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Principal's Message:

Dear Bear Creek Families,

We are happy to spend time with you during Spring Conference.

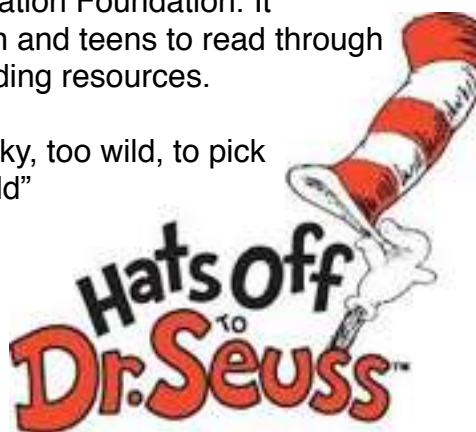
We truly value the individual time to sit down with you and discuss your child's social and academically. Thank you for taking the time to come and visit with us we appreciate your partnership.

Read Across America Day

READ ACROSS AMERICA March 2nd was National Read Across America Day. This is a nation-wide event that is celebrated in many schools. Bear Creek participated this year with the leadership of Brooke Rydstrom, our Title I Reading Specialist. Brooke provided classroom teachers with fun resources to celebrate reading on March 2nd. In honor of this day, all students were welcomed to spend the day in their pajamas and bring a favorite book to read. Every classroom worked some fun reading activities into their normal routines throughout the day. This long standing tradition is celebrated annually and promotes reading, founded by the National Education Foundation. It focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources.

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child"

My door is always open~
Anissa Wiseman, Principal



Mark Your Calendar!

March 14
PTO Meeting
6:00-7:00 pm
(library)

March 15
CMS 5th Grade
Orientation Night
5:30-6:30 pm
(CMS)

March 16
Pre-K Learning Fair
3:00-7:00 pm
(Pre-k classrooms)

March 17
PBMS Orientation
Night
6:00-7:00 pm
(PBMS)

March 18
DI/Magnet Lottery App
Deadline
4:00 pm

Mar. 21- 25 - SPRING
BREAK (No School)

The staff wishes you
and your family a
fun, restful
and happy Spring
Break!
School will not be in
session March 21st-
March 25th

INCOMING KINDERGARTENERS

If you or someone you know has a child coming into the English Kindergarten Program in the Fall of 2016, we will be hosting two informational sessions on Thursday, April 21st to fill out registration paperwork, meet Kindergarten teachers, and get your questions answered. Please join us!



Thursday, April 21st from 8-8:30am *Donuts provided
6:00-6:30pm *Pizza provided

WHAT TO BRING: Copy of Birth Certificate, Proof of Address, & Immunization Records

*Bend LaPine School District Kindergarten Roundup begins Wednesday, April 20th

A Message from the Office

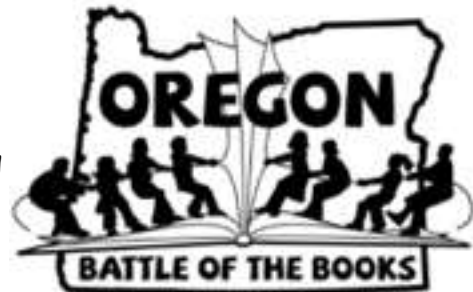
If you have any extra clothing we are always short in the school office and would greatly appreciate anything you can donate. Also, if your child comes home wearing clothes from the school please try to remember to wash them and return them to us. Thanks for all your help!

Bear Creek Staff would like to thank our outstanding PTO and Parents for providing meals and dessert during conferences. You are all so amazing!



Congratulations Battle of the Books Finalists!

Thank you Leah Roberts, Media Specialist, for providing this exciting opportunity for kids. We had an exciting competition that included lots of student teams reading. The mission of Battle of the Books is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students. They compete in the regional Battle of the Books, March 12th, at Sister's Middle School.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTO:

Bear Creek Families,

Thank you to all who attended our February meeting!

We are excited to welcome our new Sparrow Tricia. PTO is working on setting up community service projects for the students to earn hours for our Sparrow. Bear Creek's Annual Talent Show benefiting Tricia is coming up. Auditions will be on April 8th with the actual Talent Show taking place on April 29th. At our meeting Mrs. Martin discussed the State of Oregon's new Seal of BiLiteracy Program. She discussed how the program works at different grade levels and how we want our 5th graders to participate. Mrs. Martin also gave details about our Taste of the World event on April 21st, at Ponderosa Park.

Art in the Cart will be happening at Bear Creek! The first set (Van Gogh) has been ordered and parent volunteers will start entering classrooms. Parents will enter the classrooms twice in one week for about an hour. Volunteers are always needed. Please contact Courtney Brown if you can help in your child's classroom. 541-390-8732.





FAN

Mr. Currie 541-355-1483

Spring is in the air. Please pay attention to registration deadlines for certain summer/fall programs. Fall soccer registration opens March 21st at Bend Parks and Rec. Summer programs at the downtown Boys and Girls Club has a registration event on April 2nd from noon until 3pm.

