

Bear Creek Hotline



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Bear Creek Website <http://www.pcsb.org/bearcreek-es>

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

Principal's Corner

November 1-30, 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of Bear Creek,

We have made it through a very busy month of school. The students have taken their assessments and have settled into the Bear Creek way. I would like to thank everyone for coming out for our second Trunk or Treat. It was a huge success and it could not have been done without Miss Montgomery and her committee!! Also a big Congratulations goes to Miss Montgomery for being Bear Creek's choice for Teacher of the Year. We will know later if she is a finalist for the district.

Congratulations to our Principal's List and Honor Roll students. Parents and guardians are welcome to come and celebrate your child's honored achievement on Friday, November 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Also, thank you to the participants of the first Skating night of the school year it was very successful with over 141 students skating. Our next skating day is scheduled for November 29th, 2018. Students who receive two or more behavior incidents and/or one or more office discipline referrals will not be permitted to attend.

Thanks to Parents, guardians and our Bear Creek Community for participating in our monthly PTA meetings. Please come out to our PTA Board meeting on Tuesday, November 27th, at 6PM. With our SAC meeting immediately following afterwards. We always welcome more parent participation. The PTA has started their Fall Fundraiser, which ends on Wednesday, November 7th. Please have all orders completed no later than November 9th. The PTA will contact you when the fundraiser items come in for pick up, which will occur after the Thanksgiving Holidays.

I would like to ask if we have anyone that can come out to participate in our Great American Teach-In. On Wednesday November 14th, if you have a talent or job, that you would like to share with a class or two, please contact Mrs. Lily Giering, Family & Community Liaison at 893-2332 x 2107 for more information.

During the Thanksgiving Holidays we are sending home a Thanksgiving Break Challenge, there is a fantastic incentive planned if your child participates. 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. Have a great November!!!

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!



Reminder
Tue., Nov. 14th
Great American
Teach-In

Don't Forget to turn your
clocks back on
Sunday,
November 4th!



Reminder!
No School for Students
November 19th - 23rd



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



Duke Energy Great American Teach-In

The Great American Teach-In will be held at Bear Creek on Tuesday, November 14, 2018.

Members of the community are invited into the schools for an hour, a few class periods or a day. Participants may tell students about a career, hobby or personal experience; organize an activity; read a story or teach a class. This is a wonderful opportunity for speakers to interact with our students firsthand. Sharing your life experiences may change a student's life and is time well spent for all involved. **If you, or someone you know, is interested in participating in this year's event, please contact as soon as possible to Mrs. Lily Giering, Family & Community Liaison at 893-2332 x2107 for more information.**



Students making Honor Roll and Principal's List on their report cards will have the opportunity to celebrate with Mrs. Houston on Friday, November 2nd at 9:00 AM in the cafeteria!

Principal's List

Third Grade - Morgan Clark, Tianya Crondon
Fifth Grade - Riley Bussman, Emilee Chase

Honor Roll

Third Grade - Christina Gilwuyouch, Brianna Leeks, Bryce Mahle, Erik Torres, Sarah Alexander, Imani Allen, Charles, Zarnik, Jermaine Smith
Fourth Grade - Kearstyn Conyers, Cabria Wheeler, Shyannah Carty, Tammy Burch, Shirley Burch, Darrion Lee
Fifth Grade - Demario Roberts, Uriah McCullough, Jordan McPherson, Jada Simmons, Clark Gooding, Jordyn Feaster, Athrun Clark, Lee Williams, Makayla Denson

September Citizens of the Month

Pre K - Dominic Moore, Jayce Jackson
K - Jyel Davis, Ethan McPherson
1st - Zanique Shannon, Trent LeCain
2nd - Lamir Kirkland-Russell, Xavior Patterson, Ny-Quille McKinney
3rd - Kazmine McCall, Zala Shannon, Justice Nifong
4th - Maija Mechlinska, Shirley Burch
5th - Emilee Chase, Christ' Shuwna Parker

Good News Club is coming to Bear Creek Elementary

Beginning with a Christmas party on December 17.



club will meet every **Monday** for 12 weeks. Good News Club is a fun-filled 90 minutes, meeting right after school in the Media Center. It includes **snacks, singing, Bible lessons** and **games**.

It is open to all children Grades 1 - 5.

Enrollment will begin in December at the Bear Creek office.

There is no charge for enrollment, but parental permission is required.

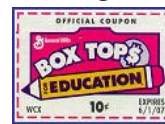
For more information, ask in school office, or call the team leader, Mrs. Jensen at 727-280-6202.

