

Greetings, Bear Creek families,

It's hard to believe, however November has arrived! While the weather continues to get colder and the brilliant fall colors are changing the scenery on our school grounds, the relationship building, academic progress, and community partnership we enjoy here at Bear Creek Remains constant. I am certainly thankful for the ability to work alongside the remarkable students, parents/caregivers, and staff at Bear Creek.

This is hard work and work that we cannot do alone. As always, we are beyond grateful for your support and partnership as we seek to refine and strengthen our practices in the unique model of school we embrace and love. Please continue to share your thoughts, challenges and successes. We are a mighty village.

Veterans Day Assembly Nov. 9th:

We are very proud to host a Veterans Day assembly at 9:15am in the Bear Creek Campus gym on Thursday, November 9th. Our wonderful music instructor, Elaine Hoffman, accompanied by the NFP Choir will host a performance for our students, staff and families. The assembly is open to families in each of our programs and we strongly encourage veterans from our learning community to join! As this performance is intended to celebrate and honor the men and women who have served in the armed forces, we would like to extend the invitation to attend the assembly to any active and former military service members in our community. Following the assembly, we will ask our veterans in attendance (along with their student(s) and family members) to join us in the library for coffee and refreshments. We hope to see our families and veterans on campus for the assembly on Thursday, November 9th!

Superintendent visit on Nov. 9th:

The 9th figures to be a busy day! Along with our Veterans Day assembly, we are excited to host Superintendent Michael Tolley for a tour of our campus and the opportunity to connect with our amazing students and staff. While Superintendent Tolley will visit each classroom and learning space, the most important parts of his visit will be a forum in which he sits and talks with students about their school experience. The forum is intended to bring student voices to the forefront by bringing a group of students together and engaging in a conversation centered on their thoughts for school/district improvement as well as sharing what is important to them about their experience at Bear Creek! It's a powerful forum and I very much enjoy these opportunities for our district leadership to know our students and community. This past week, staff have submitted names of students they feel would be optimal candidates to engage in this forum. On Monday, we'll notify families of students who have been selected to participate! Of course, if a family of a selected student shares that

they would prefer that their child not join this session with Superintendent Tolley, that's important to share as well.

Coffee with the principal:

Community voice is a theme this month! Open lines of communication and ongoing dialogue is an essential part of what we do at Bear Creek. To that end, I'm excited to offer ongoing, informal opportunities to connect with families to discuss whatever is on your mind! The first of these forums will take the shape of a "coffee with the principal" that we will host in the Bear Creek library from 9am-10am on Tuesday, November 7th.. As the same suggests, this will be an open forum to snag some coffee and a pastry while asking questions, sharing thoughts or chatting about any and all things Bear Creek. While the forum itself will be conversational in nature, I'll be sure to bring my notes to capture questions or thoughts folks may have for further follow up. Additionally, I will offer ZOOM/virtual forums in the future for folks who are interested yet unable to attend an in-person conversation. Looking forward to connecting!

November promises to be a busy month of learning, growth and partnership as we strive to provide each of our students a dynamic educational experience. I look forward to the work ahead.

In partnership,

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Counseling Corner

This month, we encourage you to focus on gratitude. Take a moment to read the attached Counseling Newsletter and reflect on what you are grateful for.

Celebrations

Trunk-or-Treat

Big thank you to the PTSA for sponsoring this fun event. Our families had a wonderful time, as you can see from this awesome display.



Bob's Corn and Pumpkin Field Trip

Our Northshore Online Academy elementary students spent a beautiful day at Bob's corn. Thank you to our NOA team for making this happen.



Upcoming Events

- Safe inside drill, Tuesday, 11/7
- Board game night in the Gym, Wednesday, 11/15
- Shelter in Place drill, Monday, 12/4
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