

Bear Creek Hotline

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

Principal's Corner

December 1-31, 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of Bear Creek,

Our school experienced another wonderful Great American Teach-In on Wednesday, November 13th. The students all had a great time and learned a lot about hobbies, jobs and careers. I would like to thank Mrs. Giering our volunteer coordinator for her months of planning, organizing and coordinating this fantastic and informative event. **A Big Thank You** to the parents and community partners who took time out of their busy schedules to share this special day with us.

Please come out to our PTA Board meeting and SAC Meeting they will be held on Tuesday, December 17th, at 6PM. We always welcome more parent and community participation. Thank you to all the students with their families and staff for their participation in the Chuck E Cheese PTA Fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 15th. All students were given 10 free tokens to get started. We are planning another fun night, so be looking for another flyer coming home. Thank you to the Fall Fundraiser participants, if you have not received your fundraiser, come by the office for pick up.

Bear Creeks Winter Concert will be on December 12th at 6:30 pm, it will be held at the Grace Bible Church right across the street from the school. You do not want to miss this fantastic evening. Thank you to Grace Bible Church for opening up their doors to our Bear Creek Community.

Spirit Week is coming during the week of December 16th to the 20th. We would like to encourage students and staff to dress according to the daily themes. Flyer coming home soon to let you know what to wear for each day.

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year as we are **"Relationships + Efficacy + GRIT = 100% Student Success!"** 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 Winter Holiday!!!

Willette Houston, Principal

Mark Your Calendars

Dec 6 - Wear Jeans for the day for a \$1 Fundraiser Benefits 2nd Grade
Dec 6 - Family Lunch Day

Dec 12 - Winter Concert
Grace Bible Church @ 6:30 PM

Dec 13 - Vision and Hearing Screening for Grades K, 1st and 3rd
Dec 16 to 20 - Spirit Week
Flyer to come home soon!
Dec 17 - PTA & SAC Meetings @ 6:00PM
Dec 18 - Pre-K Holiday Program @ 9AM in the Pre-K Pod


Winter Holidays Reminder!
No School
Dec. 23rd - Jan. 6th Winter Holidays
Return to School on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020

2020
Jan 1 - New Year's Day
Jan 7 - Return to School
Jan 10 - Wear Jeans for the day for a \$1 Fundraiser Benefits 1st Grade
Jan 10 - Family Lunch Day
Jan 08 - 17, 2020
District School Applications Begins

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!



Bear Creek Presents
Winter Concert at Grace Bible Church
(located just across the street from Bear Creek)
Monday, December 12th @ 6:30 PM
All Students need to arrive before 6:15 pm, in the back of the church.

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



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.

October Citizens of the Month

PK - Kamille, Steven

K - Alicea, Aunestea, Molly

1st - Ian, Ethan M., Tyson

2nd - Amarii, Paris R.

3rd - Jayden B., Kaley

4th - Erick T.

5th - Teriana, Lenijah

Important Choice Program Events

Families will be able to explore individual programs at Discovery Nights at schools. They have already started and will continue to **Dec. 20th**. All Discovery night events **start at 6:00 p.m.** To view the new Choice Program brochure, fliers, Discovery Night dates and additional information, visit www.pcsb.org/choice.

The District Application period for next school year is Jan 8 - 17, 2020.

Acceptance Period will be from Feb. 10 - 21, 2020.

For more information contact the Student Assignment department at StudentAssignment@pcsb.org or (727) 588-6210.



Wear Jeans for a \$1 Day!
Friday, December 6th
In December we support 2nd Grade Classes!!



Commitment to Character
Word for December
is "**Kindness**" - Being nice and considerate toward others.



Mathematics Corner - with Mrs. Hobbs

Parents and guardians have incredible opportunities to shape their children's mathematical futures. There is opportunity to make a huge difference in children's mathematical lives, starting at home.

Here are some homework tips, specifically, for helping with mathematics at home:

- When children answer questions and get them wrong, try and find the logic in their answers.
Say "I see what you were thinking here..."
- Encourage drawing whenever you can!
Represent the math using pictures, numbers and words
- Encourage making sense of the math **at all times!**
- Say things like:
Don't guess, this is something we can make sense of...
What is the question asking you?
How did you get the answer?