



# Bear Lake Elementary School (BLES)

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## A Word From Our Principal

At Bear Lake our students are our top priority. Our staff works together to ensure success for every student and are committed to providing a quality education in a safe, nurturing environment. This school report outlines the key characteristics of our school from both an academic and non-academic perspective. I hope it helps you understand what makes Bear Lake unique. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about our school.

*Kristen Ramkissoon*

### What Makes Us Special

- In addition to providing a quality educational experience for all students, we provide several extracurricular activities such as Running Club, News Crew, and Safety Patrols.
- We are one of the few elementary schools in Seminole County that induct 4th & 5th graders into the National Elementary Honor Society.
- Each year, our PTA supports our school with their time, talent and treasure. Their involvement and support has enabled us to make many improvements to our campus.

### Advanced Academics

Rigorous Accelerated Math Pathways for Elementary Students (RAMP) is available for mathematically talented students in grades 4 through 5.

### Family Engagement

2021-2022 Data



Dividends is the volunteer program for SCPS. Our incredible Bear Lake volunteers gave **1,672** hours of their time to support students.

### Technology and the Future



- Students are engaged in digital activities designed to build their problem solving, logical thinking, and collaboration skills.
- Our students participate in 10 hours of computer science learning in all grades as well as in the Hour of Code activities.
- Computer Science 2020 - Our students participate in at least 10 hours of computer science learning each school year.

### Student Achievement

2021-2022 Data

- All students in grades K-5 participate in English and Language Arts (ELA) and Math iReady progress monitoring. **64%** of K-5 students were on or above grade level in ELA and **61%** of K-5 students were on or above grade level in Math.
- The Star Early Literacy Assessment is administered to kindergarten students at the beginning of each school year. **57%** of students demonstrated kindergarten readiness compared to the state average of 57%.

**C**  
Bear Lake Elementary School earned a C grade from the Florida DOE in 2022

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- Bear Lake offers after and during the school day tutoring and enrichment opportunities.
- Bear Lake Dividends logged over 16,000 hours in previous school years.
- Bear Lake has earned PBS Gold School status.
- Bear Lake staff is dedicated to providing a safe school environment as recognized by the district's school safety department.
- Bear Lake is recognized as a Gold Star School.
- We have 100+ students in our active Runners Club which meets before school, during the season.

**Future Middle School Pathways for Our Students**



**Teague: 95%**

For additional pathways see [Student Assignment and Program Access](#)

**School Health and Safety**

The health, safety and security of staff and students is our top priority. We follow CDC COVID mitigation strategies and work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure a sanitized and safe environment for your child's learning. Our School Resource Officer is J. Perez-Cortez with the SCSO.



The SpeakOut program provides three 24-hour monitored services that allows students, parents, or community members to anonymously report concerns. [www.speakouthotline.org](http://www.speakouthotline.org)

**77% of student respondents would recommend BLES**



**84% of parent respondents would recommend BLES**



**Here's what students and parents say they like about Bear Lake:**

" I appreciate that anyone we've needed to contact regarding our son has been quick to answer a phone call or email, or to return one. Following and exceeding those standards for communication are very indicative of the care they show for the students. "

Kindergarten Parent

" I love how visible the principal is. She communicates good with families too. "

3rd Grade Parent

" The teachers and support staff are very caring and easy to reach/work with. "

2nd Grade Parent

" Caring and professionally run. Great communication from administrators and teachers. Running club, specials, teachers. "

4th Grade Parent

" I like my teachers, my friends, my subjects, what I learn, and specials. "

5th Grade Student

" Bear Lake has many fun items to do including safety patrols and news crew. There is also the Pawsitive Paw System which is really fun including that we get rewards with them. "

5th Grade Student

" What I like about my school Bear Lake Elementry is that it feels safe, people are nice, I feel comfortable. "

4th Grade Student

" I like that the kids are nice and that the teachers are good teachers to learn from and I like that everyone is helpful. "

4th Grade Student