

Bear Creek Blast 8.13.20

“By enveloping children in a safe, nurturing environment and teaming with parents and the community to ensure learning for all students, we can inspire students to conquer their mountains and realize their dreams” BCE website

Tuesday, August 17th

Teacher Meet & Greet - see below for details

Wednesday, August 18th

First Day of School, Grades 1-5, Bell time is 7:50am

Staggered start for Kindergarten (Last names beginning with A-L Only)

Thursday, August 19th

Staggered Start for Kindergarten (Last names beginning with M-Z Only)

Friday, August 20th

PTO Boo-Hoo Breakfast for Kindergarten Parents @ 7:50am

Introducing the 2021-2022 Bear Creek Staff - here is the [2021-2022 Bear Creek Staff List](#), which includes teacher grade level assignments.

Teacher Assignments out Today @ 4pm - Please log-in to the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#), and then click on "schedule" on the left hand side of the screen to view your student's classroom teacher assignment. If you have any issues logging-in to Infinite campus, contact Carolyn Walker at carolyn.walker@bvsd.org.

Meet and Greet - Tuesday, August 17th - Students and parents are invited to come to Bear Creek to meet their teacher for this school year. Please remind students this isn't a time to visit last year's teacher. Additionally, if you have information to pass on to your child's teacher, please send an email, so that teachers have time to greet each student. The Meet and Greet Schedule is:

9:00AM-9:45AM - 4th-5th grade

10:00AM-10:45AM - 1st-3rd grade

11:00AM-11:45AM - Kindergarten

Also, we are trying to recover the chromebooks sent home with students at the end of last year. Please bring the chromebook for your current 1-5 grade student or your incoming 6th grader to Bear Creek on

Meet and Greet day.



Don't Forget The First Day Picture - Be sure to get a first day picture of your child! Feel free to share on the "PTO Bear Creek Elementary" Facebook page.

NO Cost Healthy School Meals for All, All Year Long - We celebrate the USDA's decision to continue to provide **Free Healthy Meals for all students for the entire 2021-2022 school year**, as it encourages food access, and reduces the financial burden on families. More information about our nationally-recognized school meal program can be found at food.bvsvd.org. You do not need to sign up in advance for either "Breakfast" which will be more like a snack given mid-morning at their recess time, or lunch. Teachers will take a "breakfast"/lunch count during their opening class time. We still encourage families to apply for Free and Reduced meals if financial assistance is needed, as it can lead to other reduced fees, and is directly connected to school funding.

Bell Schedule - As BVSD shared last Spring, elementary schools will be in session from 7:50AM to 2:50PM (MTRF). On Wednesdays, there is a "Late Start" for Professional Learning Time, and school hours will be 8:50AM to 2:50PM.

Wednesday Morning Options - Families have 3 options during "Late Start" on Wednesday mornings:

1. Arrive to school for the bell at 8:50AM on Wednesdays.
2. Free Student Supervision - BVSD will provide free supervision for students. Students can enjoy quiet activities (reading, coloring, board games, etc.) in our cafeteria from 7:45AM-8:45AM on Wednesday mornings. Pre-registration is not required, and parents may drop students anytime after 7:45AM. More details will be shared in the upcoming weeks.
3. Lifelong Learning Classes - BVSD will provide some of our student's favorite LLL classes from 7:45AM-8:45AM on Wednesday mornings at Bear Creek. There is a registration fee. More information can be found on this [FLYER](#) and at <https://lll.bvsvd.org/>.

School Supplies - Bear Creek elects to buy school supplies in bulk, as opposed to sending out a list of required supplies, which saves our families money and time. **Fees** - this year Bear Creek will ask for a \$75 donation - \$50 for school supplies and \$25 for technology. Technology supports device maintenance, acquiring new devices, and licenses for technology tools used by students. You can pay these fees through [RevTrac](#). Here is a [tutorial](#) on the use of RevTrac for those parents who are not familiar with it.

Bear Creek Directory - Please complete the [online "opt-in" form](#) to add your contact information in the directory.

The Bear Creek directory link will be provided to our Bear Creek Community parents *only* and will be maintained by the office. This directory is to be used **only** for playdates and social events. It is **not** to be used for mass mailings, political messages/endorsements, business use or gossip.

Medication Administration at School - In order to make sure you have the information needed to partner with your student for them to stay safe and healthy and meet the State and District requirements, I have included the [Student Health Overview](#) , [Guidelines on When to Keep Your Child out of School](#), [Schoolhouse Letter](#), and [School Age Immunization Requirements](#). In addition, if your child needs any medication while at school, the [Doctor's Release Form](#) needs to be filled out by their physician and returned to the health room at Bear Creek

SAC (School Age Care) - After school care is available in our cafeteria Monday - Friday. You can visit the [Community Schools Childcare Website](#) for more information.

NOW OFFERING A \$250 SIGN ON BONUS FOR NEW EMPLOYEES (must complete 90 day probationary period)

Food Services has an immediate opening for a Food Service Assistant at Bear Creek Elementary. We need your help to make sure the students at Bear Creek are getting healthy nutritious food for strong minds and bodies. Work while your student is in school and know you are making a difference in the lives of children. Become a member of your child's school team today! Apply online now at:

<https://jobs.bvsd.org/food-service-assistant-i/job/17257552>

2.75 hours/day Monday through Friday - all breaks and holidays off! Call or email Sarah at 720-561-5049 sarah.acker@bvsd.org for more information

COVID-19 Protocols - BVSD has shared information regarding protocols in schools. On Monday, our Office will send out information specific to Bear Creek.

BVSD Information - you can stay updated on BVSD's Plans and Policies by visiting the [BVSD Website](#) and by accessing the following document [District Information for School Communities](#).

General BCE Office Information:

- School Hours: 7:50 - 2:50 pm
- Office Hours: 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Attendance line: 720-561-3502
- Main Office line: 720-561-3500
- [BCE Website](#)

[Report an Absence](#)



The teachers and staff at BCE are committed to walking alongside your students and your family to make this school year a success! Fondly, Carolyn