

Important Dates

1 Hour Early Dismissal

Wed, October 4th @ 2:35 p.m.Wed, October 11th @ 2:35 p.m.Wed, October 18th @ 2:35 p.m.Wed, October 25th @ 2:35 p.m.

Think PINK! Cancer Awareness

Friday, October 6th

BCPTO Meeting

Tuesday, October 10th @ 7:00 pm

School Picture Retakes

Thurs, October 12th

Beaver Creek's 20th Birthday

Friday, October 20th

5th Grade Band Concert

Monday, October 23rd @ 6:30 pm

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

School Hours

Elementary school times for the 2015-2016 school year are 8:40 a.m. – 3:35 p.m. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m.

Also, we will have a one-hour early dismissal at 2:35 p.m. every Wednesday.

Ready to GO!

October is a great time of year. We have our routines established at school, the start-of-the-year assessments are done, and everyone is hard at work. As always, our goal is for all students to learn and grow academically and socially every year. Please take the time to review the work coming home with your child and ask them about school. If you notice something that concerns you, have questions or need a clarification, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We want open and thorough communication between home and school. Communication does not need to wait until parent teacher conferences in November.

Regarding communication, if there is something urgent regarding a transportation change or an immediate concern, you are encouraged to call our office at 278-6228, even if you have sent an e-mail message.

Student Absences and Make Up Work

There are times that it is necessary for students to miss school. The main reasons for missing school are due to illness, family emergencies and family trips. Students with a contagious illness should stay home to recuperate. Once the fever and major symptoms (vomiting, diarrhea) have been gone for 24 hours, it is time to send the student back to school. There are also emergency situations that occur that require a student to be gone from school. Please communicate with your child's teacher and the school office when these situations arise. Student illnesses and family emergencies are usually unplanned, and missed assignments are given upon the student's return to school. Absences for these reasons are typically marked as excused absences.

The third reason, and the one where there is typically control, is family trips and vacations. Family trips and vacations during the school year will impact student learning, as much of the teaching that takes place cannot be duplicated away from school. Missed assignments can be sent home, but the collaborative student work, classroom dialogue and hands on experiences cannot be replicated outside of the classroom. Our teachers plan ahead, but make daily adjustments based upon classroom performance by the students. Therefore, our teachers will not be able to provide you with work prior to a family trip. Beaver Creek teachers will work to provide missed assignments, but these will not be provided until after the trip or vacation. If you are planning a trip during the school year or extending a school break by leaving a few days early or staying a few days longer, please consider the impact this will have on your child's learning. Absences for out of town travel and other discretionary reasons, are considered unexcused absences.

It is our belief that students should be at school as much as possible. Our days are tightly scheduled with the required curriculum, and too many missed days will put a student behind. Please contact the principal if you have any questions.

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It's a **GREAT** time
of year!!



Meals From the Heartland Mobile Hunger Fight Returns to Beaver Creek November 7th!

Students at Beaver Creek will have the opportunity to participate in the 3rd **Meals From the Heartland Mobile Hunger Fight** on Tuesday, November 7th. Students and staff are encouraged to bring loose change and monetary donations from Monday, October 16th- Friday, October 27th to raise money to purchase supplies and ingredients to package an estimated 20,000 meals. Any money raised in excess of our goal, will support our At-Risk families in the Johnston Schools.

Look for more information coming via email later this week as well as opportunities to volunteer and assist our students in this exciting event!

THANK YOU JOHNSTON KIWANIS!

In standing with their annual tradition, the Johnston Kiwanis has presented every third grade student in the Johnston school district with a new, age appropriate dictionary. The dictionaries are our gift to the students in the hope that they will learn the power of words and the importance of education and communication.

The Johnston Kiwanis supports a variety of other school and youth programs by providing Johnston Dragon Scholarships to graduating seniors, supporting ChildServe, Miracle League and Special Olympic programs. The Johnston Kiwanis is a local organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world - one child at a time.

For more information, please go to www.kiwanis.org or email d.hudson@mchsi.com





F.A.Q.

