

## Bear Creek Blast 9.10.21

*"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*

### Monday, September 13

LLL: Photography @ 2:55  
LLL: Spanish (K-1) @ 2:55  
LLL: Spanish (2-5) @ 2:55

### Tuesday, September 14

LLL: Cooking @ 2:55  
LLL: Soccer @ 2:55  
BCE - PTO Meeting @ 3:30 (virtual - link below)

### Wednesday, September 15

LLL: Hip Hop @ 7:45  
LLL: Soccer @ 7:45  
5th Grade Carnival Club @ 7:50  
LLL: Ecstatic Color! @ 2:55  
LLL: Hoops @ 2:55  
LLL: Nature Explorers @ 2:55

### Thursday, September 16

### Friday, September 17

**Tools for Learning Challenge (TLC)** - Our Tools for Learning Challenge (TLC) is the primary PTO fundraiser at Bear Creek and we are wrapping the campaign in two weeks! If you have yet to make your TLC donation of \$275 per student, and are able to do so at this time, please either drop your check (payable to Bear Creek PTO) or donate online today at <https://squareup.com/store/bearcreek-pto>. To date, we have raised over \$40,000 from 100 families. We have a fundraising goal of \$85,000 and a participation goal of 80% of families making a gift of any amount. We would love to have your family's participation today!

**Bear Creek PTO September Meeting** - Join us for the first PTO meeting of the school year next Tuesday, Sept 14th @3:30-5pm via Zoom. We will be sharing several updates related to the beginning of the school year, including the budget and the upcoming carnival event. All

parents are welcome to attend, and it's a great way to also learn more about what the PTO board typically does at BC!

Event joining info:

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 876 0390 9758 Passcode: 763961

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603909758?pwd=ajVSaG90YWJDclJKWFBR0XFRNUNrOT09>

**Bear Creek Sponsored Activities (Spotlights, Intramurals, Jump Rope, etc...)** - In addition to Lifelong Learning classes, Bear Creek has traditionally offered before school activities to 3rd-5th grade students. These activities have included Spotlights Choir and Intramurals. Since the start of the pandemic, we have not been able to offer these activities. Our intention is to start reintroducing these activities throughout the year, and even offer a few new additions.

Hopefully we'll see some improvement in COVID-19 conditions, and be able to start before school Spotlights in November (likely 7:15AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays), with the goal of having a musical in the Spring. Mrs. Fries is working on approval for an after school Skateboarding Club that will start on Wednesdays in October/November. After the New Year, we'll make a determination on if we'll be able to host after school Intramurals or Jump Rope Club. More details to come soon!

**BCE Carnival** - We need your help! The Bear Creek Carnival is on Thursday, October 7th. Please bring your donations of gently used books and gently loved stuffies to the office by Tuesday, October 5th. We also have a ton of fun volunteer jobs open. **Please read the attached flyer for more information.**

**Destination Imagination** is gearing up this year with both virtual and live competitions. DI is an international problem-solving competition for students of all ages incorporating student-led STEAM-based Challenges. It is a fantastic opportunity for the kids to learn leadership, teamwork, critical thinking skills, and just have fun! If you are interested in running a team, please contact me! [lisa.chase@bvsd.org](mailto:lisa.chase@bvsd.org)

**CU Wizards - (In-person & ZOOM!) -“The Games of Drones!”** When? Saturday, September 25, 2021 Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Where? CU Boulder – Duane Physics G1B30 & via ZOOM!

Aerospace Engineering Professor Brian Argrow, presents a show illuminating unmanned aircraft design. Students will explore concepts related to flight aerodynamics; drag, lift, and thrust by constructing their very own origami paper airplanes. Learn how to fly drones that are useful to gather useful scientific data that informs scientific teams about atmospheric dynamics, storm meteorology, clouds, climate change & more.

**Picture Day** - BCE picture day will be **Tuesday, September 21st**. VanGogh is requesting orders and payments be made online if possible. Order forms can be used if needed and are in your student's backpack today. For easy online ordering go to [www.orders.vangoghco.com/prepay](http://www.orders.vangoghco.com/prepay) and enter our school code: 30011901. If you have any questions, please contact the BCE office.

