

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 2:55 PM

Principal's Corner

February 1-29, 2020

Mark Your Calendars

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of Bear Creek,

We have been very busy this past month getting back into working hard after our holiday break. Can you believe we celebrated the 100th day of school already? Kindergarten had a parade in honor of completing 100 days of school and showing many different ways of what 100 looks like.

Want to thank all the parents and students that participated in the "Mornings, Muffins, and Math" event. Thank you to all the staff that came out to assist and support our students. Thank you to our Media Assistant, Mrs. Lace Dunham for having the book fair open for a week and we will have another book fair in April. The next book fair will be Buy One Get One Free books or items. Please watch for more information coming home in April.

Please come out to our PTA Board meeting which will be held on Tuesday, February 18th, at 6:00 PM. We always welcome more parent and community participation. PTA has a new spring fundraiser coming out on February 4th, look for more information coming home this week.

We are happy to announce that Bear Creek will be a Summer Bridge site for grades VPK to 4th grades. The 5th graders will have to attend a middle school of their choice for Summer Bridge. Flyers will be coming home late March to early April to let you know when and how to start the registration process.

Just a reminder that we are still registering new Kindergarteners for the 2020-2021 School year. All new Kindergarten students must turn 5 years old on or before September 1st, 2020. Please call the front office staff and they will help you with any questions you may have.

Fifth grade students will need to accept your invitation for a magnet or fundamental middle school for next school year, starting on February 10th - 21st for the 2020-2021 school year. Also from February 24th - March 6th, acceptance period for VPK and Pre-Kindergarten 3 Programs, don't forget to log back into reservation.pcsb.org to check the status of your application and accept an invitation.

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.

Willette Houston, Principal



- Black History Month**
Volunteer Appreciation Month
National Children's Dental Health Month
- Feb 2 - Groundhog Day
 - Feb 7 - Family Lunch Day
 - Feb 7 - Wear Jeans for the Day for a \$1 Fundraiser Benefits Kindergarten
 - Feb 7 - Mid-Terms Reports Go Home
 - Feb 10 - 21 Acceptance period for Magnet, Fundamental or Career Academy Programs, don't forget to log back into reservation.pcsb.org to check the status of your application and accept an invitation.
 - Feb 10 - 14 PE Walkathon
 - Feb 12 - FSA Night/Success Squad Induction @5:30pm at Bear Creek
 - Feb 14 - Valentines Day - One of our non-nutritional day
 - Feb 17 - President's Day - No School for Students
 - Feb 18 - PTA Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM
 - Feb 20 - Skating Party @ 3:00 - 5:45 PM
 - Feb 21 - Black American Speak In 9:15am
 - Feb 25 - March 8 - Acceptance period for VPK and Pre-Kindergarten 3 Programs, don't forget to log back into reservation.pcsb.org to check the status of your application and accept an invitation.
 - Feb 27 - Tampa Bay Lightning Street Team Grades 1st, 2nd and 3rd
 - Feb 29 - Leap Day
- Save the Dates -Continue on Pg 3**

www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

No School for Students
Feb. 17th -
President's Day
Spring Break -
March 16th - 23rd

Important Don't Forget!
Sunday, March 8th
Daylight Saving Time Begins
Don't Forget to turn your

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



Save the Date!

The PTA Spring Dance is in the planning stages right now and date is set for
March 27th, 2020, @ 6:15pm - 7:30pm
 BCE School Cafeteria
 More information is coming soon.

PE News

Bear Creek Walkathon is
February 10th-14th

and that pledges have been sent home for students to get friends or family to "sponsor" them.

Also, **Tampa Bay Lightning Street Team**

is coming to Bear Creek **February 27th** for **1st, 2nd and 3rd graders**. They will need to sign and return a waiver in order to participate and receive a hockey stick, ball, autographed card and a b.o.g.o. voucher to a Tampa Bay Lightning game.

Congratulations!

Students making Honor Roll and Principal's List on their report cards had the opportunity to celebrate with Mrs. Houston and Ms. Dixon on Friday, January 31st @ 9:15am in the cafeteria!

