



**Bear Creek Elementary  
Summer Bridge 2024  
Important Updates & Reminders**

May 31, 2024

Welcome Bear Creek Summer Bridge Families!

My name is Mrs. Willette Houston and I will be your Summer Bridge principal. Joining me, as our Summer Bridge visiting administrator, is Mrs. Donita Moody (principal of Pasadena Fundamental). Mrs. Powers, Bear Creek's Assistant Principal, will also be joining us this summer. Together, we are your Summer Bridge Leadership Team and here to assist you with 'all things' related to Summer Bridge 2024. I can assure you that you are indeed in great hands.

As we prepare for our first day of Summer Bridge, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our students and families from Pasadena Fundamental and several other surrounding elementary schools. On the behalf of our Summer Bridge Leadership team, we are excited to have you with us for the next four weeks of summer learning fun!

While I promise not to inundate you with too information, I would like to highlight our Summer Bridge 'Way of Work'. As of today, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we have a total of 190 plus students enrolled in Summer Bridge. Please see below for our calendar and other pertinent information regarding our opening week of Summer Bridge 2024.

**Summer Bridge Calendar of Events – June 3<sup>rd</sup> - June 27<sup>th</sup>**

June 01 – Summer Bridge Communication to Families via Website and Messenger  
June 03 – First Day of Summer Bridge  
June 07 – Campus CLOSED  
June 07 – YMCA @ Sawgrass ES  
June 14 – Campus CLOSED  
June 14 – YMCA @ Sawgrass ES  
June 21 – Campus CLOSED  
June 21 – YMCA @ Sawgrass ES  
June 27 - Last Day of SB  
June 28 – Campus CLOSED  
June 28 – YMCA @ Sawgrass ES

**Summer Bridge Week 1 – Week of June 3, 2024**

**Our first day of Summer Bridge is Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Whether students are car riders, bus riders, walkers, or bike riders to school; please consider the following:**

- This summer we will serve students in grades Rising K- 4
- **Our student Summer Bridge student hours are 8:00am - 2:00pm – M-Thurs.** We are closed on Fridays. The YMCA will relocate to Jamerson Elementary on Fridays.

- Our Summer Bridge staff hours are 7:30am-2:30pm
- Our Summer Bridge front office summer hours are 7:40-am-2:40pm
- **Students are not permitted on campus until 7:40am (unless enrolled in the YMCA).**
- The latest time for YMCA morning drop-off in bus circle is at 7:40am. After 7:40am, parents must use the car circle.
- Our car circle gate for morning drop-off will open at 7:40am and close promptly at 8:00am.
- Car riders must be dropped off in the designated area (car circle only)
- ALL students must use the single point of entry (car circle) to gain access to our campus.
- **Bus transportation** will be provided for students who received transportation during the school year. The summer bus routes are the same routes used during the school year. All bus routing information was shared and sent home with students prior to the last day of school upon request by the parent. As of today, we have a total of two students scheduled to ride the bus, meaning most of our students will be car riders, YMCA or walkers.
- Afternoon dismissal for grades Rising-K- grade 4 students will begin at 2:00pm
- As during the regular school year, all students arriving before 8:00am must report directly to the cafeteria via the car line drop-off.
- Students arriving after 8:00am will be marked as tardy and must enter through our front office.
- Breakfast and Lunch are free to all students and served daily. Students may bring their own lunch.
- Uniforms are allowed, but not mandatory during Summer Bridge

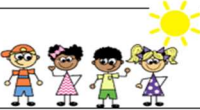
### **Summer Bridge Communication**

In an effort to reduce the use of paper, we will continue to communicate with our families in the following ways:

- The Bear Creek website will be our primary source of Summer Bridge communication at <https://www.pcsb.org/bearcreek-es>. All weekly communication updates will be posted on our website by 5pm Friday.
- School Messenger will be used occasionally to remind families to visit our website for weekly updates and time-sensitive information.
- Teachers will communicate their preferred method of communication over the next four weeks in their first day Summer Bridge packets.

### **Summer Bridge Rising K (Pre-K going into K)**

- Our Rising K staff are Mrs. Jessica Brown (Teacher)/Ms. Jeanette Lewis (Child Development Associate).
- If attending the YMCA, Rising K students will be picked up and dropped off at the cafeteria.
- Please send an extra set of clothing for all Rising K students should an accident occur.
- Rising K students will have breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria.
- Please see our Rising K Summer Bridge sample schedule below:

Rising K Flow of the Day Summer 2024 Brown/Lewis		
8:00 – 8:30	Arrival/Breakfast	
8:30 –8:45	Morning Circle/Nemours Group 1	
8:45 – 8:55	Shared Reading	
8:55 – 9:15	Literacy Circle	
9:15 – 9:45	Outside Play	
9:45 – 9:55	Second Steps/Nemours Group 2	
9:55 – 10:20	Read Aloud	
10:20 – 10:50	Lunch	
10:50 – 11:50	Play Centers/Nemours Group 3	
11:50 – 12:10	Math/Science/STEAM	
12:10 – 12:30	Writing	
12:30 – 12:40	Literacy Centers	
12:40 – 1:30	Play Centers/Nemours Group 4 & 5	
1:30 - 1:50	Read Aloud	
1:50 – 2:00	Closing Circle	
2:00 –	Dismissal	

## Summer Bridge Rules/Expectations/Guidelines For Success

### Summer Bridge Rules

- Walk in the building at all times.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Follow directions the first time.
- Do your best.
- Be respectful.

### Bear Creek Guidelines for Success

Be Responsible

Encourage Others

Actively Participate

Respect All

### Summer Bridge Teacher/Student Assignment

- With the shortened length of this year’s summer program and quick turnaround, Bear Creek **will not** be hosting a Summer Bridge Meet the Teacher. Please note the following:
  - Parents can log into FOCUS using their parent portal credentials to learn who is their student’s Summer Bridge teacher will be.
  - **Please feel free to email your teachers or send a note letting informing them of any pertinent information, special needs, or concerns that you may have.**
  - In the first day packets, Summer Bridge teachers will be sending home a short teacher introduction letter and welcome letter along with their contact information. The packet will also include a parent contact information request form.

- Please return all completed forms the following day.
- If your child is going to be absent, please contact the front office to let them know.

Please rest assured in knowing that there will be staff on hand to help your student(s) get to their classrooms safely.

We are looking forward to great Summer Bridge

Kindest Regards,  
Principal Houston and Principal Moody