

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 2:55 PM**

Principal's Corner

October 1-31, 2019

Mark Your Calendars

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 26th. 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:

- Be Responsible
- Encourage Others
- Actively 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 not 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 2:30 pm in spots 1, 2, 3 and 4. The special Pre-K parking ends at 2:55 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 **"Relationships + Efficacy + GRIT = 100% Student Success!"** As always, please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Willette Houston, Principal



- Bully Prevention Awareness Month
- Dyslexia Awareness Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month Sept 15 - Oct 15
- Oct 3 - Skating Party @ 3:00 - 5:45 PM**
- Oct 4 - Family Lunch Day - Bring Your ID
- Oct 4 - Wear Jeans for the Day for \$1 Fundraiser Benefits 4th Grade**
- Oct 11 - End of 1st Grading Period
- Oct 14 - No School for Students**
- Oct 14 - Columbus Day
- Oct 15 - PTA /SAC Meetings @ 6:00 PM
- Oct 18 - Trunk or Treat @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM**
- Oct 21 - PTA Fundraiser Starts**
- Oct 21 - Student Picture Retake Day
- Oct 26 - Report Cards Go Home**
- Oct 31 - Books For Breakfast @8 to 8:45 AM
- Oct 31 - Halloween
- Oct 4 - Family Lunch Day - Bring Your ID
- Nov 1 - Wear Jeans for the Day for \$1 Fundraiser Benefits 3rd Grade**
- Nov 3 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov 4 - Turn in PTA Fundraiser**
- Nov 13 - Great American Teach-In
- Nov 21 - Skating Party @ 3:00 - 5:45 PM
- Nov 25 - 29 Thanksgiving Break
- No School

Reminder

Wednesday, Nov. 13th
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.



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

Reminder!
No School
on Monday,
October 14th
Thanksgiving Break
November 25th - 29th

Mission Statement for 2019-2020- Providing all children with a challenging, high-quality education for their academic and vocational success.



Attendance Matters

What you can do to reduce your child's Absences From School?

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints, of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advise on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Please call your Social Worker, Marcia Youngerman, with any questions - 893-2332 x2129.

BECOME A MENTOR

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.

Books For Breakfast

Thursday, October 31st, 2019

From 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Come enjoy a donut and spend time reading with your child! You will receive some great ideas and take-home materials to help your child at home with reading and writing. Each child will receive a take home book of their choice. Don't miss out on this wonderful Title I event.



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. There is a red box in the Bear Creek Library to insert the filled-in report into the box.

Picture Retake Day is Coming Soon!



Information regarding this event will be coming home soon. Uniforms are not required on this day, if they are getting a retake or first time picture. Only students that are getting a picture taken may wear an outfit of their choice on

October 21st 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 18th

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Join us for a night of candy, games, and fun! Dress up your vehicle and wear your best costume!!