Spring is in the air. Time to encourage our students to walk or ride bikes to school. Of course, please review safety guidelines and accompany your child (perhaps on the weekend) to make sure they know what these are. Call me if your child needs a helmet.

Spring is in the air. It's cold in the morning, then warms up quickly during the day. So, we have lots of coats and sweatshirts in lost and found, which need to be claimed. Please ask your student to check lost and found.

PARENTING NEWS:

Parenting may be the toughest job any of us take on. Mr. Currie has several STEP parenting manuals to give away to interested parents. They are fairly easy to read. The charts indicating the goals of our children's misbehavior as well as their goals for positive behavior are extraordinarily helpful. Call 541-355-1483 and get your copy.



LIGHTS OUT

POWER DOWN

UNPLUG

RETHINK

**GREEN
YOUR
SCHOOL**

Bear Creek students are learning ways to save Energy at our school as part of the Bend Energy Challenge. Recently, Mrs. Santos' 3rd grade class won a video challenge showing how we save Energy. Click on the link to see the video:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/n38b9pedkvevbgf/Green%20Team%20Video%20Submission2.mp4?
dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/n38b9pedkvevbgf/Green%20Team%20Video%20Submission2.mp4?dl=0)

PE NEWS:

We just finished our Jump Rope for Heart unit. Jump Rope for Heart is a fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association.

Our school helped raise over \$1200!

In PE class we have been practicing jumping rope. Jump rope is a great exercise!



Tis the Season.... Time for Testing!

After we return from Spring Break 3-5 graders will be taking the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts and Math state assessments. These are important tests but just two indicators of many we use to assess student progress. Here are some things you can do to help your child prepare.

Remind them to work harder and get smarter!

Make sure they are getting to bed early and sleeping well.

Have them eat a healthy breakfast.

Tell them to relax and do their best.



This Spring, all elementary schools in Bend-La Pine will be using the Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test (NNAT) to screen students for possible identification for intellectual giftedness. The NNAT is a measure of nonverbal reasoning and problem solving, independent of educational curricula and cultural and/or language background. All second graders will take this 30-minute test, as well as students in grades 3-5 who are new to the district and have not taken a similar test.

If you are the parent of a student who is demonstrating signs of intellectual giftedness, please consult with your child's teacher. We will also administer this test in the month of March to referred students who are strong candidates for identification as Talented and Gifted (TAG)

Math Tip: When you are reading nonfiction look at numbers

- o Talk about number information in charts, maps and graphs
- o Compare amounts, sizes and distances
- o Talk about the information the numbers give you



Reading Tip: Expose your child to nonfiction using newspapers, magazines, online articles and books

- o Talk about captions, sidebars, diagrams, maps, charts and graphs.
- o Look for a particular a fact or section using the table of contents or index.

Remember to "like" Bear Creek Elementary School's page on Facebook in order to get school updates and see photos from around campus.

<https://www.facebook.com/BearCreekBend>



Lunch Times

Grade K - 1	11:30 - 11:55
Grade 2 - 3	12:00 - 12:25
Grade 4 - 5	12:30 - 12:55



Save the Date!

Join us for Bear Creek's *Taste of the World* potluck celebration, hosted by the PTO. Please bring a traditional or favorite family dish (and provide the recipe), a picnic blanket, and come ready to taste some delicious food! Recipe cards will be compiled into a book available for purchase at the event.



- March 17th: recipe card template will come home
- April 7th: recipe cards due back to the school
- April 22nd 5:00pm-7:00pm: Taste of the World potluck celebration at Ponderosa Park

We *suggest* each grade level make the following contribution:

- K-1: main dish
- 2-3: salad or side dish
- 4-5: dessert or appetizer
- If you have a recipe for a beverage you can bring that instead! (horchata, lemonade, etc—non-alcoholic only, please)



Dual Immersion Program Updates

Special Event:

- The state of Oregon has recently adopted a Seal of Biliteracy for high school graduates who meet criteria for advanced bilingualism and biliteracy.
- Earning the state Seal of Biliteracy on a high school diploma is a very rigorous process.
- In Bend-LaPine, we are creating a pathway for our bilingual and biliterate students, to support them in pursuing the state-level award in high school. Our district pathway will include 5th grade and 8th grade benchmarks.
- *On June 9th, we will have a special ceremony to honor our 5th grade Seal of Biliteracy candidates. This special event will be a program-wide Family Night. Save the date—more information coming soon!*

Incoming Kindergarten Information:

- If you have a child who will enter kindergarten in the fall of 2016 and you are interested in Dual Immersion, please fill out an application. Children whose older siblings are currently in the program will be grandfathered into the DI kindergarten classes.
- Incoming kindergarten Dual Immersion informational nights: February 10th and March 7th at 6:00pm in the Bear Creek library.
- Applications are available on the school website, or in the main office. *All applications are due by 4:00pm on March 18th.*