

Bear Creek Elementary Weekly Family Communication

~Still Showing Up for students, staff, families and SELF~

WEEK OF January 29, 2024

Happy Sunday, BCE Families.

Thank you to our many families who allowed students to participate in Literacy Week, the Scholastics Book Fair, and Intermediate Honor's Ceremony.

Bear Creek appreciates you showing up!

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

January Calendar of Events

January 28 – Good News Club begins (media center)

January 31 – Annual Student Leadership Summit (USFSP)

January 31 – Active Assailant Drill

February 01 – Ground Hog Day

February 02 – Jeans Day (students may wear jeans for \$1)

February 02 – Family Lunch Day

February 05 – Good News Club (media center)

February 06 – Ready, Set...Kindergarten.

February 06 – Mid-term Progress Reports go home with students

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Quote of The Week

February is the border between winter and spring.

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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O 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

- O Khaki or navy shorts, slacks, skirts, shorts, capris, or jumpers
- o No jeans, sweatpants, cargo pants or baggy clothing
- o 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
- **o** No printing or designs allowed on outerwear.
- o Hoods/hats may not be worn inside the classroom.
- o 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.
- o Breakfast is free to all students and served in the classroom until 8:45am.
- o Students arriving after 8:45am are considered tardy.

Bear Creek is looking forward to another great school year!

Principal Houston

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