

## Important Dates

### Meals From the Heartland

Tues, November 7<sup>th</sup> 11:30-3:30 p.m.

### All School Skating Party

Tues, November 7<sup>th</sup> @5-7:00 p.m.

### BC PTO Meeting

Tues, November 14<sup>th</sup> @7:00 p.m.

### 1 hour Early Dismissal Dates

Wed, Nov 1 @ 2:35 p.m.

Wed, Nov 8 @2:35 p.m.

Wed, Nov 15 @2:35 p.m.

Wed, Nov 29 @2:35 p.m.

### 3 hour Early Dismissal

Thurs, November 2<sup>nd</sup> @12:35 p.m.

Thurs, November 16<sup>th</sup> @12:35 p.m.

### No School (Teacher Prof Dev)

Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>

### Think PINK! Cancer Awareness

Wednesday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal Concerts

Monday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> @6:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> @7:15 p.m.

### No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Wed, Thurs, Fri 11/22-11/24.



## BC Phone Numbers

BC Office	278-6228
BC Fax	278-1049
BC KTC	278-6668
BC Nurse	278-6016
Transportation	278-8149
Nutrition	278-0278

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

As the calendar turns to November, we get closer to the end of the first trimester. Our teachers and staff are working to prepare student progress reports and ready materials for parent teacher conferences. Conferences will be held Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Beaver Creek historically has 99% attendance at Parent Teacher conferences, and we expect the same this fall. Conferences are one of the most important methods we have to share your child's progress thus far.

If you have not yet signed up for a conference with your student's teacher, please do so by following the link below to utilize our online scheduling system:

<https://www.schoolbookings.net/code?ecode=ugn7z>

At the conference, parents will receive the student's progress report, which include skills rubrics on critical grade level standards and benchmarks. The rubrics vary by content area, and your child's teacher will be able to explain what the scores mean during the conference. It is important to remember that the rubric scores do not equate letter grades. One premise of standards based grading is meeting the standard, or the skill, described by the standard by the end of the school year. It is appropriate and probable that students will not be achieving the year end standard in November.

## Safety and Security at Beaver Creek

Visitors and guests, including parents, will be asked to present a valid Driver's License **when they visit our building. There will be no exceptions to this request.** All visitors will then be issued a date-sensitive visitor badge containing their identification information that must be worn while on school grounds. Minors that do not have a valid state-issued ID will be allowed to visit, as long as they are accompanied by an adult that has checked in with our procedures. Once you have registered within our electronic sign-in procedure, you should not need to provide an ID each time you visit. However, you will still need to check-in at the office to receive a visitor badge containing your personal information. We recommend always having your Driver's License available should we need to rescan.

Students should not be dropped off at the front entrance or the parent drop off doors before 8:25. We do not have staff members available to supervise students until 8:30. If you need to drop off your child before 8:30, you will need to use KTC.

In the morning, **we expect students to be able to walk to their classroom by themselves.** If you need to visit the classroom, you will need to follow the check in procedures outlined above. If you want to meet with the teacher, we ask that you schedule a meeting in advance, as arrival time is busy for teachers and staff.

Thank you for your support in keeping Beaver Creek a safe, secured environment for student learning.

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## Twinkle, twinkle ...

As we approach the holidays, Project Share is a great opportunity to give to those who need it most. Any family, classroom, business, organization or individual can pick up a **Star Card** and purchase a gift or multiple gifts for a child.

Again this year, each child in the families receiving some additional support, will have their own **Star Card**. Each **Star Card** has the gender and age of a child, as well as some items the child has on their "wish" list. It is suggested that \$30-\$40 be spent on an individual child. More information will be provided with the card as to purchasing of gifts and drop-off of those gifts. More than one Star Card may be requested if you wish to help more than one child.

You can pick up twinkle cards at the Beaver Creek office off of our holiday tree, beginning in mid-November. I will send out an email letting you know when they are available. You can also contact me via email to request to have a **Star Card** sent home with your student.

Monetary donations are also accepted in addition to, or in place of, taking a **Star Card**. You can donate online at: [www.johnstonpartnership.org](http://www.johnstonpartnership.org) or you can mail your donation to Project Share, PO Box 975, Johnston, IA 50131. Make checks payable to *Johnston Partnership* with *Project Share* noted in the memo line. You can also make a donation of a gift card to a local grocery or store which can be dropped off at school with your student and I will send it to Community Education along with our other Project Share gifts.

Project Share is in transition from Johnston Community Education to the Johnston Partnership. For the current giving period, if you have any questions regarding Project Share please call Johnston Community Education at 278-0552, or the Beaver Creek office.



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**Partnership Place**  
Johnston DMARC Food Pantry  
Johnston Clothes Closet

Families of the City of Johnston and Johnston Community Schools can come into Partnership Place during their hours of operation to receive a free Thanksgiving meal package. The meal includes a turkey and side dishes, all to be prepared at home.