Good News Club is sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship and Grace Bible Church – our neighbor across the street.



Please Keep Saving Box Tops for Education!

We want everyone to know we just turned in our collection of Box Tops and made \$158.30 for the school. Please keep collecting and send them with your child and turn them into their teacher.



Thank you for supporting Bear Creek Programs!

Thank you

Bear Creek Elementary students and staff want to thank Chick-Fil-A, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Buffalo Wild Wings, Popeye's, Dixie's Dog House, Smuggler's Cove Mini Golf, Mike Price's Martial Art's & Fitness, Seminole Lanes, and The Florida Aquarium. They have provided our school with reward coupons for our students that have earned Perfect Attendance, Principal's List, Honor Roll or Citizen of the Month.

The school is neither endorsing nor sponsoring the above event nor approving or endorsing the views of the organization sponsoring the activity.

Important Choice Program Events Started November 1st

The application period for District Application Programs for next school year is **Jan. 10-19, 2018**. Parents can learn how to apply for magnet, fundamental and career programs at Parent Information Sessions. All presentations will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. in school auditoriums:

- Wednesday, Nov. 1 at Countryside High, 3000 SR 580, Clearwater
- Thursday, Nov. 2 at Boca Ciega High School, 924 58th St. S, Gulfport
- Monday, Nov. 6 at Pinellas Park High, 6305 118th Ave. N

Families can learn about application programs and meet program representatives at Choice Information Fairs:

- 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9 at Boca Ciega High School, 924 58th St. S, Gulfport
- 9 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, Nov. 11 at Pinellas Park High School, 6305 118th Ave N, Largo.

All programs will hold their own open-house style events called Discovery Nights from Nov. 13 to Dec. 22. Choice events and Discovery Nights are listed on the Choice Event flier. For more information, visit www.pcsb.org/choice or call 727-588-6210.



Homework Helpline

has begun for the 2017-18 school year. It is a free service for students to receive homework help. Certified teachers are on the phone ready to help.

Grades 1st-12th Monday - Thursdays 5 - 8 PM
call: [547-7223](tel:547-7223)

Commitment to Character

Word for November

is "Citizenship" - Being law abiding and involved in service to school, community and country.



Don't miss out on important information

Parents can now log on to the Student Reservation system to update their phone numbers and email addresses.

Providing up-to-date contact information will enable families to receive:

- Communications about emergencies or severe weather events
- Timely information about school or district events
- Information and status updates about choice and other special application opportunities

To update your information:

- Visit <https://reservation.pcsb.org> and log in with your parent username (P.xxxxxx) and password. If you do not have a parent ID, you can get one by going to any school and presenting a valid photo ID.
- Select the option: "Change Phone and Email Address Only"
- Enter your child's name and date of birth or student ID number, and then update your phone number and email address.

Remember: Updating the emergency contact card at your child's school does not update your contact information in the FOCUS Student Information System used to send automated phone calls and emails.

Please check and update your contact information as soon as possible. If you do not have access to a computer, you can use the computer in the office of your child's school. If you have questions, call the Student Assignment Office at 727-588-6210.

Wear Jeans for a \$1 Day!



Friday, November 1st
This month we support
1st Grade Classes!!



Save the Date for the Annual Math Treasure Hunt

WHEN: Thursday, November 15th

TIME: 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

WHERE: Bear Creek Cafeteria

Kindergarten - 2nd grade students and 3rd grade - 5th grade students will each have their own sets of "clues" which consist of real world math word problems, which will lead them to various areas around campus where they will check their answers and get treasure for each problem.

Pizza, chips, and a drink will be provided before the treasure hunt and once students have finished the treasure hunt, come back to the cafeteria to enjoy an ice cream treat. All parents will receive math tip

NOVEMBER

Pinellas County Elementary School Lunch

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving!



DAILY BREAKFAST CHOICES

Hot or cold breakfast choices are available daily, i.e.: Breakfast Sandwich, Pancakes, Cereal & Toast, or Cereal Bar & Toast. **Must choose at least 1:** Fruit or Juice. **May choose 1 Milk:** Skim, Low Fat White, or Fat Free Chocolate.

DAILY LUNCH CHOICES:

Choose 1: Entrée. Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Vegetable (may choose up to 2 servings each of fruit & veggies with lunch meal) **May Choose 1 Milk:** Skim, Low Fat White, or Fat Free Chocolate. **Also available for lunch daily:** Meat or Meatless Entrée, Entrée Salads, Cold Sandwiches, Hot & Cold Vegetable choices, Variety of Fruits (fresh or cupped) & Juices

All menus are subject to change! We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options, however, occasionally weather, crops and supplies have other ideas!



