



Beaver Creek PTO Parent Teacher Organization

Beaver Creek Elementary, Johnston, Iowa
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BC PTO Fall Fundraiser

The Beaver Creek PTO Fall Fundraiser kicks off Monday, Sept. 11 through Friday, Sept. 29, 2017! This is YOUR chance to support our school, teachers, and students through funds that enhance annual programs and big projects.

The indoor rock wall in the gymnasium, collaborative POD furniture throughout the school, and the Beaver Creek book room are all items that have been purchased through the generosity of the parents from PTO.

We aspire to raise \$25,000 in our Fall campaign. We have 640 students in Beaver Creek Elementary, and this equates out to \$40 per student.

The PTO cannot do this without you!

Please consider your donation online at www.bcpto.org and click on the DONATE tab.

Thanks for your support and generosity!

Kristy Houghton

BCPTO Fundraising Chair



Calendar of Events: September 2017

- 4 No School—Labor Day
- 7 Fall School Picture Day @ BCE
- 7 Elementary ELP Night—7pm @ BCE
- 12 PTO Meeting—7pm @ BCE Library
- 24 Johnston Makers Day—1pm to 4pm @ Johnston Library/Simpson Barn
- 25 Johnston Homecoming Dress Up Day @ BCE—Hawaiian Day
- 26 Johnston Homecoming Dress Up Day @ BCE—Pajama Day
- 27 Johnston Homecoming Dress Up Day @ BCE—Crazy Hair/Hat/Socks
- 28 Johnston Homecoming Dress Up Day @ BCE—Mismatched
- 28 Johnston Homecoming Parade—6pm @ Pioneer Parkway
- 29 Johnston Homecoming Dress Up Day @ BCE—Johnston Spirit Wear

Calendar of Events: October 2017

- 10 PTO Meeting—7pm @ BCE Library
- 12 Fall School Picture Re-take Day @ BCE
- 23 5th Grade Band Concert @ BCE 6:30pm

Looking for Johnston Dragons Spirit Wear



The new school year brings many opportunities for students to show their Johnston High School Purple and Gold school spirit! Do you have any gently used Johnston apparel that might fit our Beaver Creek students?

Thanks for checking your kids' closets!

Donated items can be dropped off to Mrs. Farrell, our school nurse.

Go Dragons!

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

Homecoming Dress Up Days



2017 Johnston Homecoming Week will be Monday, September 25th to Friday, September 29th.

Celebrate the week by dressing up as follows:

- Monday, September 25th—Hawaiian Day
- Tuesday, September 26th—Pajama Day
- Wednesday, September 27th—Crazy Hair/Hat/Socks Day
- Thursday, September 28th—Mismatched Day
- Friday, September 29th—Johnston Spirit Wear Day

Go Dragons!

Mackenzie Thompson

BC Homecoming Committee Chair

Do you have suggestions or comments for future PTO newsletters? Please contact:

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Teacher & Staff Appreciation Breakfast



The Staff Appreciation committee got off to a great start this year! We hosted a back to school breakfast for around 100

Beaver Creek teachers, staff and administrators. Breakfast consisted of Panera bagels and cream cheese, fresh fruit, coffee and juice. It was great to see so many smiling faces and welcome both returning and new staff to the building! I will be sending out a sign up for suggestions and help with the staff dinner that we host during fall conferences. If you have not already signed up to be on the committee and would like to get involved, please let me know and I'll add you to the list!

My email is annhanson1@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Ann Hanson

Staff Appreciation Committee Chair

Box Tops for Education



BoxTops for Education's Race for Recess begins now! The BoxTops program has paid Beaver Creek Elementary nearly \$30,000 since we began our participation. That's a lot of BoxTops and a lot of money for our school to fund special projects. Please collect unexpired BoxTops and send them in to the school with your child. Collection sheets will go out with children soon. Fill out a sheet checking to be certain none of the BoxTops are expired or send a baggie filled with them. The grades will compete to earn an extra recess for their grade. Last year, 5th and 3rd graders won the contest. Good luck to all students! Our deadline is October 15th, but early submissions are important. Ask neighbors, grandparents, co-workers, and other family members to collect for your child as well. Let's all work together to earn BoxTops cash for Beaver Creek!

As PTO members, what else can you do to help? Attend one of the counting parties. This is an easy way to get the submission ready to go and support the program. Contact me at cherylkaya@yahoo.com for details.

Thank you for your BoxTops!

Cheryl Armitage

BoxTops Committee Chair



Thank you to our Dedicated Volunteers!

- Thank you to the leadership team of Nicole Rourke (VP), Sara Lahey (Treasurer) and Amanda Cheese (Secretary), for all you've been working on to get the new year kicked off!
- Thank you to this year's PTO Committee Chairs! Many of you have already put time and energy into this year's activities.
- Thank you to every Committee Chair who has helped in the past and returned to lead again! Our school is lucky to have YOU!
- Thank you to the Committee Chairs who said yes to taking a leadership position for the first time. We are grateful to you and excited to see the new ideas you bring to our PTO.
- Thank you to Abby Hawes and the School Supply Committee! This service is appreciated by many families and we could not do it without your organization.
- Thank you, Ann Hanson, Staff Appreciation Chair, for the back to school breakfast for our teachers and staff. You've been actively involved in PTO in the past, and we thank you for giving your time again!
- Thank you to Allen Hentscher for your continued attention to our website, and willingness to make edits and changes.
- Thank you, Terri Morgan, for making sure all parents who donated this past year received a receipt of their donation for tax exempt purposes!
- Thank you to Amanda Cheese for coordinating and publishing our monthly newsletter (year, after year, after year!)
- Thank you to Kristy Houghton for taking on the challenge of designing a new fall fundraising approach. We are fortunate to have such an invested volunteer to give her time to this undertaking.
- Thank you to Karmen Gano for leading our Picture Days again this year! Your efforts help our students look their very best!
- We would like to send a HUGE thank you to the parents who helped process the HUGE order of classroom books. We appreciate you donating your time Karen Yuska, Brooke Stewart, Jennie Anderson, Brittani Dudley, Erin Grider, Mandy Dummermuth, Rachel Andrews, Pragnya Yoge, Alan Hentscher, Kristy Houghton, Lindy Shaw, Sara Lahey, Becky Smith, Carolyn Miner, Abby Hawes, and Ashley Brown. The teachers are looking forward to using the new books!

President's Corner

Here we are again~ the start of another school year. The Beaver Creek PTO welcomes returning and new families!

My name is Carolyn Miner and I am the 2017-2018 Beaver Creek Elementary PTO President. I currently have a 2nd grader and 5th grader at Beaver Creek, and a 7th grader at Summit Middle School. I look forward to serving our school in this capacity this school year and welcome you to reach out with questions or ideas at any time. Our active PTO has a history of supporting Beaver Creek teachers, staff and students by sponsoring fun and educational events.

Another way our PTO supports the success of Beaver Creek Elementary is by giving our time and talents. There are many different ways to participate - volunteering in classrooms, working a shift at our book fair, organizing and attending fun family events and even serving behind the scenes, working from home. If you have one or 100 hours to give, there is a place for you in our PTO.

If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on Facebook at Beaver Creek PTO-Johnston and check out updates at www.bcpto.org

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. for our first monthly meeting in the BCE Library. We understand many cannot attend the monthly meetings, so be sure to read the minutes posted on our website, and look for other ways to be a part of our great school.

Best wishes to you and your family for a great school year! I hope I have the opportunity to meet many of you this year.

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