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BEAR CREEK

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

Principal's Corner

March 1-31, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of Bear Creek,

We are presently getting ready for FSA testing that will be in April and May. Mrs. Dixon, the Assistant Principal is the Bear Creek FSA and MAP testing coordinator. She has been working hard on the testing schedule and the students have been working hard all year and are eager to show what they have learned. Please make sure that your children have a good night's rest and come to school on time for breakfast.

We would like to thank all the speakers that came out for the "Black American Speak In." They were Rene Flowers, Lisa Bowman Thank you to Miss Montgomery and her team for organizing and setting up the fun event.

Congratulations go to The Battle of the Books team, they were in the top 5 in the District Competition. The students were Hailey Parker, Addisyn Bivens, Jacob Tashian and Corleone Garrett. Thank you to their sponsor, Ms. Bray for her all her hard work and dedicated commitment in preparing our students for the competition.

Congratulations to Tishun Butler, Solana Jimenez, Sofia Cabezas Marulanda, and Alexander Torres for receiving the "Hispanic Achievement Award." The awards ceremony will be held on March 2nd. The event honors the legacy of Maria Edmonds, a dedicated advocate for women, children and Hispanics.

Please come out to our PTA Board meeting which will be held on Tuesday, March 24th, at 6:00 PM. We always welcome more parent and community participation. SAC Meeting will immediately follow.

We are continuing to register 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. From February 24th - March 6th, our Pre-Kindergarten parents need to login to see if they have an invitation for a seat at Bear Creek for next school year.

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. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of teaching your children each and every day. Willette Houston, Principal



Mark Your Calendars

Feb 24 - March 6 - 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.

March is Arts in Our Schools Month National Women's History Month

March 2 - Read Across America

And Dr. Seuss' Birthday

March 6 - Wear Jeans for the day for a \$1 Fundraiser Benefits Pre-Kindergarten

March 6 - Family Lunch Day

March 8 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

Don't forget to turn clocks forward!

March 12 - Spring Picture Day - Flyer Coming Soon

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 17 - St. Patrick's Day

March 24 - Return to School

March 24 - 4th Grading Period Begins

March 24 - PTA & SAC Meeting @ 6:00 PM

March 27 - PTA Mad Hatter Spring Dance Party @ 6:15 - 7:35 PM In Bear Creek Cafeteria

More information will follow.

March 20 - Spring Begins

Save the Dates for April

April 3 - Wear Jeans for a \$1

Fundraiser Benefits ESE Department

April 6 - Report Cards Go Home

April 10 - No School for Students

April 21 - PTA Meeting @ 6:00PM

April 23 - Last Skating Party

April 23 - Evening of the Arts/Science Fair



No School
Spring Break
March
14th - 23rd

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

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



Battle of the Books

This year's Battle of the Books competition took place on February 24, 2020. Thank you to the "Bear Creek Reading Bears" who represented Bear Creek: Hailey Hughes, Addisyn Bivens, Jacob Tashian and Corleone Garrett. These students, along with the 8 other students who participated in the Battle of the Books after school club, did an amazing job of reading the books and practicing for the District Battle. We are so very proud of their efforts and commitment. I look forward to having even more students in grades 3-5 participate in next year's battle! Summer break is a great time to begin reading the books! Please check the Bear Creek School Website this summer for the 2020-2021 Battle of the Books list.

Ms. Bray





KEEP CALM YOU CAN STILL ORDER A YEARBOOK!

Please see Mrs. Dixon or the front office staff for more information or call 893-2332.

Ready, Set... Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration process for the 2020-2021 school year has begun. All new Kindergarten students must turn 5 years old on or before September 1st, 2020. In order to get started, 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 you may have at 893-2332.

Pre-K 3 and VPK Acceptance period for Next School Year is ending soon

Parents or guardians will need to log back into the district's <u>Student Reservation System</u> and have until **March 6th** to accept an invitation for the Pre-K 3 or VPK programs.

Then enroll for Pre-K 3 or VPK program at the assigned school. This process will begin on March 23rd to April 3rd. You must bring in Birth Certificate, Florida Certificate of Immunization, Physical Exam, 2 forms of Residency. Failure to enroll by April 3rd will result in an expired reservation.

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