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Principal
51 SE 13th Street,
Bend, Oregon 97702

September 27, 2018

Principal's Message:

Dear Bear Creek Families:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year-It is going to be an amazing year of learning, engaging experiences, and friendship!

Bear Creek is a school that prides itself on our close community, team work, and belief that every child has something special and unique to share as we learn and grow together. The best part of working in a school is supporting students to do their best, and watch them grow and progress daily. Right now, the routines of the school and programs are being set in place for this year. The staff is working on community building activities to get all students engaged in learning and ensuring that every students' needs are met.

Some of the new faces this school year include the following staff:

Tim Burdsall- Student Services

Stephanie Fallini-4th Grade Teacher

Patty Stephens-Life Skills Teacher

Keri Jacobi- English Language Learner Teacher

Dalen Clark- Educational Assistant

Hazel Chapple- Educational Assistant

Rosi Garcia- Educational Assistant

Nick Carter- Night Custodian

Our PTO is actively planning to work with our staff and provide additional enrichment activities. PTO's main fundraiser, "The Jog-a Thon", will be held on September 28th. It is always a huge success. Thank you, families for participating. The funds raised by PTO go towards enriching the entire school with family nights, artist in residency, field trips, and assemblies. All students benefit from our PTO's incredible fundraising.

Looking Forward to Curriculum Night & Title 1 Annual Meeting: Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 27th.

We have heard from families that they really want to know and understand what their child will learn over the entire school year-what does this new grade look like for my student. Unlike individual parent teacher conferences, this informational meeting will be hosted by the classroom teacher or grade level team members to outline the learning targets and overview of the year so that families can see the big picture of this new academic year.

In October, parents will be invited to individual parent teacher conferences-to talk about their specific student. Those conferences will be scheduled for either October 24th or 25th.

Please feel free to reach out stop by the office, if you have any questions or concerns.

My door is always open,

Anissa Wiseman, Principal

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"My mother gave me one piece of advice that stuck with me. She said don't forget where you came from." — Eva Longoria

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Sept 28**

**PTO Jog-A-Thon**

*9:00-12:00pm Marathon Trail*

**Oct 1**

*School Picture Day*

**Oct 8**

*PTO Meeting BCE Gym 6:00pm*

**Oct 24,25, 26**

*No School/ Conferences*

**Oct 31**

*Halloween Parties*

*1:15-2:00pm*

*A look ahead....*

**Nov 7**

*Retakes Fall Pictures*

**Nov 12**

*Veteran's Day - No School*

**Nov.19-23**

*Thanksgiving Break - No School*

## **We celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month Sept 15-Oct 15**

**Hispanic Heritage Month we celebrate, recognize and learn about heritage, culture, and important contributions of Hispanic or Latino Americans in the U.S.**

### **Secure Vestibule Update:**

We also want to thank you all for your support last year as we rolled out “Raptor,” the new Visitor and Volunteer information check-in system. You have been so kind in bringing in your driver licenses (or other government IDs if you do not have a license) to get scanned. The routine will continue this year as well and you will still need to come in each time to scan your license in the system to generate your visitor/volunteer badge; this process will get you access into the school. Please make it a habit to bring your ID in each time. If you are just coming to drop something off or waiting in the office to pick a child up, you don’t need to scan in.

In late October or early November, a new secure vestibule (locked enclosed entry) will be installed at our school. The construction process will take approximately 5-7 weeks. The construction crew will work outside of school hours during this process. All elementary schools in Bend-La Pine are getting the new vestibules, which will add another layer of security to our buildings.

### **BUS TRANSPORTATION NEWS:**

New this year, Bend-La Pine Schools families will be able to opt into a system that will allow them track when their child enters and exits the school bus with the new Radio Frequency Identification Device cards (RFID).

Participating students will receive a unique card embedded with a chip. Students will scan their RFID cards when entering and exiting the bus. The scanner will log the location and time of entries or exits. Parents can view this data using the MyStop app available for download on the [Bend-La Pine Schools website](#).

Interested parents or guardians can fill out the RFID consent form, available at our website. Upon completion, parents can drop off the form with the Transportation Department between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ([501 SE Second St. in Bend](#) or [16350 First St. in La Pine](#)) or at the school office.

Questions? Contact 541-355-5700

### **NUTRITION SERVICES:**

Bend LaPine Schools Nutrition Services Applications for 2018-19 school year are available online at <https://www.bend.k12.or.us/district/parents/school-meals> or at the front desk.

Students will **need to qualify to receive the no cost lunch benefit**. To see if your child qualifies for **lunch** at no cost, you will need to do one of the following:

- Submit an application with your household income
- Submit an application with your SNAP or TANF information
- Submit an application indicating that your student is a Foster Child

If your child does not qualify for **lunches** at no cost you may purchase the meals for only \$2.75 each.

No cost breakfast will continue to be available to all students.

