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Principal's Corner

October 1-31, 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of Bear Creek,

I would like to thank all the families that came out for the Title I Annual Meeting and Open House night that took place on September 25th. Our staff enjoyed seeing all our new and returning families. I would like to thank you for a wonderful first few weeks of school. The students are settling into the routines. I want to encourage students to use the Guidelines for success; which are our school wide expectations each and every day. They are:

> <u>Be</u> Responsible <u>Encourage</u> Others <u>A</u>ctively Participate Respect All



Please review the guidelines of success at home!

Majority of our students are car riders and I would also like to thank all of the drivers who have been courteous of our neighbors and <u>not</u> blocking the driveways. I want to remind everyone coming through the car circle that you may not park in the circle during arrival and dismissal unless you are a Pre-K parent. Only Pre-K parents are allowed to park in front of the Pre-K building starting at 2:50 pm in spots 1, 2, 3 and 4. The special Pre-K parking ends at 3:05 pm, then the rest of the Bear Creek parents may use those spots. There are parking spaces on the south side of the school that you are welcome to use. For safety reasons, please remain in line while in the car circle and not use your cell phone. It is not safe to pull around cars that are loading children. We certainly do not want any cars getting in to an accident or students put in harm's way during our arrival and dismissal.

If you are not receiving a phone call from us informing you of upcoming events, please update your phone information on your focus account. The school agenda book is a wonderful communication tool between home and school. Please remember to check and sign your child's agenda each day.

We are looking forward to a great October. Parents please remember to read with your child each and every night. The students and staff are excited to be here. We are anticipating 100% success for all students. Our theme this year is "<u>Changing the narra-tive, one student at a time. We are Authors of our own story!</u>" As always, please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Willette Houston, Principal

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

Be Responsible

Encourage Others

Actively Participate

<u>R</u>espect All

Please review the guidelines of success at home!



Reminder! <u>No School</u> on Monday, October 15th <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>Break</u> November 19th to November 23rd

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

Mark Your Calendars

Bully Prevention Awareness Month Dyslexia Awareness Month

Oct 5 - Lunch with your Children Day Oct 5 – Wear Jeans for the Day for \$1 Fundraiser Benefits Kindergarten Oct 8 - Columbus Day Oct 12 - End of 1st Grading Period Oct 15 - No School for Students Oct 16 - 19 National School Lunch Week Don't miss all the fun this week! Contests, Giveaways and Prizes. Oct 16 - PTA Board Meeting @ 6:00PM In the Media Center Oct 19 - Trunk or Treat @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM Gold Flyer coming home this week, with more information to sign up. Oct 22 - PTA Fundraiser Starts **Oct 25 - Student Picture Retake Day** Oct 26 - Report Cards Go Home Oct 31 - Halloween Nov 2 - Wear Jeans for the Day for \$1 Fundraiser Benefits 1st Grade Nov 4 - Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov 7 - Turn in PTA Fundraiser Nov 14 - Great American Teach-In Nov 19 - 23 Thanksgiving Break

Nov 29 - Skating Party @ 3:00 - 5:45 PM

Reminder

Wednesday, Nov. 14th

Great American Teach-In

Please contact Lily Giering,

Family & Community Liaison

@ 893-2332 x2107, or feel free to stop by the school front office for an application.



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Jeans Day!

school fundraiser by bringing **\$1** to

Friday, October 5th



their teacher on Friday, October 5th. All of the money collected will be used to support The Kindergarten Classes!!

Perfect Attendance Par

Make sure to come to school every day on time! Your class can win an entry to a perfect attendance Arts and Craft party. Also, there will be a reward for those students that have perfect attendance for September. Perfect Attendance is defined as no absences/no tardies. More entries equals a better chance to win.

Commitment to Character



Word for October

is "Cooperation" - Getting along with others and working together.

October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness month. The PCS website has resources to help you learn more about

Bullying Prevention and Intervention.

If you need to report a bullying incident, we have Bully Report Forms on campus to fill out. They are at 2 red boxes on campus then insert the filled-in report into the box in the Library.



All children deserve at least one adult in their life who will listen to them, guide them and cheer for them. Mentors do change lives, and the smallest investment of time can provide a lifetime of rewards.

Bear Creek is looking for dedicated, caring individuals who are willing to mentor students. All that is required is a 2 hour training workshop and a once a week meeting with your student.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Lily Giering, Family & Community Liaison

@ 893-2332 x2107, or feel free to stop by the school front office.

Please Keep Saving!!

We collect Box Tops for Education, cell phones and empty

laser and inkjet cartridges for recycling purposes. Send any of these items to school with your child. Support Bear Creek!





Dicture Day is Coming:
Information regarding this event will be coming home soon. What a great way to get a high quality photo of your child!
Uniforms are not required on this day! Only students that are getting a picture taken may wear an outfit of their choice on
October 25th Only!
All students must follow the dress code standards stated in the Pinellas County School's Elementary Code of Conduct booklet, which came home in the first day packet.

Date Friday, October 19th 6:30pm - 8:00pm Join us for a night of candy, games, and fun! Dress up your vehicle and wear your best costume!!



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