

PAWsitve News

Upcoming Events

12/16-12/20-Dress up days

12/16-Twin Day

12/17-Hat/Crazy Hair Day

12/18-Super Hero Day

12/19-Backwards Day

12/20-Pajama Day

12/16-Winter Concert

Kinder, 1st, and 2nd report at 4:45 and will start performance at 5

3rd, 4th, and 5th will report at 6:00 and will start performance at 6:15

Canned Food Drive going on through December 20th.

It's Cold Weather Time!!

Parents and Guardians,

Please remind your students to dress for the weather. As the temperatures are dropping, it gets pretty cold. As we go outside for recess, unless the weather is not conducive, it is important for students to wear appropriate clothes to keep them dry and warm. If you need help accessing winter clothing please contact the school or FAN.

Testing:

Students in grades 3-5 will have the opportunity to participate in SBAC testing in April and May. We encourage all students to participate in this process to give our educational team critical information about student growth. You can learn more about the importance of participating in state tests in this letter: [Spanish](#) & [English](#)

Please find attached the statewide notices and opt out forms regarding the SBAC.

Statewide Notices: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

Opt-out forms: [English](#) and [Spanish](#) - please note these are only for ELA and Math to opt out of other assessments you must submit a request based on disability or religion.

See Assistant Principal - Julie Stroinski with questions about testing and/or opting out.

Please turn in your opt-out forms to the front office - Terri Radcliff by March 1st.

Weather Delays and Closures:

How to Find Out if Schools are Closed or Delayed:

- **Call our hotline**, which will be updated with weather delay or closure information: English 541-323-7669 or Spanish 541-355-0044.
- **Sign up for BLConnect**, an emergency alert text messaging system. Register at <https://connect.bend.k12.or.us>
- **Like Bend-La Pine Schools on the Facebook Page** at <https://www.facebook.com/BendLaPineSchools>
- **Follow Bend-La Pine Schools on Twitter** at <https://twitter.com/BLPSchools>
- **Tune it to local media.**

How the Decision is Made:

Typically, decisions regarding schedule changes are made in the early morning, before school, when current weather conditions can be assessed. We believe students and families are best served when we are open. Our main concern is the safety of our students and staff. Once a decision has been made, it will be communicated as quickly as possible.

What Does the Information Mean?

School Closure: When schools are closed for the day due to weather or emergency, the school building will not be used. Unless otherwise noted, all evening meetings and activities are cancelled.

Two-Hour Delay: School will start two hours late. Buses will drive slowly, adjusting to conditions and may be delayed.

BLConnect - Bend La Pine Connect This is a text messaging service to communicate alerts of emergencies and severe weather conditions. The registration process takes just a few minutes and can be done at the following website: <http://connect.bend.k12.or.us/>

Reminders:

For 2019-20 School Year:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8 a.m. to 2:30 pm.
- Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Office will start marking students unexcused at 8am after break and making phone calls to repeated tardiness.

Upcoming **Immunization Exclusion Grade1-5 is February 19**

Teacher Visits:

Our teachers love to connect with parents! There are many ways we do this at Bear Creek including Dojo, email, phone calls, and scheduled meetings. We ask that you please be considerate of our teachers' time and avoid popping in before school so our teachers can be sure to have everything ready to support your students during the school day. Parents should be saying goodbye in the car or in our lobby! Students should head to the library, outside, or cafeteria with their coats and backpacks until 7:55! Please contact the office if you have questions.

PTO Corner:

PTO would like to invite you to participate in upcoming events

- Tuesday January 7th Pappy's Fundraiser, all day, remember to bring your flyer
- Tuesday January 7th PTO meeting at 6:00 pm at Pappy's Pizza
- Friday January 17th Movie Night featuring Aladdin at 6:00 pm
- February 3rd -6th PTO will be selling Friendship Grams after school in the lobby for \$1.00.
- Friday February 14th Unicorn Magic Daughter Dance 6:00-8:00 pm

We are also looking for donations of empty baskets to use for our Carnival raffle baskets.

We would like to thank Backporch Coffee Roasters for their support.

If you are interested in volunteering with the PTO or have questions, email us at

bearcreekbearspto@gmail.com