**PTO is excited for the NEW 2018-2019 school year.**

**Welcome our new PTO Board members:**

**President Brenda Berg ,Vice President- Sara Martin, Treasurer- Chelle Davis, Bilingual liaison- Yasenia Gregorio, Secretary- Stephanie Howland and Box Top Coordinator -April Hinton**

**The first meeting of the year was September 17th, from 6-7pm at the gym. If we missed you, we hope you can attend the October 8th meeting . PTO is free and no membership required. Please join us in our Jog A then fundraiser September 28**



### **Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Tidbit:**

Your student's social and emotional well-being is a critical component to success in school and in life. We are so fortunate to be able to offer explicit SEL (Social and Emotional) instruction to all of our students throughout the school year. In October we will be focusing on Self-Management. What this means for students is learning how to regulate one's emotions to handle stress, control impulses, persevere in overcoming obstacles, and expressing emotions constructively.



\* You can help at home by asking students to name their feelings and working together to find constructive ways to get back into the "Green Zone", which means feeling good.



### **Math Tip for Parents**

Our math curriculum is called Bridges 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Learn more about what your child is doing in Math and ways you can support him or her at: <https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/families/bridges2>

### **Reading Tip for Parents**

Reading Rockets is a great parent resource for all things literacy related. The resources are in English and Spanish. Check it out! <http://www.readingrockets.org>

**Fridays are school spirit day- show Bear Creek Pride by wearing purple on Fridays.**

Bear Creek is again looking forward to participating in the **Oregon Battle of the Books** competition this year. **OBOB** is a *voluntary* reading incentive program developed for **4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders**. **OBOB** provides a reading list of 16 (fabulous!) books to be read by each 4-5-member team. Teams then "battle" other teams by answering questions in a quiz show-type competition. Once all the scores are tallied, the winner from 4<sup>th</sup> grade will battle the winner from 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Our School Championship Team will then compete at the **Regional Battle of the Books Competition (location and date TBD)**. Battles begin in January, but reading starts now!

Check out the website for more details and a list of books: <https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org>

Questions?

Email Mrs. Roberts @ [leah.roberts@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:leah.roberts@bend.k12.or.us)



## **Bear Creek Elementary Staff**

### **Kindergarten:**

Janet Jacobsen, Jennifer Marriott, Carol Rodgers, Kristina Biederman, Lindsey Manitsas, Gail Mithoff

### **First Grade:**

Stephanie Boni, Patti Ashworth, Terri Wolnick, Annette Bowler, Julie Saurbier

### **Second Grade:**

Nancy Corica, Jasmin Nelson, Brooke Rydstrom  
**Second/Third Blend:** Seth Graham, Allison McIntyre

### **Third Grade:**

Maria Santos, Christina Hemphill,

### **Fourth Grade:**

Pedro Nunez, Pete Shelton, Erin Micken, Stephanie Fallini

### **Fifth Grade:**

Jen Temple, Larissa Herzog, Kristen Carter, Maria Schwab

**Music Teacher:** Michelle Summers

**PE Teacher:** Carol Clair

**Media Specialist:** Leah Roberts

### **Supported Education:**

Addy Ramina, Patty Stephens

### **Supported Education Assistants:**

Sara Toledo, Cara Macedo, Lois Clements, Charity Gillihan, Ortencia Castaneda, Julie Roberts, Kristen Stelzenmueller

### **Speech Pathologist:**

Jerod Michael, Mary Becker

**Speech Pathologist EA:** Karen Zink

### **Educational Assistants:**

Ximena Vega, Ana Wright, Elizabeth Scott, Tina Lowrey Evans, Dalen Clark, Hazel Chapple, Rosi Garcia, Juli Kittrell, Tanya Wray, Eugenia Ryder, Christy Reynolds

**School Nurse:** Teri Gallion

**FAN Advocate:** Jamie Neill

**Latino Liaison :** Liz Vargas

**Nutrition Staff:** Kayla Ruvalcaba, Erin Allen, Mary Conchin, Nancy Garcia

**Custodial Staff:** Zach Schulze, Nick Carter

**Front Office Staff:** Ana Wright, Terri Radcliff, Carol Evans

**ELL:** Katy Carrillo, Monica Standen, Keri Jacobi

**Title I Teachers:** Monica Standen, Sara Swedlund

**Dual Immersion Coordinator:** Kinsey Martin

**Student Services:** Tim Burdsall

**School Psychologist:** Alicia Covell

**Assistant Vice Principal:** Julie Stroinski

**Principal:** Anissa Wiseman

### **FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS:**

#### **Bear Creek Office**

**Open 7:30 am to 4:30 pm**

541-355-1400

#### **E-mail Student Absences:**

[bearcreek-absent@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:bearcreek-absent@bend.k12.or.us)

**Bus Information:** <http://bus.bend.k12.or.us>

**FAN:** Jamie Neill 541-355-1483

Assistance with community resources.

#### **School based health clinic at Ensworth**

**Elementary:** 541-355-5690

**Volunteer Application:** [https://](https://volunteer.bend.k12.or.us/)

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**School Delay Information:** 541-323-SNOW

**School Delay in Spanish:** 541-355-0044

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 - 11:50; 11:50-12:10 Recess  
Grade 2/3 12:00 - 12:20; 12:20-12:40 Recess  
Grade 4/5 12:30 - 12:50; 12:50-1:10 Recess

