



**Bear Creek Elementary**  
**Weekly Family Communication**  
*~Still Showing Up for students, staff, families and SELF~*

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Happy Sunday, Bear Creek Families and Staff,

Thank you to the families that joined us for our first PTA sponsored skate party of the school year. We had a little over 100 students to attend this event.

*Please note the following events are scheduled for the month of October.*

**October Schedule of Events**

October 4 – Last Day for STEM/Architecture Mini Enrichment Club

October 6 – Jeans Day (students may wear jeans for \$1)

October 6 – First Friday Family Lunch Day

October 13 – Grading Period Ends

**October 16 – NO SCHOOL**

October 17-19 – Coach Carpenter (Science) onsite

October 17 – PTA @6pm & SAC

October 20 – Final grades DUE in Focus by 4PM

October 20 – Fall Fundraiser Kick-off

October 20 – PTA Sponsored Walk Down Haunted Lane

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> – Red Ribbon Week**

October 23 – Fall Fundraiser begins

October 26 – Report cards go home

October 27 – Grade 4 Pier Field Trip

## Quote(s) of the Week

### Keep Showing Up, Bear Creek!



## School to Family Communication

In an effort to reduce the use of paper, we will continue use electronic forms of communication with families. This year you can keep up with Bear Creek in the following ways:

- The Bear Creek website will be our primary source of communication at <https://www.pcsb.org/bearcreek-es>. All weekly communication updates will be posted on our website by 7pm Sunday.
- Classdojo will be used primarily for school-wide reminders and daily communication **between parents and instructional staff**.
- School Messenger will be used to remind families or previously communicated information shared on the Bear Creek website.
- Student agendas

## General Updates/Reminders

### **Safety updates/reminders:**

To ensure the safety and well-being of all students, students are not permitted on campus until 8:15am, unless enrolled in the YMCA. Whether students are car riders, bus riders, walk, or bike to school; please adhere to the following:

- Student attendance is important and being on time matters.
- Our student hours are **8:45am-2:55pm**.
- **Pre-K drop-off is from 8:30am-8:45am using the designated Pre-K drop-off location in the car circle, zones 1-3. Car circle zones 1-3 are designated only for Pre-K drop off.**
- Our front office hours are 8:15am-3:55pm.
- Students K-5 are not permitted on campus until 8:15am (unless enrolled in the YMCA).

## **Campus Expectations and Updates for the 2023-24 school year**

### **Early Release Pick-ups**

Please note that 2pm is the cut off time for early pickup. Prior approval from administration is required for all early release pick-ups after 2pm.

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- Our front office hours are 8:15am-3:55pm.
- Students are not permitted on campus until 8:15am (unless enrolled in the YMCA).
- All students must adhere to the Bear Creek expectations and all students are required to wear a uniform.
  - **Shirts**
    - Collared solid color in navy, light blue or white (no designs or patterns)
    - Bear Creek Spirit t-shirts – can be worn on any day of the week. Shirts should always be tied.
  - **Bottoms**
    - Khaki or navy shorts, slacks, skirts, shorts, capris, or jumpers
    - No jeans, sweatpants, cargo pants or baggy clothing
    - Pants must be worn at waistline. If not, a belt must be worn.
  - **Shoes**
    - Safe and appropriate footwear must always be worn. Inappropriate footwear includes, but is not limited to – Crocs, backless shoes, sandals, roller skates, and bedroom slippers.
  - **Winter Wear**
    - Solid color sweatshirts, sweaters, and jackets in navy, light blue or white
    - No printing or designs allowed on outerwear.
    - Hoods/hats may not be worn inside the classroom.
- Car riders must be dropped off in the car circle only.
- All students must use the single point of entry (car circle) to gain access to our campus.
- As in the previous years, all students arriving before 8:30am must report directly to the cafeteria.
- Breakfast is free to all students and served in the classroom until 8:45am.
- Students arriving after 8:45am are considered tardy.

Bear Creek is looking forward to another great school year!

Principal Houston

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