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Principal's Message:

Dear Bear Creek Families~

This has been a fantastic school year! It is hard to believe that this is our last school newsletter this year.

We send a big congratulations to our fifth grade students who will be moving on to middle school next year. They have been an outstanding group of students and we wish them the best as they continue to grow in their educational experiences.

There is so much to recognize and celebrate here, at Bear Creek

- We have two outstanding staff members who were recognized with the Excellence in Education Award from Mid-Oregon Credit Union. Our Certified representative is Kinsey Martin, Dual Immersion Coordinator and our classified representative is Carol Evans, Office Manager. Both Kinsey and Carol have demonstrated service above self and go above and beyond in their roles here at Bear Creek. We are very proud of them.
- Marathon was a huge success this year. There were many records set. The top male and female runners will be announce June 8th at the Marathon awards assembly. This is a great long standing tradition. Thank you, for all the community support, at this event.
- In half of this school year, our student body has completed 1670 service hours of our 2,560 minimum that we set a goal to reach. This is amazing! We will continue to support our Sparrow, Gemini Long next school year. Green team has helped out with a lot of hours.
- New this year, the fifth grade team created 5th Grade Capstone Projects. Our Dual Immersion 5th graders are also working toward a Seal of Biliteracy. We are so proud that our mission to create future ready and thriving citizens has a new forum for recognizing their accomplishments.

Wednesday, June 21st-No Early Release. Dismissal Time 3:30 pm
 Thursday, June 22nd-Last Day of School 2:00 PM Dismissal for all Elementary Schools

In the fall, we will hold our annual family Barbeque the week prior to school starting. This fun event is when students and families come to Bear Creek to meet their new teacher, see the other students in their class, and drop off school supplies. We will send a welcome back letter to all families the beginning of August with more details.

Have a fun summer, and thank you for your wonderful support~
 Anissa Wiseman
 Principal

Earth Day Quote

“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children”.

~Native American Proverb

Mark Your Calendar!

June 2 Bear Creek Carnival- 5:00 pm PTO

June 8 Marathon Assembly 2:45pm awards

June 9 iPad Roll in Grade 3-5

June 12 PTO Meeting 6:00pm Gym
Bear Creek Countdown
Beach Towels, Blankets and Books

June 13 Chorus Grinch - 5:00 pm BCE Gym
Exercise Day

June 14
Awesome HAT Day

June 15 Seal of Biliteracy 5:00pm @ COCC
Respect Day

June 16 Chorus Grinch- 1:30pm BCE Gym
Jump Up Day 9:30 am
Catch a Glimpse of Next Year

June 19
Rainbow Day

June 20 All School BBQ
Eat Outside Today

June 21 No Early Release - Wednesday 3:30 Dismissal
Everybody Tug While Wearing Kooky Socks

June 22 Last Day of School-2:00pm Dismissal
Keep Bear Creek Spirit Alive

June 23 First Day of Summer Break

Medication Reminder
URGENT!!!!!!

Parents, please remember to pick up any medications that you have at school for your child by the last day of school. All medications that are left after the last day, including inhalers and prescriptions, will be disposed of by the school nurse. We are not able to send medications home with your child. We are not allowed to hold medications for you for the next school year. We get to start all over in the fall!!

Have a wonderful summer!



Ballet Folklorico de Bear Creek is excited to announce that we have been invited to perform at the Deschutes County Fair this summer! Please join us at the fairgrounds on August 5th at 8:00 p.m.

We would also like to Thank McDonald's of Bend for their generous donation of \$750 to help us add to our vestuario. We appreciate your support, McDonald's!



LIBRARY BOOKS

Last day for checking books out this year will be June 7th.

All books will be due June 14th.

-Mrs. Roberts (BCE media mgr)

Report Cards

Your child's report card will be mailed to you June 26. If you do not receive your child's report card please contact our main office.



Our Lost and Found is overflowing. We will display the Lost and Found items on tables in front of the school. Please encourage your student to look for their lost items. We will also walk each class by lost and found two times before the end of the school year.

All items will be donated to a local charity on June 23rd.

DUAL IMMERSION PROGRAM:

Good luck to our "bronze-level" Seal of Biliteracy 5th grade candidates! They are finalizing their applications now, and will complete their bilingual panel interviews on Thursday, June 15th at 5:00pm at COCC.

The panel interview event will be our last DI program Parent Night for the year. All Dual Immersion families are invited to attend this event, to support our 5th grade candidates and to network with other DI families. Invitation coming soon--we hope to see you there!

Join our Dual Immersion community online! For tips and advice, and to stay connected to our bilingual classrooms, special events, and to other DI families, "like" us on Facebook at:
BLS Dual Immersion



BEAR CREEK COUNTDOWN-

We are sending home a special calendar to remind you all of these upcoming activities.

