WEEK OF December 4, 2023

Happy Sunday, Bear Creek Families,

Thank you to the families who joined us for our First Friday Family Lunch. As always, keep Showing Up!

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

**PCS Stakeholder Survey Opening: Action Item**

The Annual PCS Stakeholder Survey window is now open and your voice matters! PCS values your opinion and appreciate you taking time to complete this survey. Your anonymous opinion provides guidance to improve your school, identifies things that are working well at your school, and informs its accreditation.

The survey window is open from **Sunday, November 26 - Friday, December 22**.

Families can access the survey through the district webpage: [www.pcsb.org/survey](http://www.pcsb.org/survey)

Please help us reach our goal of **60%** (student participation), **40%** (staff participation), and **20%** (family’s participation).

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

**December Calendar of Events**

- December 4 – Girlfriends Induction @6pm (Cafeteria)
- December 11 – Picture Retakes
- December 14 – Holiday Concert @6pm (Grace Bible Church)
- December 18-21 – BCE Spirit Week
- December 19 – PTA Meeting @6pm (media center) cancelled.
- December 21 – PBIS shopping day
- December 21 – PTA Sponsored Skate Party
- December 21 – End of Semester/Grading Period
December 22 – Winter Break Begins – No School

**Quote of The Week**

> December has the clarity, the simplicity, and the silence you need for the best FRESH START of your life.

-Vivian Swift

**Important Updates/Reminders**

**Parking will be available at the school and church**

**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:
  o 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.
  o Classdojo will be used primarily for school-wide reminders and daily communication **between parents and instructional staff**.
  o School Messenger will be used to remind families or previously communicated information shared on the Bear Creek website.
  o 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:
  o Student attendance is important and being on time matters.
  o Our student hours are **8:45am-2:55pm**.
  o **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.**
  o Our front office hours are 8:15am-3:55pm.
  o 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 Our front office hours are 8:15am-3:55pm.
  o Students are not permitted on campus until 8:15am (unless enrolled in the YMCA).
  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**
  - 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

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