

# Bear Creek Hotline

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



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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, 2020

### 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. Thank you for coming out for the "Walk down Haunted Lane Event for Treats." Thank you to Ms. Youngerman, our Social Worker, Lace Dunham, our Media Assistant for organizing this fun event and all the staff that came out to decorate, pass out candy and clean up.

Books for Bedtime is coming on November 20th. Make sure to attend this event, all students will receive a free book, reading resources and a bedtime delicious snack. The event will take place after school in the car circle. More information will be coming home soon on how to pick up your free packet of goodies.

Congratulations to our Principal's List and Honor Roll students for the first grading period. We will be handing out Certificates and goodies to go home with the students soon.

We have the Great American Virtual Teach-In on Wednesday, November 18th, if you have a talent or job, that you would like to virtually share with a class or two, please contact Ms. Lily Giering, Family & Community Liaison at 893-2332 x 2107 for more information.

Bear Creek is so pleased to announce that Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Lora Atwater is selected to represent our school as Teacher of the Year and Paraprofessional Mrs. Jacqueline Rose 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 15th, at 6PM. We always welcome more parent or community participation. The PTA wants to remind you that the Online Holiday Shop Fundraiser will end at the end of November. All students received the fundraiser at the end of October.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of teaching your children each and every day. We are anticipating 100% success for all students online and virtually. Theme for this school year: "All Means All" Bear Creeks quote for the school year: "The strength of the team is each member. The strength of each member is the team." by Phil Jackson. 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 3 - Report Cards Available

**Nov 6 - Wear Jeans for the day for a \$1 Fundraiser Benefits 2nd Grade**

Nov 9-13 - Department of Health - Dental Sealant Program on campus

Nov 9 - Bear Creek Reads

@6pm on Dojo

Nov 11 - Veteran's Day

Nov 16-20 American Education Week

Nov 16 - Bear Creek Reads

@ 6pm on Dojo featuring Coach Hobbs

**Nov 17 - Virtual PTA/SAC Meeting**

@ 6:00 pm via Zoom

**Nov 18 - Great American Virtual Teach-In**

Nov 18 - Mid -Term Reports Go Home

**Nov 19 - Fall Picture Day**

Nov 20 - Books for Bedtime @ 2:55pm

More information coming home soon.

Nov 23 - 27 Thanksgiving Holidays

No School for Students and Staff

Nov 26 - Thanksgiving Day

Nov 30 - Last day for PTA Fundraiser

Dec 4 - Wear Jeans for the day for a \$1

Fundraiser benefits 3rd Grade

Dec 15 - Virtual PTA Meeting

@ 6:00 pm via Zoom

## Reminder!

### Thanksgiving Holidays

**No School for Students or Staff**

**November 23rd - 27th**



[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)

## Reminder

Wednesday, Nov. 18th

### Great American Virtual Teach-In

Please contact Lily Giering, Family & Community Liaison  
@ 893-2332 x2107, to receive more information on how to participate.

**Mission Statement for 2020-2021** - 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 18, 2020.** Members of the community are invited to virtually participate in telling students about a career, hobby or personal experience; show 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 **Lily Giering**, Family & Community Liaison at 893-2332 x2107 for more information.



Congratulations to our wonderful students making Honor Roll and Principal's List. They will be receiving a certificate, a ribbon, Bear Creek Pencil, Bear Buck and other goodies from the vendors in our community.

### Principal's List

**Third Grade** - Gwenyth and  
McKinley

**Fifth Grade** - Sarah

### Honor Roll

**Third Grade** - Amelia, Jamiya, Jakera,  
Michael T., Maverick, Kajair, Ra'nyah, Nahla,  
Zanique, Harmony, Rashawn, Logan, Alexa,  
Evan, Jaden P.

**Fourth Grade** - Jaydis, Kennedi, Prince



Attention parents and guardians!

### Books for BEDTIME!!

Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
from 2:55-3:15

This is an after school event. Books, reading resources and a bedtime snack will be provided at dismissal.



More information will be coming home soon.



### 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.

### Important Choice Program Events

All presentations will be held virtually.

PCS is excited to provide families with virtual opportunities to introduce the 80 different magnet, fundamental and career academy District Application Programs. Join us at one of our Virtual Choice Fairs to familiarize yourself with our District Application Program offerings.

**Sat., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 10:15 AM**  
**All District Application Programs**

To learn more about [Virtual Choice Fairs](https://www.pcsb.org/choice),  
visit [www.pcsb.org/choice](https://www.pcsb.org/choice)

The application period for District Application Programs for next school year begins on **January 6, 2021** and ends at 5pm on **January 15, 2021**.

The acceptance period starts **February 15, 2021** and ends at 5pm on **February 26, 2021**.

### Commitment to Character

#### Word for November

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