Principal's List

Third Grade - Ezra, Jaydis

Fourth Grade - Morgan

Fifth Grade - Tammy

Honor Roll

Third Grade - Ameko, Alana, Carla, Robert, Ionna, Prince, Kaley, Ky'rbyn, Dakotah, Hayden, Solana, Liam, Tiana, David, Kennedy

Fourth Grade - Erick, Brianna, Bryce, Jamal

Fifth Grade - Kearstyn, Teriana, Corleone, Joshua, Ka'varion, Lenijah, Alijah

Acceptance Period for Application Choice Programs is Coming Soon!

Families can accept a seat for magnet, fundamental and career programs
February 10th - 21st, at <https://reservation.pcsb.org>.

All parents and/or guardians need to login to their focus account in order to check the status of the application and accept any available seats. If you forgot or misplaced your focus username and password just pull up Student Reservation system and pick the box that says Forgot or need to Change / Reset your password? or stop by any Pinellas County School to reset your password.

For more information, families can visit www.pcsb.org/choice or call 727-588-6210.

Ready, Set... Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration process for the 2019-2020 school year has begun.

All new Kindergarten students must turn 5 years old on or before September 1st, 2020. In order to get started you will need to have a Focus Account to get the registration started and then we will need a Birth Certificate, 2

Proofs of Residency, Physical Exam Certificate and a Florida Certificate of Immunization. Please call the front office staff and they will help you with any questions at 893-2332.

Pre-K3 and VPK Registration for 2020-2021

Parents will need to log back into the district's Student Reservation System on February 24th - March 6th to accept an invitation for Pre-K 3 and VPK programs. Don't forget to log back into reservation.pcsb.org to check the status of your application and accept an invitation.

If you forgot or misplaced your focus username and password just pull up Student Reservation system and pick the box that says Forgot or need to Change / Reset your password? or stop by any Pinellas County School to reset your password and to receive step by step instructions on the application process and what paperwork you will need to bring in to finish registration.

Pre-K 3 is for children who will be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020. VPK is for children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020. For more information about Pre-K 3 and VPK, visit www.pcsb.org/early or call 727-588-6513.

The front office at Bear Creek is open from 8:15 am to 3:55pm and our number is 893-2332. Please call the front office staff and they will help you with any questions you may have.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month

Each February, the American Dental Association (ADA) sponsors National Children's Dental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children to get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.



During this month, it is particularly important to raise awareness of the plight of children from low-income families, many of whom have difficulty eating, sleeping, paying attention in school and smiling due to rampant dental disease. This year's campaign slogan is "Fluoride in water prevents cavities! Get it from the tap!"

There is more information on page 4.

Wear Jeans for a \$1

Friday, February 7th

This month we are supporting Kindergarten Classes!!

Reminder *Uniform tops must be worn. *Jeans must fit at the waistline and must not have holes or tears.



Commitment to Character Word for February is "Tolerance" -



Respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people.

Why is attendance so important?

Chronic Absences (or missing 2 or more days of school a month, whether excused or unexcused) as early as Pre-K is associated

with poor reading skills and retention in the 3rd grade. By the 6th grade, it is considered as early warning indicator that a student will drop out of high school.



ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW

Let's All Strive for Good Attendance!

Save the Dates

- March 2** - Read Across America
And Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- March 7** - Wear Jeans for the day for a \$1
And Family Lunch Day
- March 8** - Daylight Saving Time Begins
Don't forget to turn clocks forward!
- March 13** - Field Day
More information will be coming home.
- March 13** - End of Third Grading Period
- March 14** - 23 Spring Break - No School
- March 24** - Return to School
- March 24** - PTA & SAC Meeting
@ 6:00 PM
- March 27** - PTA Spring Dance
- April 6** - Report Cards Go Home

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New Spring PTA Fundraiser

PTA has a new spring fundraiser and it starts on **Tuesday, February 4th, 2020** and will continue until school is out for the summer, on **May 29th, 2020**. A parent envelope will be going home with each student this week with all the information of how it all works and how students can earn and get their prizes.

