the 2019-2020 school year. All new Kindergarten students must turn 5 years old on or before September 1st, 2019. Please call the front office staff and they will help you with any questions you may have regarding registration.

If any fifth grade students need to apply for a magnet or fundamental school for next school year, starting on January 9th is the time to put in your request for the 2019-2020 school year. Last day to apply is January 18th.

Please attend our PTA Board meeting that will be held on Tuesday, January 15th, at 6PM. Immediately following will be the SAC meeting. We always welcome more parent and community participation.

Please come out to enjoy an evening of "Reading under the Stars" and also have a chance to visit our Book Fair on January 24th, 2019. More details of this fun evening will be passed out the first week of January.

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year as we are "Changing the narrative, one student at a time. We are Authors of our own story!" Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of teaching your children each and every day.

Willette Houston, Principal



We will continue to use Guidelines for success as our school wide focus. The new Guidelines are:

- Be Responsible**
- Encourage Others**
- Actively Participate**
- Respect All**



Please review the guidelines of success at home!

No School Days

- Jan 21 - Martin Luther King Day
- Feb 18 - President's Day

Mark Your Calendars

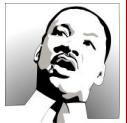
Mentoring Month

Thank you to all our Mentors!

- Jan 1 - New Year's Day
- Jan 8 - All Students Return to School
- Jan 9 - 18 District School Applications for Magnets or Fundamentals Begins
- Jan 11 - Wear Jeans for the day for a \$1 Fundraiser Benefits 3rd Grade
- Jan 11 - Vision and Hearing Screenings
- Jan 10 - 31 Pasta for Pennies Fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma
- Jan 14 - Ready, Set...Kindergarten Registration Begins for 2019-2020 School Year
- Jan 15 - PTA Board Meeting @ 6 PM
- Jan 15 - SAC Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- Jan 17 - Ready, Set Kindergarten Open House for Bear Creek @ 5:30 pm
- Jan 18 - 25 Scholastic Winter Book Fair

No School Reminder!

Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 21



- Jan 24 - 100th Day of School
- Jan 24 - Reading Under the Stars @6:00 PM - 7:00 PM In Cafeteria
- Jan 28 - Feb 1 Literacy Week
- Save the Dates for February**
- Feb 1 - Wear Jeans for the day for a \$1 Fundraiser Benefits 4th Grade
- Feb 5 - Mid-Term Reports Go Home
- Feb 15 - PTA Winter Ball @6:15pm - 7:45pm
- Feb 18 - No School for Students
- Feb 19 - PTA Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- Feb 21 - Skating Party @ 3:00 - 5:45 PM

Mission Statement for 2018-2019 - Providing all children with a challenging, high-quality education for their academic and vocational success.





JOIN US AT BEAR CREEK'S READING UNDER THE STARS

WHEN: Thursday, January 24, 2019 @ 6-7pm

WHERE: Check in @ courtyard outside Cafeteria

- Read books with a Bear Creek student
- Participate in literacy activities
- Snacks and drinks will be provided
- Book Fair will be open from 5-7pm

THIS IS A TITLE 1 SPONSORED EVENT!

Congratulations to students
Riley Bussman, Skye Williams and
Armani Woods received an
"Award of Excellence"
for their artwork in the
Kids Tag Art Contest.

Winter Book Fair

January 18th - 25th

Open Monday - Friday

@8:45 AM - 3:00 PM

On Thursday, Jan 24th,

this is the only night the book
fair will be open.

@5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

 **SCHOLASTIC**
Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.

Application Period for Choice Programs has Begun

Families can apply for magnet, fundamental and career programs **January 9 - 18** at <https://reservation.pcsb.org>. All parents need to have a focus account login in order to apply for the programs. If you have lost your focus account user name and password, just go into any Pinellas County School and ask for another. Please bring in your ID in order for us to reset your focus account. For more information, families can visit www.pcsb.org/choice or call 727-588-6210.

Ready, Set... Kindergarten

Parents will be able to start the kindergarten registration process for the 2019-2020 School Year on Tuesday, **January 14th, 2019**.

All new Kindergarten students must turn 5 years old on or before September 1st, 2019. In order to get started, we will need a Birth Certificate, 2 Proofs of Residency, Physical Exam Certificate and a Florida Certificate of Immunization. Please call the front office staff and they will help you with any questions you may have at 893-2332.

Ready, Set... Kindergarten Open House will be Thursday, January 17th @ 5:30pm

Pre-K and VPK Registration Begins for Next School Year

PCS is beginning the online application process for Pre-kindergarten for 3 year olds and Voluntary Pre-kindergarten on January 21 - February 1, 2019. Parents will be able to apply online for Pre-K 3 and VPK for the 2019-2020 school year.

Parents will also need to log back into the district's [Student Reservation System](#) on February 25 - March 8 to accept an invitation for Pre-K 3 and VPK programs.

Pre-K 3 is for children who will be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019. For information about Pre-K 3, please read the [Pre-K 3 Program Guide](#) on the www.pcsb.org/prek3 or call 727-588-6023.

VPK is for children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019. For information about VPK, visit www.pcsb.org/vpk or call 727-588-6513.