



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

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

Happy Friday, Bear Creek Families,

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our *Title I Annual Meeting and Open House*. Thank you for always showing up! *Kudos to Mrs. Sandra Gutierrez for sending in snacks and water bottles weekly for Ms. Brinson's entire class. We appreciate you showing up for Bear Creek students.*

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

**September Calendar of Events**

September 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> – **Start with Hello Spirit Week**

September 19 – PTA Board Mtg. @3:15pm

September 20 – Bus Evacuation Drills

September 25 – Teacher Planning Day/NO School for Students

**September 28 – Student Picture Day**

**September 28 – PTA Sponsored Skate Party @ Astro Skate (Grades 1-5)**

**Quote(s) of the Week**






**Keep Showing Up, Bear Creek!**

**The strength of the team  
is each individual member.  
The strength of each member  
is the team.**

Phil Jackson

**Important Updates/Information**

Please join us during the week of **September 18 - 22** for ***Start with Hello Week***, a national call-to-action week dedicated to making new social connections and creating a sense of belonging among our youth. ***Start with Hello*** is one of Sandy Hook Promise’s no-cost ***Know the Signs*** programs and teaches students to be more socially inclusive and connected to each other. The goal is to empower students to end social isolation in three easy steps. Bear Creek will celebrate by participating in ***Start with Hello Spirit Week***.

Date	Theme
Monday, September 18 <sup>th</sup> <b><u>“Just Say Hello” kick-off - Wear “Hello” stickers – (We provide).</u></b>	
Tuesday, September 19 <sup>th</sup> <b><u>“Let your kindness shine!” – Wear shades</u></b>	
Wednesday, September 20 <sup>th</sup> <b><u>Wear green to celebrate Sandy Hook promise and “Start with Hello”</u></b>	
Thursday, September 21 <sup>st</sup> <b><u>Team Kindness Day – Wear your team shirt</u></b>	
Friday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup> <b><u>Bear Creek Team Spirit Day – Wear your Bear Creek tee shirt</u></b>	

## 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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