

Important Dates

1 Hour Early Dismissal

- Wed, September 6th @2:35 p.m.
- Wed, September 13th @2:35 p.m.
- Wed, September 20th @2:35 p.m.
- Wed, September 27th @2:35 p.m.

Beaver Creek PTO Meeting

Tuesday, September 12th 7:00 p.m. BC-LMC

School Picture Day

Thurs, September 7th

BCPTO Fall Fundraiser

September 11-29th

Think PINK! Cancer Awareness

Wed, September 20th

Johnston Homecoming Week

Mon, Sept 25th – Sat, Sept 30th

Fifth Grade Class Photo

Friday, Sept 29

Fall Fitness Day

Friday, Sept 29th



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

Off to a GREAT start!

We are just two and a half weeks into our new school year, and we are already off to a great start. Our routines have been established, the teachers are working on start of year assessments, and we are getting in to the grade level curriculums.

MAP testing will be for fifth grade students only this fall and will be scheduled for later this month. We are also administering other state required assessments in grades K-5 to give us an initial understanding of student performance and need. MAP and state required assessment results will be shared with families later this fall.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach your children. Please contact the Beaver Creek office with any questions, comments or concerns.

We are talking A LOT about the BC3!

Beaver Creek Elementary uses Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS), which is a set of strategies and systems that increase the capacity of schools to reduce school disruptions and educate all students, including those with problem behaviors. **Our PBIS expectations are called "The BC3": We are respectful. We are responsible. We are safe.**

This year, we will continue the new system for monitoring problem behavior, and for acknowledging expected behavior, that began last year.

Minor/Majors:

We have developed a matrix (that will be shown to students) that outlines what may constitute a minor behavior infraction and what may constitute a major behavior infraction. Information detailing Minor/Major behavior was sent home via email to all families on September 1st. Our hope is that by quickly communicating minor/major infractions with you, we will be able to reteach and reinforce our expectations so kids can use expected behavior to avoid more serious consequences in the future.

Positive Acknowledgments:

In order to implement a PBIS program with integrity, it is imperative that we use a school-wide positive acknowledgment system to teach and reinforce expected behaviors. Our two formal acknowledgement systems this year will be "Beaver Tracks" and "BC3 Awards".

We are really looking forward to the improvements we have made with our PBIS program this year! Please feel free to contact Hillary Barta-Smith, School Counselor, or Anita Douglas, Student Support Facilitator if you have any questions or concerns regarding PBIS.

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We are **OFF** and **RUNNING!**

Dress  for Homecoming 2017!

Monday 9/25 – **Hawaiian Day** – Dress for the tropics in bright colors, fun florals, and leis. Grass skirts optional.

Tuesday 9/26 – **Pajama Day!** You can wear your pj's but no sleeping in class!

Wednesday 9/27 – **Crazy Hair, Hat and Sock Day!**

Thursday 9/28 – **Mismatched Day!** Mix it up for fun!

Friday 9/20 – **Purple and Gold** --Show us your Dragon Pride!

Think PINK for 2017/2018

Breast cancer has touched the lives of nearly everyone at Beaver Creek. Within the Beaver Creek family, there are staff members, spouses, relatives and friends who are, or have, courageously fought this disease. As a salute to these heroes, and in support of their families, the Beaver

Creek staff and students will be wearing **PINK** on Wednesday, September 20th.

Mark your calendar for the 2017/2018 **Think PINK**

Wednesdays:

September 20	October 18
November 15	December 13
January 24	February 21
March 28	April 18
May 23	



How to Communicate a Student Absence

Your student's attendance at school is critical to their success. Please be sure to have students in class by 8:40 a.m. each morning. If your student is not attending for **any reason**, please be sure to notify the Beaver Creek office at 278-6228. Illness related absences can also be called to the Beaver Creek nurse at 278-6016. When leaving a message reporting an absence, please include: the student's name, your name, teacher's name, date of absence and the reason for absence or tardiness.



Book Drive for our Little Free Libraries! Sept 19-20-21

You probably have noticed the Little Free Library that is posted at the main entrance of Beaver Creek. That library box was constructed as a community service project of the Johnston High School National Honor Society. We appreciate and thank them for their generosity.

We also have a Little Free Library located at the Chapel Ridge neighborhood near the Johnston Public library. Both libraries are stocked and serviced by Beaver Creek staff.

We will be collecting new, or gently used books for all ages to stock the libraries on September 19-21. Collection boxes will be set up in the main entrance for you to drop off books.

Johnston CSD

Beaver Creek

We Welcome New Staff to Beaver Creek!

We are lucky to have three new classroom teachers join Beaver Creek this fall. Mrs. Evans, is a Kindergarten teacher who graduated from Simpson College. Miss Blanchard is a 1st Grade teacher, from West Des Moines, who graduated from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Miss Pille is a 4th grade teacher who graduated from the University of Iowa.

We also have Mrs. Perrin who will teach PE for Mrs. Seybert's Kindergarteners. Mrs. Stoa, who was formerly at Beaver Creek, returns to teach Music to Mrs. Evan's Kindergarteners. Welcome!

We have also added the following support staff members: Joe Parrish, Rachel Ervin. Robyn Winner and Bridgette Sebintu who work one-on-one with students in the building.

Finally, a big Beaver Creek welcome to Haley Schmidt, a student teacher from Iowa State University, working with Mrs. Rash.

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

Yikes! I've lost my

Lost and Found is located inside the building in the hallway between the Gopher and Fox communities. If you have a missing item, please check the lost and found area when you are in the building.

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

Next we will hear **Look what I found!**

Everything you ever wanted to know about ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

All doors will be locked throughout the day except the front doors, which will be unlocked between 8:30 and 8:45. Visitors must ring the office to gain access at all other times. The front doors will not be unlocked during dismissal.

Visitors and guests, including parents, will be asked to present a valid Driver's License each time they visit our building. There will be **no exceptions** to this request. While in the building all visitors must wear a visitor badge. Students should not be dropped off at the front entrance or the parent drop off doors before 8:30. 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. **Parents who wish to escort students to their classroom, must stop first in the Beaver Creek office to get a visitor badge. If you need to visit the classroom, you will need to follow the check in procedures outlined above.**

Bus arrival and drop off is at the east side of the building, and parent drop off and pick up is at the main entrance off the front parking lot, just like last year.

Because of the space needed for bus drop off and pick up, there will be no parking in the parking spaces on the east side of the building.

Students who are riding the bus will exit on the east side of the building. Grades Kindergarten, 1 and 2 will exit through their community door to the bus lane. Grades 3, 4 and 5 will exit through door # 15. As in years past, at dismissal time, buses will be called over the PA system, and students will be allowed to move to the bus dismissal area.

We will also dismiss students to parent pick up, and dismiss walkers and riders to use one of the supervised exit points (Door 9 near Deer Community exit and Door 3 KTC/Cafeteria exit).

More supervision will be required during arrival and dismissal, due to additional walkers and bikers. Our staff will be posted at all entrances and exits, to ensure students move safely to their destination. Families who wish to meet their child at the door can wait outside for students to be dismissed. Parents will not be allowed to meet students at their classroom without first checking in at the main office and obtaining a visitor badge. **There will be no exception to this rule.**

Bag Tags

Bag Tags were included in your Parent Pick Up Card Envelope that was available at Meet the Teacher. Be sure your student has their number tag secured on their back pack. It helps us to identify students as numbers are called, and helps your child remember their number when waiting after school for pick up.

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