My child has a fever, has vomited or has diarrhea. How soon can they come back to school?

As per board policy, when a student gets ill we ask that students not return to school until they are 24 hours free of diarrhea or vomiting, and/or 24 hours fever free without a fever reducer.

Please contact School Nurse, Kristin Farrell with any specific health questions at 278-6016 or 278-6228.

Lost & Found

If you have a missing item, please check the lost and found area when you are in the building. It is located in the hallway between the Gopher (Kindergarten) and Fox (First Grade) communities.

With cold weather approaching (eventually), please make sure to mark your students' items with their name. This includes sweatshirts, outerwear, gym shoes, boots and cold weather accessories.

Smile for the Birdie BC School Picture Retake Day is October 12th

If you wish to have your student get a retake of their school pictures, please return the original picture packet with the student. It will need to be turned in **at the time** the retake is taken by the photographer. Also, if your student was absent when our school pictures were originally taken on Thursday, September 7th, they will need to have their picture taken on **Picture Retake Day, October 12th**.

Happy Birthday Beaver Creek!

The 20th anniversary of our dedication is on October 19th. We will be doing some activities to celebrate this milestone on October 20th. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!**

Cold Weather Reminder

The cold weather is coming quickly and usually sticks around awhile. We will be taking students outside for recess as much as possible. We will have indoor recess if the wind-chill factor is below five degrees or if there is uncomfortable precipitation.

It will be necessary for students to have warm winter clothing, including hats and gloves. Please be sure these are clearly labeled with your child's name so they can be returned if misplaced. Snow pants and boots are necessary for students to go onto the field during recess when snow is on the ground. Students with boots and without snow pants will be allowed on the woodchip area. Students without boots or snow pants will stay on the blacktop.

Students will be expected to go outside for recess each day unless there are individually approved circumstances.

Parent Teacher Conference Information

We are happy to announce that this year we will be utilizing our online scheduling service to schedule the Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences. The conference period is from Thursday, November 9th – Friday, November 17th. This year, teachers have the option to offer morning times, and additional late afternoon conferences, in addition to 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16th.

You will be able to schedule for all of your children at once if you prefer consecutive appointments, as well as schedule to see the related arts, Reading, and Special Ed teachers as needed or applicable.

Please remember the following:

- **Please schedule only **one** conference per student
- **All conferences are only 15 minutes
- **Please use the student's **first and last name** when you schedule

Click on the link below, and follow the simple instructions to set your conference meeting! You will be sent an email confirmation of your schedule for your records.

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

ELP parents who wish to meet with Mrs. Hartman will be contacted separately in a week.

As always, should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at the Beaver Creek office, 278-6228.



Take NOTE!!

The beginning of the year is off to a great start and concerts will be here before we know it. Please mark your calendars for the following concert dates. All concerts will take place in the Beaver Creek Gym.

5th Grade Band Concerts

Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m.

**2/12 Concert combined 5th grade band/vocal concert

General Music Concerts

3rd Grade Monday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m.

4th Grade Monday, November 20th at 7:15 p.m.

5th Grade Monday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m.
(Combined 5th grade band/vocal concert)

1st Grade Monday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m.

2nd Grade Monday, April 16th at 7:15 p.m.

Kindergarten Tuesday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Our Music Staff:

All Kindergarten classes (except Mrs. Evans's class), and Ms. Snow's 1st Grade class, are taught by Mrs. Liz Petersen

Mrs. Evan's Kindergarten class is taught by Mrs. Stoa

1st Grade (except Ms. Snow's class), 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades are taught by Mrs. Cindy Rash

5th Grade Band is taught by Mr. Justin Wells

Our Vocal and Band teachers can be contacted via email at:

Mrs. Cindy Rash crash@johnston.k12.ia.us
 Mrs. Liz Petersen lpetersen@johnston.k12.ia.us
 Mrs. Kelli Stoa kelli.stoa@johnston.k12.ia.us
 Mr. Justin Wells wells@johnston.k12.ia.us

Thank you for your interest and support of the band and music programs at Beaver Creek.



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