



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

**WEEK OF January 8, 2024**

Welcome Back and Happy New Year, BCE Staff!

It is my sincerest hope that you all had a relaxing holiday break and are prepared to re-engage in the second half of the 2023-2024 school year. In the coming weeks, students and teachers will work collectively to develop both, our second semester academic/behavior goals.

**Why is Monday, or better yet the Monday after a break, the best time to start a behavior plan for a student?**

Because there has been a break in structures that are typically found within classrooms and schools. As you know our environment has a significant impact on our behavior. For example, do you act differently when on vacation verses when you are at work? It is no secret that we change according to the environment we are functioning in.

When we encourage change in our students' behavior, it is imperative that we consider how the holiday breaks and change of environment will prepare students to do something different. The best way to support students is if our families and school staff are mindful about getting reacquainted with our School-wide Guidelines for Success, and school culture to set students up for success. This requires a collective team effort. Students + Staff + Families = SUCCESS!

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

**January Calendar of Events**

January 08 – Welcome back!! Classes resume.

January 12 – Jeans Day (students may wear jeans for \$1)

January 12 – Family Lunch Day

January 15 – No School – MLK Day

January 18 – Report cards go home with students.

January 19 – Level Up Celebration

## January 22-26 – Celebrate Literacy Week

January 22 – Good News Club begins (media center)

January 23 – PTA General Mtg. /SAC Mtg. @ 6pm

January 26 – Grades 3-5 Principal's List/Honor Roll Ceremony

January 26 – Grades K-2 Academic Recognition Ceremony (tentative)

January 26 – 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

January 31 – Annual Student Leadership Summit (USFSP)

January 31 – Active Assailant Drill

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

February 02 – Family Lunch Day

*At your convenience, please take a moment to peruse our weekly family communication.*

## Quote of The Week



## Important Updates/Information



### Good News Club is coming

to Bear Creek Elementary.

Our first club will be on Monday, January 22, 2024. We will meet every **Monday**, when there is school, ending April 15.

Good News Club is a fun-filled 90 minutes, meeting right after school in the Media Center.

It includes **snacks**, **singing**, **Bible lessons** and **games**.

Club is open to all children Grades 1 – 5.

Enrollment will begin in December at the Bear Creek office.

There is no charge for enrollment, but parental permission is required. Forms available in the school office.

For more information, ask in the school office, or call the team leader, Terri Potter at 727-221-3689.



Good News Club is sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship and Grace Bible Church – our neighbor across the street.

## **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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- 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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