

Bear Creek Campus Parent Newsletter



Principal's Message

Greetings all,

It's hard to believe, however September has arrived!

I hope each of you have enjoyed a summer full of connections, rest, and a good deal of fun. It has been a total joy connecting with many of our families over the summer and I look forward to meeting and working alongside our incredible school community this year and beyond.

This week saw the first time our hardworking staff returned in their full capacity to engage in professional development and collective planning geared toward providing the best and most responsive educational experience possible for each of the students we serve. It was genuinely humbling to witness the passion and dedication of this staff and the resolute commitment to keep our students at the center. Whether your students attend NFP, NN or NOA, please know that your child is seen and cared for by this team of educators.

A quick note, before we get going: Each month, families enrolled in Northshore Online Academy, Northshore Networks, and Northshore Family Partnership will receive a joint Bear Creek Campus newsletter. The intention of the joint newsletter is to highlight important dates and milestones relevant to our greater community, provide opportunities for engagement for each student and family, along with highlighting updates and successes from our respective programs. I believe there is tremendous value in sharing what is happening in each of our programs with the school community at large, as it allows our community to gain an informed perspective of who we are, the services we provide, and how we operate as a unified learning community. An important goal this year is to develop a coherent message and aligned understanding of the work we do to support our students and families, and broadening the scope of how we communicate is an important part of that effort. It is also important to note that, following this initial message, newsletters will be sent via our district communication tool, ParentSquare. As our internal systems are still under operation, I wanted to prioritize a message to our families prior to that system synching. In the interim, please excuse the length and clumsy formatting of this letter. With that said, please see below for some updates and info!

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Back to School Bash on September 6th

While the formal launch of school looks different than the traditional NSD school, BCC families have the opportunity to begin the school year at our whole school event: The Back to School Bash! Whether enrolled in Northshore Family Partnership, Northshore Online Academy, or Northshore Networks, this event is for you. By now, families who are served in each program have received specific communication regarding orientation times and schedule. That said, please see below for a summary:

Whole school Bash:

Where: Bear Creek Campus

When: Wednesday, September 6th from 4pm-7pm

Who: All student and families

Regardless of program, families are welcome to attend every bit of the event to have their photo taken, connect with old friends, make new connections, engage in optional organized activities and activities, along with grabbing a bite to eat from a pair of food trucks that will be on campus! Below is a quick refresher of when and where orientations will be held for each program:

Northshore Family Partnership:

4:30-5:30pm: Family orientation in the gym

Northshore Networks:

5:30-6:00pm: Family orientation in gym

Northshore Online Academy (ELEMENTARY):

- 5pm-5:15pm in the Bear Creek library: Opening presentation (includes meet and greet and hard copy FAQ)
- 5:15pm - 6:00pm: Scavenger hunt handout for students (tech set up/help, fielding questions with families, chrome books set up for students) Note: Curriculum will be available for pickup

Northshore Online Academy (Secondary):

- 5:20pm-5:35pm: Opening presentation (includes meet and greet and hard copy FAQ)
- 5:35pm - 6:00pm: Scavenger hunt handout for students (tech set up/help, fielding questions with families, chrome books set up for students) Note: Curriculum will be available for pickup.

Community Serve Day

It was great to see the turnout on Sunday for Community Serve Day! A huge "THANK YOU" to the wonderful Nurse Megan and our community lead, Hannah Tucker, for their hard work in

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organizing and launching a successful effort to bring the BCC community together for some general beautification of our campus. The many hands made a huge difference and we are that much closer to bringing our kids back for what will be a great school year. Thanks to each and every one who took time to support this fun and helpful effort!



A shout out and giant "THANKS" to our PTSA

As mentioned earlier, staff returned this week in a formal capacity. While the content of our professional development was energizing, the days were long and much was asked of our hardworking teachers and staff. Our lovely PTSA very generously offered to provide snacks and lunch and boy did they deliver! Each day, volunteers from our PTSA arrived with food, snacks and treats well beyond what we could have hoped for! A simple "thank you" cannot suffice given the generosity they offered. We are a well fed and grateful staff! We are looking forward to partnering with this dedicated and wonderful team of parents and family members. Our students will greatly benefit from this partnership.

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An Important set of Reminders from Nurse Megan



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a fun and relaxing summer. I am excited to be returning as your School Nurse. My goal is to have a safe and healthy environment for learning and look forward to working with you and your child in the coming year.

Sometimes it is hard to decide if your child needs to stay home or can go to school. To help give you some guidelines about **When Should My Child Stay Home?**, you can find information on my Health Room website that can be accessed at: <https://www.nsd.org/schools/get-started/health-services/when-should-my-child-stay-home> If you are still not sure if your child should come to school, please give me a call.

If your child will need to take medication at school (prescription and/or over the counter) you may obtain the Medication Authorization Forms from us in the Health Room (or at <https://www.nsd.org/schools/get-started/health-services/forms-for-health>). **Please do not send any medication to school without the proper authorization – it cannot be given.** If your child takes regular medication at home that should not be interrupted (i.e. medication for a seizure disorder) I strongly encourage you to obtain the necessary authorization and keep a 3-day supply of medication at school in case of an emergency - such as an earthquake.

State law requires that a child with a life-threatening condition must have medication or treatment orders in place on or before the child's first day of school. As a result, students with severe asthma, allergies that require epinephrine, diabetes or any other condition considered life threatening will need to have medication/treatment orders signed and in place at school on or before the first day of attendance. <https://www.nsd.org/schools/get-started/health-services/students-with-life-threatening-conditions>

Each year in Northshore schools, students in grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 receive hearing and vision screenings. We are currently scheduled for vision and hearing screenings on October 23 at Cottage Lake Elementary. If you would like to exempt your child from either of these health screenings, please contact me.

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If you need any assistance with low-cost health insurance or other resources, please let me know. All information will be kept strictly confidential. You can also find a comprehensive list of community resources at: <https://www.nsd.org/resources>

We are looking forward to a great year ahead! As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your child's health.

Take Care,
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In Closing

Over the next few days and weeks, families will be contacted directly by their student's advisors to review the start of school, schedules and WSLP information. Families will also receive guidance regarding device distribution and whole school scheduling updates. We have much to do, however I could not be more thrilled about our start. Thank you to each and every one of our amazing families for your partnership and support to make our school the unique place that it is. We're going to do great things together.

In Partnership,

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Northshore Online Academy/Northshore Networks/Northshore Family Partnership