



# Beaver Creek PTO Parent Teacher Organization

Beaver Creek Elementary, Johnston, Iowa  
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## Attention Parents— Pictures Needed for the Yearbook



The Yearbook committee is in need of pictures for the 2017-2018 Yearbook!

Please keep us in mind as you attend the various parties, field trips and performances during the busy winter months. We would love to receive any pictures you may take! All photos are appreciated, although group shots are preferred.

Please send your medium to high resolution photos to: Sara Hentscher at [sarahentscher@mchsi.com](mailto:sarahentscher@mchsi.com)

Thank you to all who have already submitted photos!

Sara Hentscher  
BC PTO Yearbook Chair

## Fifth Grade Fun— Mark Your Calendar!

The school year is passing quickly and before you know it we will be preparing to send our fifth grade students to Summit. Plans are already underway for a fantastic celebration! The annual event at Hidden Acres in Dayton, IA will take place on May 17, 2018.

The fifth graders will also be attending Biz Town on April 19, 2018. This one of a kind field trip allows the students to participate in the life of a real town, learning about jobs, financial responsibility and much more.

Parents of fifth graders will receive more information on these programs in January. We'd love to have a few more parents join our committee. Let me know if you are interested! Email: [toni\\_v\\_white@yahoo.com](mailto:toni_v_white@yahoo.com)

Thanks!  
Toni White  
BCPTO Fifth Grade Celebration Chair

### Calendar of Events: January 2018

- 1-2 No School—Winter Break
- 9 PTO Meeting—7pm @ BCE Library
- 15 No School—Staff Professional Development Day
- 23 Beaver Creek Elementary Night @ JHS Basketball Game
- 24 Think Pink Day @ BCE

### Calendar of Events: February 2018

- 12 5th Grade Band & Vocal Concert—6:30PM @ BCE
- 13 Joint Elementary PTO Meeting—7pm @ Timber Ridge
- 19 No School—Staff Professional Development Day
- 21 Think Pink Day @ BCE
- 27 BC All School Skating Party @ Skate North

## AmazonSmile

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## Teacher Wish List

Thank you to those that have contributed to teacher wish lists this year. Don't forget to shop post holiday sales for items teachers are needing.

Many teachers want indoor recess games, office supplies, and lysol wipes. Don't forget the art, music, PE and nursing departments in addition to your child's classroom.

Keep up the great contributions!

They are greatly appreciated but please directly bring the item to school or have your child deliver the item to the teacher.

A special thanks to Allen Hentscher for creating a link to view all of the lists on our Beaver Creek PTO website!

Thanks for helping the school!

BC PTO Wishlist committee

### Link to Classroom Wish Lists:

<http://bcpto.org/wishlist/wishlist.html>

## BC Market is Open

# BEAVER CREEK SPIRITWEAR



The Beaver Creek PTO offers you the coolest Johnston spirit wear and items can be customized just the way you and your kids want it.

There is a minimum of a 3 week turnaround.

The Bling Factory handles all orders online and you can order year-round. If you prefer to pick your order up yourself in the school office or at our store, please be sure to click the appropriate selections at check out so that we handle your order accordingly.

<http://www.theblingfactoryllc.com/beaver-creek-elementary>

Thank you!

Alicia Huguelet

BC Market Committee Chair

## Time for an Update!

The Beaver Creek PTO is looking for a few detail orientated parents to go through the PTO Bylaws.

This hasn't been done in several years and we want to make sure we have pertinent guidelines.

We will meet Tuesday, January 23th, from 9:30-11:00am.

Please email me at [bcpto.vicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:bcpto.vicepresident@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Thank you!

Nicole Rourke

BCPTO Vice President



## Save the Date for the 2018 Spring Run/Walkathon



Save the Date for the 2018 Beaver Creek Elementary Spring Run/Walkathon!

Thursday, April 19th, 2018

Rain date: Friday April 20th, 2018

More information to come!

Thanks!

Kristy Houghton

BCPTO Fundraising Chair

# Thank you to our Dedicated Volunteers!

- Thank you to the SIXTY SEVEN parents who donated wonderful cookies and treats to our annual Beaver Creek PTO Cookie Walk for teachers and staff!
- Thank you also to Staff Appreciation Chair, Ann Hanson (and her preschool daughter!) who put in the extra work to make sure the room was set-up and cleaned up for the cookie walk. This event is a very special way we get to thank the team of professionals that serve our students.
- Thank you to all of the homeroom parents and classroom volunteers who created such fun Winter Celebration parties for our students. Your time and effort during the busy holiday season is much appreciated.
- Thank you to Sara Hentscher for the work she's already put into the 2017-2018 BC Yearbook.
- Thank you to Allen Hentscher for his 4.5 years of service as the PTO Website Chair. Welcome and thank you to Jeremy Williams who will take over as the Website Chair. We look forward to working with you and thank you, in advance, for your volunteer service!
- Thank you to Mr. Toot and Mrs. Sparland for being our partners and supporting our communications, meetings and events throughout the school year.
- Thank you to Amanda Cheese for her dedicated work on our newsletter each and every month.
- Thank you to Sara Lahey for taking care of PTO finances!
- Thank you to Nicole Rourke for providing great support and great ideas for BCPTO!

## President's Corner

Happy New Year to you! I hope you and your family enjoyed the winter break. While it can be a busy time of year for many, it is refreshing to change our pace a bit. I hope you were able to enjoy some extra time with those you love or doing something you love!

And so we begin the second half of this school year! PTO Committees are working on the spring book fair, putting final touches on the 17-18 yearbook, continuing to count Box Tops, February skating party, promoting teacher Wish Lists, April 5K and 5th Grade Celebration Event.

We are also already planning for next year and are eager to bring new volunteers on board to assist us in making sure PTO is able to continue to do our important work at Beaver Creek. Please consider reaching out to learn more about some of our roles - if everyone does a little - no one has to do a lot! Please also join us on Tuesday, January 9th at 7p.m. in the BC Library for our next monthly meeting. Meetings typically last one hour and we understand if you are a little late, or have to leave a little early. Valuable information is shared, and the welcoming environment is a great place for parents, caregivers, teachers and staff to come and share an idea or concern.

Reach out to me with any questions. Thank you for reading our newsletter!

*Carolyn Miner*  
2017-2018 BC PTO President  
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