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## Buffalo Creek Elementary

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### Principal's Message

**Carrmilla Young**

Buffalo Creek Elementary is the place to be! We have an amazing school community. Our students are beautiful, diverse, kind and respectful. Our teachers and staff are highly competent and most importantly, care deeply about their students. Those who come to BCE tend to stay because of our close-knit community. We have served many multigenerational families.

### About Buffalo Creek

Teachers, staff and administrators have close to 15 years of experience on average, with many of those years here at BCE. They have built long-lasting and deep relationships with families and understand the needs of the school community. The teachers and staff, including administrators, are highly qualified and possess advanced degrees and certifications that enhance the instructional experience. Excellence is validated and throughout the school. Mrs. Thorn, was recently recognized as the 2022-23 SBISD Elementary Teacher of the Year and finalist for Region 4 Teacher of the Year.

### 2023 - 24 School Information

**Address:** 2801 Blalock Rd., Houston, TX 77080

**Phone:** (713) 251-5300, **Fax:** (713) 251-9548

**School Hours:** 7:20 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.


**Grades:** Kindergarten - 5 **Students:** 437 **Total Staff:** 51

**School Schedule:** Classes meet daily, Monday through Friday

### Demographics (2022)

Hispanic 89.9%	Asian 1.1%
White 3.2%	Two or more races 1.3%
American Indian 2.5%	Pacific Islander 0%
African American 2.1%	

 **Facebook:** Buffalo Creek Elementary

 **X (Twitter):** @Buffalo\_Creek1

# English Language Learners

Buffalo Creek offers a one-way dual-language program. In the early grades, students in bilingual classes receive primary instruction in Spanish while developing their English language skills. Starting in the third grade, the primary language of instruction shifts to English, and students build on their Spanish language skills to become valuable bilingual learners.



## Special Education

"All means all" at Buffalo Creek Elementary. Students receiving special education services have access to the school's full educational program and all opportunities available to general education students. Specialized education through Life Skills and APPLE (Autism Program Preparing Learners for Excellence) classes as well as in-class assistance is provided. Other supports available include dyslexia interventions, speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy per each student's individualized education plan.

## Physical Education

The health-fitness program is one of the most beloved elements of BCE's instructional program. All students learn developmentally appropriate health, safety and fitness skills in a variety of activities throughout the year. Students participate in individual and team activities, tasks and challenges. Through health-fitness classes, students have the opportunity to develop physical, social and academic skills fundamental to a well-rounded education.

## Fine Arts

At Buffalo Creek Elementary, music and art instruction are essential to the development of creative thinking and the self-expression of students. Many opportunities to publicly perform and proudly exhibit art occur throughout the school year.

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*SBISD's promise to our community.*

Our vision is T-2-4. Every SBISD graduate will attain a **technical certificate, military training**, or a **two-year** or **four-year degree**. Our Core Characteristics of a T-2-4 Ready Graduate define the traits we commit to developing in Every Child during their years in SBISD.

Learn more at [springbranchisd.com/t24](http://springbranchisd.com/t24).

## Student Supports

- Student leaders serve as Newcomer Ambassadors to greet new students and serve as friendly guides as they learn to navigate their way through the school day.
- A full-time school counselor and a contracted school psychologist provide guidance and care for students and families.
- A Communities in School (CIS) specialist collaborates with school staff to provide additional support and resources for students and families.
- The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Houston provides on-campus, safe and stimulating before- and after- school care for students in grades one through five.
- Partnerships with Harris County Community Youth Services and Memorial Assistance Ministries provide an array of services to families.

## Family Communication

Below are some ways Buffalo Creek Elementary communicates with families in their preferred language:

- In-person conversations
- Fliers
- REMIND text-messaging system
- Email and callouts via School Messenger
- Facebook: Buffalo Creek Elementary
- Twitter: @Buffalo\_Creek1

## Be an active member of our school community.

We love our BCE families! We encourage them to join the PTA and volunteer regularly both during the school day and for extra curricular activities in the evenings and on weekends. Family members also have the opportunity to contribute to the school community by serving as members of our Campus Improvement Team.

Contact the school at **713.251.5300** for details.