



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

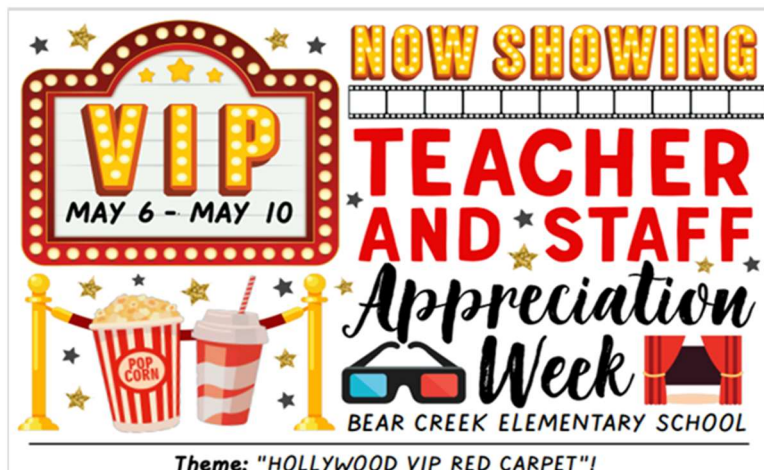
**WEEK OF May 5, 2024**

Happy Sunday, BCE Families.

Please help us as we prepare to celebrate teacher, staff, and school nurse Appreciation Week!

This week is all about celebrating Bear Creek's staff and expressing our heartfelt gratitude for all that they do. We appreciate this team for consistently "Showing Up", while making a positive impact every single day.

This year's theme is "Hollywood VIP Red Carpet"!



Families, please take a moment to show your appreciation for your child's teacher. Let's make this week extra special!

Three weeks left remaining in the school year (17 days). At your leisure, please take a moment to peruse this week's Houston's Hustle.

At your leisure, please take a moment to peruse this week's Family Communication.

*This Week at The Creek ... (subject to change) May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup> (Days 162-166)*

**May 06 – Grades 3-5 FAST Testing Week #1**

May 06 – Nurse's Week

May 06 – Staff Appreciation Week Kick-off

May 08 – Nurse's Day

May 10 – K-2 Level Up Celebration

*Looking Ahead ... (subject to change) May 13<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup> (Days 167-171)*

May 12 – Mother's Day

**May 13 – Grades 3-5 SSA/FAST Testing Week #2**

*Looking Way Ahead ... (subject to change) May 20<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup> (Days 172-176)*

May 21 – PTA General Board Mtg. @3:30pm

May 23 – PBIS Shopping

May 24 – VPK Moving Ceremony

May 24 – Last Day for Backpacks

*End of the Road ... (subject to change) May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> (Days 177-178)*

**May 26 – FRL Book Study Task #5 DUE to Youngerman by 11:59pm**

May 27 – Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

**May 27 – Grade 3-5 FAST Testing Make-ups**

May 28 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Ceremony @9am

May 29 – Last day for students – 2 hours early release day @12:55pm

May 29 – Report Cards go home.

**Quote(s) of the Week**

**Keep Showing Up, Bear Creek! Continue to push our students in their preparation for the future.**



## **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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- Student attendance is important and being on time matters.
- Our student hours are 8:45am-2:55pm.
- 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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