

October 2023 Newsletter

Greetings, Bear Creek families,

It's hard to believe September has come and gone!

We have certainly had a fantastic month at Bear Creek. By now, students have settled into their classrooms and learning spaces, fully immersed in relationship and community building. The engagement, rigor and fun of learning is palpable campus-wide and it's inspiring to witness each day. This school year has so much in store and our entire team is excited to witness the growth and development of our students.

October promises to be a busy month, and we wouldn't have it any other way. We are looking forward to dynamic professional development centered on meeting the needs of all learners, school-wide events and opportunities for our students and families, as well as the continued creative and innovative approaches our staff, students and families bring to this school each day.

To that end, I would like to thank our families for the time, effort, and dedication in supporting our students and staff. It takes a village to kick the year off right, and what a village we have. Whether on campus, online, or through the work you do at home with your students, your active engagement in your child's education is a key factor in our shared success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our PTSA for the work they've done thus far to support this wonderful community. If you have not already, I encourage all families to become a member of our PTSA. The Bear Creek PTSA has a shared mission of supporting each of our students, staff and families and, through the collective efforts of this community, I am confident we can make that happen to an impressive degree. Folks become members of the PTSA by following the steps outlined on our PTSA website: [Here](#)

I look forward to a tremendous month of growth and celebrating the continued success of our wonderful students.

In partnership,

Brian Matthias

Principal

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Counselor Introductions

We are excited to introduce our counselors this year, Cameron Whitney, Tracy Schellberg and counseling intern, Leslie Judd-Harwood. They are here to support you and look forward to working with our Bear Creek families this year. Take a minute to [learn more about them and the difference between a counselor and a Mental Health Specialist](#).

Building Connections & Conversations



Building Connections K-5 Student Opportunity

New to NFP? Or is your student looking to build connections at school?

The counseling team will offer a rotating schedule for K-2 students and 3rd-5th grade students throughout the week for the month of October during lunch.

Please only sign up for **ONE time** slot each week.

This will be first come first serve (max 15 students). The first week will be October 9.

The sign-up sheet will be located near the main office on Monday mornings.

Appropriate Shoe Reminder



Please remind your children to wear proper shoes to school on P.E. days. Students are required to wear proper footwear to P.E (athletic shoes).

Their safety is very important to us and makes their P.E. experience a lot more fun.

No sandals, flip-flops, boots, high heels, slip-ons, crocs, uggs etc

If students have another class where they need boots, please have them bring PE shoes in their backpacks and they can change into them before PE class.



SAT Exam Registration

The SAT School Day exam is scheduled for NOA & Networks seniors on **Wednesday, October 11** (during the school day at The Bear Creek Campus.) The test will take place from **9:30am-12:30pm in the gym.**

This will be a pencil and paper test!

Registration Information

Registration window: is from Tuesday, September 12 through Friday, October 6 (no late registration after October 11).

To register: please create an account using the link below (if you have not created one previously). Then click on Home School Networks School* link to register and pay the \$60 exam fee online no later than October 6. <https://regismart.net/#/login>

**You will click Home School Networks School no matter if you are a Networks student or a NOA student.*
Other SAT Exam Opportunities*

SAT exams are also administered several times per year at other locations inside and outside of the Northshore School District. Students will need to establish a College Board account before they can register for these tests. It is important that the student registers with their own account, not a parent's account. Creating an account takes about 30 minutes. This is the same account that you will use if you are

registering for an AP test.

With a College Board account, you can register for the SAT, and access/print your SAT Admission Ticket. You can also access your SAT scores online and send them to colleges. Additionally, an account lets you manage your personal college list, save your scholarship searches, compare costs at colleges that interest you, and more.

As these tests fill up quickly, we recommend that if you want to test at a convenient location that you sign up for the SAT early. Otherwise, you might end up taking the test at a location further away.

Registration and further information about the SAT can be found at: · www.sat.collegeboard.org Or by contacting your student's counselor, Cameron Whitney (cwhitney@nsd.org)

Parent Volunteers

1. If you had your child on waitlists for classes and have now settled on a schedule, please **remove them from waitlists** you no longer need so we can see who is actually interested.
2. We need [volunteers](#) to be around during class to class transitions, or classtime-> lunchtime to assist students in finding their next class, mostly during the first 2 weeks.. Please sign up with the form below.
3. Please **print out your child's schedule** and place on/in backpack so they can reference it, or a volunteer/teacher can easily help them find their next class.

Complete this [interest form](#) if you wish to become a volunteer.

Thank you all for helping us to make the first week of school go smoothly! Looking forward to having kiddos on campus and enjoying our class offerings!

Upcoming Events

Northshore Latino Families, Welcome Back Celebration

Northshore School District is hosting a Northshore Welcome Back Celebration, a special event for Spanish-speaking families. The evening's program includes food, an opportunity to talk with Superintendent Michael Tolley, guest speakers, and student performances.

- October 4, 2023 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Northshore Administration Center (3330 Monte Villa Parkway, Bothell, WA), Board Room



Pride and Rainbow Club

Pride and Rainbow Club will be starting up next week on October 3rd. All of those in the LGBTQIAP+ community and their Allies are welcome. We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you haven't signed up already, that is fine, you are still welcome to come and check it out. Rainbow Club, 2nd - 5th graders, will meet from 8:30-8:55 and Pride Club, 5th - 12th graders, will meet from 12:00-12:30. If that is your lunchtime, you will be able to eat in the classroom. If you have any questions, please email Tammy (tfassett@nsd.org). See you in Room 121 if you can make it! All the students from last year do too.