5 Eggo Mini Confetti Pancakes
Choose One:
Breaded Chicken Sandwich
Loaded Beef & Cheese Nachos
Fruit & Yogurt Plate
Bologna & Cheese Sandwich
Choose: Santa Fe Black Beans
Fresh Veggie Dippers

6 Egg & Cheese Croissant
Choose One:
Featured Entrée:
Bean & Cheese Chalupa & Fiesta Rice
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Farmers' or Apple-A-Day Salad
PBJ Jamwich Kit
Choose: Tomato Soup
Romaine Side Salad

7 Cinnamon Roll
Choose One:
Teriyaki Beef Dippers
over Rice or Lo Mein Noodles
Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Cup
Yogurt & Fruit Parfait
Ham & Cheese Croissant
Choose: Sliced Cucumbers
Steamed Broccoli Florets

8 Sausage Biscuit or Grits & Sausage
Choose One:
Breakfast for Lunch
Mini Cheese Calzones
Chef Salad
Chicken Caesar Wrap
Choose: Marinara Cup
Deli Roasted Potatoes

1 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza
Choose One:
Beef Rib B Q Sandwich
Cheese Stick & Toasted Ravioli Boat
Chef Salad
Chicken Caesar Wrap
Choose: Marinara Cup
Sweet Potato Waffle Fries

2 Breakfast Chicken Nibbler
Choose One:
Pizza
Wild Alaskan Ocean Treasure
Fish Nuggets w/ Roll
Chicken Caesar Salad
Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich
Choose: Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Veggie Dippers

9 Brkfst Bowl (Cheesy Eggs & Tots)
Choose One:
Pizza
Cheesy or Spicy Fish Filet Sandwich
Chicken Caesar Salad
Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich
Choose: Corn Niblets
Fresh Veggie Dippers

12 Maple Pancake Minis
Choose One:
Hamburger or Cheeseburger
Chicken & Broccoli Penne Alfredo
w/ Breadstick
Fruit & Yogurt Plate
Bologna & Cheese Sandwich
Choose: Sliced Carrots
Fresh Veggie Dippers

13 breakfast Sandwich(Egg/Ham/Chs)
Choose One:
Beef or pork tacos
Max sticks
Apple a day salad
Chicken Caesar wrap
Choose: marinara cup
Refried beans
Romaine Side Salad

14 Chicken Biscuit
Choose One:
Chicken Tender Basket
w/ Crinkle Oven Fries
Macaroni & Cheese
Yogurt & Fruit Parfait
Ham & Cheese Croissant
Choose: Sliced Cucumbers
Spinach or Collard Greens

15 sunshine omelet wrap
Choose One:
Thanksgiving Holiday Meal
Sliced Turkey w/Dressing, Gravy & Roll
Bean & Cheese Burrito
chef Salad • PBJ Jamwich Kit
Choose: Mashed Potatoes • Sweet Potatoes • Green Beans

16 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast
Choose One:
Pizza
Teriyaki Chicken Bowl
Chicken Caesar Salad
Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich
Choose: Green Beans
Fresh Veggie Dippers

THANKSGIVING BREAK



26 Pancake Pup
Choose One:
Chicken & Waffle
Cheesy Bread
Fruit & Yogurt Plate
Bologna & Cheese Sandwich
Choose: Sweet Green Peas
Marinara Cup
Fresh Veggie Dippers

27 Scrambled Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit
Choose One:
Featured Entrée:
Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza
Corn Dog
Farmers' or Apple-A-Day Salad
PBJ Jamwich Kit
Choose: Country Baked Beans
Romaine Side Salad

28 Glazed Dunker
Choose One:
Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy
Pasta with Meatballs & Sauce
Yogurt & Fruit Parfait
Ham & Cheese Croissant
Choose: Steamed Broccoli Florets
Sliced Cucumbers

29 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza
Choose One:
Beef Rib B Q Sandwich
Cheese Stick & Toasted Ravioli Boat
Chef Salad
Chicken Caesar Wrap
Choose: Marinara Cup
Sweet Potato Waffle Fries
Leafy Green Side Salad

30 Breakfast Chicken Nibbler
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Wild Alaskan Ocean Treasure
Fish Nuggets w/ Roll
Chicken Caesar Salad
Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich
Choose: Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Veggie Dippers