- Each year, We celebrate the end of the year with a great FUN tradition, called the "Bear Creek" countdown. Everyday June 12th thru June 22nd represents a special letter to spell Bear Creek.
- The special dates are as follows 6/12 Beach/Blankets/Books, 6/13 Exercise Day, 6/14 Awesome Hat Day, 6/15 Respect Day (Think about ways you can show respect to others), 6/16 Catch a Glimpse of Next Year (Move Up Day), 6/19 Rainbow Day (Wear as Many Colors as you Can), 6/20 Eat Outside-school BBQ for lunch, 6/21 Everybody Tug While Wearing Kooky Socks, 6/22 Keep Bear Creek Alive-Wear your School Spirit: Rock your BCE Spirit Gear Fresh for Summer.



Updated Addresses, Phone Numbers, and Email Addresses Needed

If you have changed your address or phone number please let our office know. It is very important that we have accurate information in our computer system in case of an emergency. We also need accurate emergency contacts to call in the event we are unable to reach you. As we continue to expand our electronic communications, and the electronic distribution of our school newsletter, we need up to date email addresses for families. Families without an email address can make a request to receive a hard copy of the newsletter. Please contact our office if you have any questions about the information we currently have in our computer system.

Communication Matters

A new national survey [PDF] of U.S. adults released today indicates that a significant percentage of Americans are concerned that exposure to loud noise in leisure settings has harmed or will harm their hearing, and they say that it is also reducing their enjoyment of those settings.

Commissioned by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) for May Is Better Hearing & Speech Month, the survey of more than 1,000 U.S. adults ages 18 and older shows surprisingly consistent results across age groups.



In total, 41% of all adults polled are concerned that past exposure to loud leisure settings may have harmed their hearing—and more than half (51%) worry that future exposure could be harmful. Additionally, more than one third said loud noise has reduced their enjoyment of out-of-home activities.

What to do? Try asking for noise to be turned down, downloading a smartphone sound-level app to monitor noise, and researching the noise levels at destination venues ahead of time (many online business and restaurant review websites provide information on noise level).

<http://www.asha.org/bhsm/US-Adults-Say-Public-Places-Are-Too-Noisy/>

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Tidbit:



As we wind down another school year, it is important to remember that transitioning into summer can be exciting but also challenging for kids. Change can cause sadness and anxiety for everyone, so we are doing our best to make this a positive time to reflect and celebrate. We have a tradition of counting down to summer with special activities and events for the last 2 weeks of school. Look for a schedule in your student's Thursday folder. If your child is starting to struggle with some of these emotions, help them reflect on the beginning of the year and how they felt about a new class and a new teacher, then help them think about how comfortable they feel now. This transition provides a great opportunity to support our students and their social and emotional growth.

PTO CORNER:

Hello Bear Creek Families,

PTO wants to take the time to thank Whole Foods for allowing Bear Creek to be part of their bag donation program. Whole Foods generously donated a little over \$1,400.00 to our PTO fund. Please continue to shop Whole Foods and support other non-profits earn money through the bag donation program.

Our last PTO meeting was very productive, a few of the things discussed are:

1. To hold a Jog-A-Thon in place of a Fall Fundraiser Catalog. This is something completely new, so we will be putting together a planning committee. Please consider being part of the biggest fundraiser for the 2017-2018 school year. Contact bearcreekbearspto@gmail.com for more information in regards to this event. Or join us at our first planning meeting directly following the last PTO meeting of the year, Monday, June 12th.

2. 2017-2018 New Board:

President: Aly Callahan

Vice President: Brenda Berg

Treasurer: Chelle Davis

Secretary: Jamie Neill

Liaison: Elena Hernandez

Box Top: April Hinton

Lastly, to all the parents/staff members that help support every event, you do not need to be a board-member to be involved. Any and all help is welcome.

See you at the last meeting of the year. June 12th from 6-7 pm in the gym.

Thank you for a great 2016-2017 School Year!!!



-PTO

YEARBOOKS ON SALE !!

While supplies last PTO will sell yearbooks until its all SOLD in the front lobby! only \$12



Tip of the month

Don't let your child catch "Summer Learning Loss"

What is Summer Learning Loss?

Children who don't read over the summer vacation risk losing more than two months of reading achievement by fall and can be two years behind their peers by the end of sixth grade. There is a similar loss in mathematical computation.

How to avoid Summer Learning Loss:

Have your child read books at their level. As few as ten books can help maintain skills over the summer!

Read with your child.

Attend programs at the Bend Public Library.

Thrift stores have great book bargains!

Visit a Lunch and Learn site near you.

Use everyday errands as learning opportunities. Count and add quantities, compare prices or even practice simple number recognition as you stand in line.

Check out this great website and app for a math problem each day for any level. (the app is available in English and Spanish). <http://bedtimemath.org>

Look for more ideas coming as the school year wraps up or check out Bend LaPine's Summer Resources: <https://www.bend.k12.or.us/district/organization/summer-resources>