

Bear Creek Hotline

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Bear Creek Office Hours 8:15 AM to 4:00 PM

Student In Class Hours
8:45 AM to 2:55 PM

Principal's Corner

November 1-30, 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of Bear Creek,

We have made it through another successful month of school and the students have settled into the Bear Creek way of work. I would like to thank students, parents and guardians for being flexible with the date change due to bad weather and it still rained on our third Trunk or Treat Night. Thank you to Miss Montgomery for organizing this event.

I would like to thank the parents and guardians that participated in our Books for Breakfast. Each family that participated received a book to keep; they also received literature on reading with their child at home, along with a donut and drink. Thank you to Mrs. Brinson and the Books for Breakfast committee for organizing such a delicious and educational event.

Congratulations to the new inductees into Girlfriends of Pinellas County. Their mission is to provide support, enhance self-discipline and cultivate high self-esteem by building relationships with positive role models. Twenty-Eight Bear Creek fourth and fifth grade girls received their Pearls and Certificates on Wednesday, October 22nd. We would like to thank all the organizers and mentors involved with this club.

Congratulations to our Principal's List and Honor Roll students. Thank you to the parents, guardians and family members who came out to celebrate your child's honored achievement on Friday, November 1st.

We have the Great American Teach-In on Wednesday, November 13th, 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.

Bear Creek Elementary is so pleased to announce that Mr. Patrick McMahon is selected to represent our school as Teacher of the Year, Ms. Anne-Marie Nemeth for Emerging Teacher of the year and Mrs. Tracey Cappello for Support of the Year. If you see them please congratulate them for a job well done.

Please come out to our PTA Board meeting on Tuesday, November 19th, at 6PM. We always welcome more parent or community participation. Thank you to the PTA Fundraiser participants. The PTA wants to remind you that November 4th is the last day to turn in all order forms with payment. PTA will contact you when the fundraiser items come in for pick up.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of teaching your children each and every day. 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. Have a great November!!!

Willette Houston, Principal

Mark Your Calendars

Native American Heritage Month

Nov 1 - Wear Jeans for the day for a \$1 Fundraiser Benefits 3rd Grade

Nov 1 - Family Lunch Day

Nov 1 - Principal's List and Honor Roll Celebration @ 9:15 AM

Nov 3 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

Turn your Clocks Back

Nov 4 - Turn in PTA Fall Fundraiser

Nov 5 - 20 Salvation Army Can Food Drive
By Girlfriends of Bear Creek

Nov 7 - PTA Fundraiser Ends

Please Turn in Money and Order Forms!

Nov 11 - Veteran's Day

Nov 11-15 American Education Week

Nov 13 - Great American Teach-In

Nov 13 - Mid -Term Reports Go Home

Nov 15 - PTA Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser

More information to follow soon!

Nov 19-21 No Tutoring This Week

Nov 19 - PTA Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Nov 21 - Skating Night 3:00 – 5:45 PM

Nov 25 - 29 Thanksgiving Holidays - No School

Nov 28 - Thanksgiving Day

Dec 6 - Wear Jeans for the day for a \$1

Fundraiser benefits 2nd Grade

Dec 6 - Family Lunch Day

Dec 12 - Holiday Concert

Dec 13 - Vision and Hearing Day for

Grades Kindergarten, 1st and 3rd

Dec 17 - PTA & SAC Meeting @ 6:00PM

**Don't Forget to turn
your clocks back on
Sunday,
November 3rd!**

Reminder!

No School for Students

November 25th - 29th



**Reminder
Wed., Nov. 13th
Great American
Teach-In**

Mission Statement for 2019-2020 - 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 Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

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 x2147 for more information.



Students making Honor Roll and Principal's List on their report cards will have the opportunity to celebrate with Mrs. Houston and Mrs. Dixon on Friday, November 1st!

Principal's List

Third Grade - Liam J., Ezra K., Jaydis K., Emilio M., Tiana M., Kennedi R.

Fourth Grade - Imani A.

Fifth Grade - Tammy B., Teriana D.



Honor Roll

Third Grade - Jaleizha, Sofia C., David, Gearria, Ameko, Carla, Robert, Ionna, Prince, Xavier, Hayden, Solona, Zala, Kaley

Fourth Grade - Morgan, Tianya C., Erick, Da'Karhi, Addisyn, Christina, Brianna, Bryce, Jamal

Fifth Grade - Kearstyn, Corleone, Joshua, Hailey, Jacob, Cabria, MaKenna, Lenijah, Marco

September Citizens of the Month

Pre K - Jordan J.

K - Serenity, Samyiah, Jay'ce

1st - Nathaniel, Lamott, Zyra

2nd - Amelia A., Charlotte

3rd - Dante, Gearria, Solona

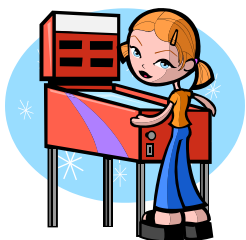
4th - La'Riah, Christina G., Justice N.

5th - Corleone, Jharon, Travis



Chuck E. Cheese's

PTA Family Night Nov 15th 3-9pm



Where a Kid can
be a Kid!

Canned Food Drive

For the Salvation Army

November 5th – 20th



Please help by donating Non-Perishable Food Items for the Salvation Army to help feed the hungry over the Holidays. Each class will have a box to collect the items.

SPONSORED BY: The Bear Creek Girlfriends Club of Pinellas County and Ms. Marcia Youngerman, Social Worker

Important Choice Program Events

The application period for District Application Programs for next school year is **January 8 - 17, 2020**. Parents can learn how to apply for magnet, fundamental and career programs at Parent Information Sessions. All presentations will be held in school auditoriums:

- Monday, Nov. 4th: 7:30pm at Lakewood High, 1400 54th Avenue S., St. Petersburg

Families can learn about application programs and meet program representatives at Choice Information Fairs. All programs will hold their own open-house style events called Discovery Nights until December 18th. Choice events and Discovery Nights are listed on the Choice Information Fairs. For more information, visit www.pcsb.org/choice or call 727-588-6210.



Homework Helpline

has begun for the 2019-20 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.



Good News Club is coming to Bear Creek Elementary.

Our first club will be on Monday, January 13, 2020

We will meet every **Monday**, ending April 20. 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**.

Club 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 the 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.



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

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.