



# Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School

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Exciting things are happening within our Bluffton-Harrison Elementary (BHES) preschool program and we would love for you to become a part of it!

This past fall, BHES introduced our first pre-school experiential classroom that promotes education through dramatic play. This experience is currently available to all children enrolled in our BHES Tiger Cub preschool program. We are now preparing for the development of our second experiential learning experience and are currently looking for donations for our Construction experience classroom.

The BHES Construction experience classroom will be a creative and hands-on learning environment where children will have the opportunity to explore, build, and learn through play. This classroom will be designed to encourage critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and creativity. Key features will include access to various construction materials such as blocks, LEGO sets, and other building tools fostering their spatial awareness and fine motor skills. We will encourage collaborative projects allowing children to work together to solve problems and create something amazing! Activities will be aligned with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) principles, preparing children for a future filled with exciting opportunities. The Construction experience classroom will be a space where imaginations can run wild!

Our goal at BHES is to provide play-based learning for our preschool students. Play-based learning provides opportunities for children to develop a sense of the world around them through inquiry, exploration, interaction and problem solving. Play-based learning is a context for learning where children can explore, experiment, discover and solve problems in imaginative and playful ways. A play-based learning environment is generally set up into sections providing opportunities for students to learn science, literacy, writing, reading, dramatic play, blocks and building, and social studies. Through play children can develop social and cognitive skills, mature emotionally, and gain the self-confidence required to engage in new experiences and environments. There is plenty of research around play-based learning and how it enhances children's academic and developmental learning outcomes. In fact, the current research has found play based and inquiry learning is vital if you want to set children up for success in both their future schooling and in their later adult life.

We are writing to both share this exciting news and to also seek support from those within our community. To make this immersive learning experience possible, we need your help! Donations are being sought to assist with the construction of buildings, equipment, installation of wall art, and to purchase materials to assist in the learning experience and curriculum. Donors interested in maintaining an ongoing partnership through guest speakers and/or other avenues are welcome! Donors will be publicly acknowledged by BHMSD on social media, during our school board meeting, and invited to a ribbon cutting.

**We would love to add you to our list of donors! Please contact us to find out how!**

**\*\*Scan the below QR code for a video of the current PreK Farm Experience classroom!**

Thank you for your consideration,

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## BHMSD TIGER CUBS PRE-SCHOOL



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After a wonderful first fall of Tiger Cub Preschoolers enjoying the Farm Experiential Room, Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School is ready to begin work on the next one-of-a-kind learning experience: The Construction Room!

The Construction Experience will provide our students the opportunity to explore, build and learn through play. The classroom will be designed to encourage critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and creativity. Students will have access to a variety of toys that put the classroom lessons at their fingertips, from blocks and LEGO sets to building tools that foster spatial awareness, fine motor skills and imagination! Activities will align with principles of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

Experiential classrooms promote education through dramatic play, and these classrooms are available to all children enrolled in the BHES Tiger Cub preschool program.

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Find out how you can get involved in supporting the Preschool Experiential Classrooms! Call Mrs. Linderwell, BHES Principal, at 260-824-0333.



Scan this QR code to see Tiger Cub Preschoolers enjoying the Farm Room, the first BHES experiential classroom!



Themed and age-appropriate toys provide students with a hands-on learning experience that put the lessons at their finger tips.



With life-sized items fit for a fun exhibit at a children's museum, BHES students will have the unique opportunity to learn all about construction without ever leaving school!