**We are looking for PTO Class Liaisons:** Each class will have a PCL that will liaise between the PTO and the parent community as well as between the teacher and the parents. The main focus of the PCL will be to keep the parent community informed of school events and news. PCLs are encouraged to attend PTO meetings when available however it isn't a requirement. If you're interested in learning more please reach out to PCL coordinator Kamrin Helland by emailing [kamrin.helland@gmail.com](mailto:kamrin.helland@gmail.com).

**LifeLong Learning Wednesday Mornings -Students participating in LLL classes should enter the building through the front door and sign in at the front desk.**

**Free Student Supervision on Wednesday Mornings - Parents must be present to check-in students - students may not walk and check-in themselves.**

**NO Cost Healthy School Meals for All, All Year Long** - Because the food supply may not always align with the breakfast/lunch calendar, please check the list of allergens below and have a discussion with your child. To receive Allergen Alerts for menu or product information changes, please go to this [link](#).

[September Lunch Menu](#)

**\*\*** [Lunch Allergens](#)

[Breakfast Menu](#)

**\*\*** [Breakfast Allergens](#)

**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.

### **Health Room News - Vision Services for families in need**

- [Health Services Vision Voucher flyer](#)
- Updated list of [vision providers who accept Medicaid/CHP](#)

**SAC (School Age Care)** - After school care is currently full at Bear Creek. You can visit the [Community Schools Childcare Website](#) for more information. When spots become available, I will make note of it here.

### **Now Hiring for a BVSD School Age Care Staff at Bear Creek**

Join us to lead the Bear Creek SAC program Monday through Friday from 2:00pm-6:00pm. In addition to your paycheck (pay range starts at \$21.91/hour), you can bring your little one(s) along for FREE (free child care for child care staff on the days you work)! You will oversee the SAC students' daily experience, enrichment and social-emotional wellbeing while in the program and support the SAC staff.

BVSD School Age Care [details](#). Apply online on the BVSD Jobs webpage for a [staff position](#) (a love of kids is all that is needed) and then send an email to [trevor.wood@bvsd.org](mailto:trevor.wood@bvsd.org) once you've applied so we can be on the lookout for your application!

**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](#).

1. **BVSD Hiring Event- September 22** - BVSD is hosting a Hiring Event for the following positions: [Register today](#)

- Bus Drivers
- Custodians
- School Crossing Guards
- Food Service
- Child Care

2. **Community Sports Night Fundraisers**

An easy way to give back to BVSD is to attend a sports night fundraiser this fall! A portion of each ticket sale is donated to Impact on Education, the Foundation for Boulder Valley schools. Learn more about how IOE supports our students and educators: [www.impactoneducation.org](http://www.impactoneducation.org).

Saturday, September 25 - Colorado Rapids ([Tickets](#))  
Friday, November 6 - CU Buffaloes Football ([Tickets](#))  
Saturday, October 23 - Colorado Rapids ([Tickets](#))

**Parking Lot Reminders** - please remember a couple simple rules for the use of our Parking Lot at drop-off/pick-up:

- The loop is used as a "Hug and Go" lane. **Parents should never leave cars unattended in the loop.** Additionally, whenever able, please pull forward as far as possible to ensure other cars are able to access the parking lot.
- Never park on the crosswalk, and always be aware of pedestrians.
- If you need to park, please utilize one of the parking spots.
- The front parking lot is for community usage. **The back parking lot is for staff usage.** The only community members who should be utilizing the back parking lot are parents who are dropping-off/picking-up students from SAC, and community members accessing our Electronic Vehicle Charging Station.

**BCE T-shirts** - Anyone needing a new t-shirt or an additional t-shirt may purchase one through [RevTrack](#) on the BCE website.

[Community Resources](#) - BVSD shared links to many of the county's family resources.

**General BCE Office Information:**

- School Hours: MTuThF: 7:50 am - 2:50 pm W: 8:50-2:50
- 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*