The company is called *SchoolStore* and it is an online shopping mall where over 400 nationally-known online merchants have agreed to give a percentage of sales to K-12 schools. Companies like Walmart, Target, Kohl's, DisneyStore, and Best Buy are some of the participants. *SchoolStore* is a great way to support your school when you shop at your favorite online merchants.

SchoolStore

Pinellas County Resource Guide

For Dental Services

Community Dental Health Centers

Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center

Federally Qualified Health Center

1344 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Contact Number: (727) 824-8177 www.chcpinellas.org

Income Requirements: Sliding fee scale based on FPL

Population Served: All ages **Dental Services:** General dental care

Fees: Based on procedure and sliding fee scale based on income

Pinellas Health Care for the Homeless

Federally Qualified Health Center

647 First Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Contact Number: (727) 582-7595

Income Requirements: Homeless **Population Served:** All ages

Dental Services: Extraction only relief of pain through extractions offered, all other dental services will be referred out.

Fees: call for information

Pinellas County Health Department

Department of Health Dental Center www.pinellashealth.com

Income Requirements: 200 percent of FPL or less; Medicaid eligible patients also seen

Population Served: Children and limited adult services

Dental Services: Diagnostic, preventive, basic restorative and surgical services

Fees: Sliding fee scale between 100 percent and 200 percent FPL

St. Petersburg Center

205 Dr. Martin Luther King St. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Contact Number: (727) 824-6975

Pinellas Park Center

6350 76th Ave. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Contact Number: (727) 547-7780, Ext. 7103

Clearwater Center

310 N. Myrtle Ave., Clearwater, FL 33755

Contact Number: (727) 469-5800, Ext. 5122

Largo Center

12420 130th Ave. N., Largo, FL 33774

Contact Number: (727)588-4040, Ext. 3131

Mid-County Center

8751 Ulmerton Rd, Largo FL 33771

Contact Number: (727) 524-4410, Ext. 7680

Tarpon Springs Center

301 S. Disston Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Contact Number: (727) 942-5457, Ext. 6111



Volunteer Programs offering dental services

Gulf Coast Dental Outreach

North Pinellas County, FL 34698

Office Contact Number: (813) 579-3935

www.gulfcoastdentaloutreach.org

Income Requirements: Low incomes residents

Population Served: open to all, age 3 years old and older

Dental Services: Exams, preventive care, fillings, extractions, some root canals, crowns, dentures, denture repair

Fees: Reduced fees Additional Information

Homeless Emergency Project Dental Office

(formally Everybody's Tabernacle)

1120 N. Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755

Contact Number: (727) 442-9041, Ext. 112 www.ethep.org

Income Requirements: 200 percent of FPL or less

Population Served: All ages

Dental Services: General dental care Fees: Lab fees on a sliding fee scale

Fees: call for information

St. Petersburg Free Clinic

863 3rd Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Office Contact Number: (727) 821-1200

www.stpetersburgfreeclinic.org

Income Requirements: has no private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid who do not qualify for low income assistance

Population Served: adults aged 18-64

Dental Services: basic dental needs (cleanings, simple fillings and extractions)

Fees: call for information

Dental schools offering dental care at reduced fees

University of Florida, College of Dentistry

St Petersburg Educational Facility Clinic

9200 113th St. N., Seminole, FL 33772

Office Contact Number: (727) 394-6064

Income Requirements: None

Population Served: Open to all **Age Range:** All ages

Dental Services: Currently only offering relief from pain through Extractions

Fees: Call for info

Mouthwise Tips

A Healthy Mouth Promotes a Healthy Body

- Brush your teeth at least 2 times a day every day
- Brush your teeth for at least 2 minutes
- Choose healthy snacks
- Use a soft bristle toothbrush
- Brush in a circular motion away from the gum line
- See your dentist at least 2 times a year

St. Petersburg College Educational Facility Clinic

7200 66th St. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Office Contact Number: (727) 341-3668

Income Requirements: None

Population Served: Open to all

Age Range: 5 years of age and older

Dental Services: Cleaning, X-Rays, sealants

Fees: Call for info