Partnership Place is located at 5870 Merle Hay Road, Suite D (west of the Johnston Post Office). Packages are available now during regular hours of operation: Tuesday and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Partnership Place is closed on holidays and Holiday weekends.

Additional resources provided by Johnston Partnership Place include:

\*Johnston DMARC Food Box(es), personal care items and diapers are available once a month.

\*Produce and bread (when available) every day they are open

\*Clothing is available as often as you need (limit 5 items to a person each visit.

Please bring a recent bill showing your current address to show you are a member of the Johnston community and eligible for these services.

### Serving a Critical Role in the Classroom

Are you looking for a career that allows you to pick and choose the days you work, and allows you to work closely with students, helping them to be successful throughout their day? Consider applying to be a **substitute associate** for the Johnston Community School District. If hired, substitute associates have the opportunity to sign up for their preferred schools, and area(s) of preference, such as:

\*Substitute associates have great flexibility, and hours vary from full days to partial days depending on the assignment. Pick and choose when you want to work through our online system.

\*Please contact Dawn Stephens in the Administrative Resource Center at 278-0470 with any questions.

### ----- Electronics -----

There is a growing number of students bringing phones to school, wearing smart watches and activity trackers to school. As stated in our parent student handbook, video games, toys, baseball cards, radios, headphones, cell phones, smart phones, smart watches, iPods/MP3 players, electronic devices such as e-readers, itouch/ipad and other personal items are not appropriate in school as they frequently interrupt the learning environment. Personal property should be left at home unless specifically requested by the classroom teacher. If a parent has given permission for a student to have a phone at school, it is to remain in the student's backpack in silent mode or off until the child is **off school grounds**. Electronic devices may be taken from a student for inappropriate use. The school is not responsible for loss of or damage to personal items.

## Lunchroom Guidelines for Visiting the BC Café!

We love having parents join us at Beaver Creek for lunch. If you plan on eating a school lunch with your child, please notify the office, or send your lunch choice with your student the day you plan to have lunch. Lunch calendars are sent out to our families via email at the beginning of each month, and can also be found on the district website at:

<http://johnston.nutrislice.com/menu/beaver-creek-elementary>

When you join your child for lunch, you will be asked to eat in the cafeteria, at a separate table. Students can invite one friend to join you for your special lunch. We are limiting the number of friends to join parents and students because of students getting feelings hurt when not selected as part of a group and the need to smoothly operate our tight lunch schedule with as few modifications as possible. We appreciate your understanding in following this guideline.

### 2017/2018 Lunch/Recess Schedule:

#### Kindergarten

Recess: 10:40 - 11:00      Lunch: 11:05 – 11:25

#### First Grade

Recess: 11:55 – 12:15      Lunch 12:20 – 12:40

#### Second Grade

Recess: 11:30 – 11:50      Lunch 11:55 – 12:15

#### Third Grade

Recess: 11:05 – 11:25      Lunch 11:30 – 11:50

#### Fourth Grade

Recess: 12:20 – 12:40      Lunch 12:45 – 1:05

#### Fifth Grade

Recess: 12:45 – 1:05      Lunch 1:10 – 1:30



### It's Fall Book Fair Time at Beaver Creek Elementary!

Please visit our Scholastic Book Fair  
"Wild West Book Fair: Saddle Up and Read"

Book fair dates: **November 9<sup>th</sup> - November 16<sup>th</sup>**

Shopping hours:

**\*\*Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**  
**\*\*Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**\*\*Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 6:00 pm**  
**\*\*Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 3:00-6:00 pm**  
**\*\*Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 3:00-6:00 pm**  
**\*\*Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00-8:00 pm**



## School Hours

Elementary school times:  
8:40 – 3:35 p.m.  
Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday, is a one-hour early dismissal at 2:35 p.m.

Buses will operate on a one-hour earlier schedule, and KTC will begin at dismissal.

## Get connected to JCSD!!

There are several ways to get communication about Beaver Creek and the Johnston Community School District. Be sure to check the e-Flyers portion of the Johnston Community School District Website for community organization and activity sign-ups.

Subscribe to e-Flyers and get notifications when new flyers are added. You can find e-flyers at the JCSD website at:

<http://www.johnstoncsd.org/departments/communications/flyer-distribution/>

Also visit us on Facebook and Twitter!!



## F.A.Q

### It's getting cold outside. When do the students go outside for recess, or stay inside for recess?

Brrrrrrrrr ... it's getting cold out and winter is on its way. At Beaver Creek, we plan on outside recess if the wind chill is **5 degrees or above** during recess time. On colder days, the windchill is constantly monitored and outdoor recess is scheduled based on the temperature and conditions. We ask that students be prepared for outside recess each school day. This includes outerwear, hat, mittens or gloves, and boots and snow pants, if there is snow on the ground. Please label all items with your students first and last name.

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