HELLO FROM BEAVER CREEK!

Connecting with BC Families 12/06/2021 thru 12/10/2021!

What "NUMBER" Day of the Week Is It?

As you are aware, we have a 6-Day rotation for Related Arts scheduling. Each week, I will post in this newsletter the "number day" for the upcoming several weeks.

Monday, December 6: Tuesday, December 7: Wednesday, December 9: Friday, December 9: Friday, December 10: Monday, December 13: Tuesday, December 14: Wednesday, December 15: Thursday, December 16: Friday, December 17:

Note: EVERY Wednesday is a one hour early out at 2:35 p.m.

Happy Birthday Beaver Creek Students and Staff!

12/5 Kole G.
12/5 Norah R.
12/5 Oliver J.
12/5 Annabelle C.
12/5 William G.
12/6 Lydia F.
12/6 Akeelma B.
12/7 Kendal B.
12/7 Serenidy S.
12/8 Roman P.
12/9 Amelia M.
12/9 Sami G.

12/10 Sukhmun C. 12/10 Prince W. 12/11 Crew F.

I hope you all have great birthdays!

Save the Date - BCPTO Meeting on Tuesday, December 14th!

Please join us for the December PTO Meeting via Zoom!

Topic: BCPTO December 2021 meeting Time: Dec 14, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time(US and Canada)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82010535544?pwd=dDJHdjRtWW01MW9VUkt2N1A0ejRYZz09

Johnston Gives Holiday Share Program

Gift joy to families in need through our Johnston Gives program. The Johnston Partnership, in cooperation with the Johnston Community School District, provides a gift card for households with school aged kids who see more hardship than joy at the holiday season. Last year, we helped over 300 students, and this year we anticipate will be the same or more.

\$50 helps sponsor one child, but any dollar amount is helpful. With your monetary gift, please consider giving a reading or coloring book of your choice, spreading more holiday delight. To donate go to <u>www.johnstonpartnership.org</u>.



Please be Proactive to Avoid Lost and Found

As the weather changes, students are beginning to wear cold weather items and outerwear. Please label all items with **first and last name or first initial and last name.**

If you have a missing item, ask your student to please check the lost and found area. Labeled items help us to identify misplaced items and return them to their owner.



Reminder About Outdoor Recess

Now that the weather is turning colder, you might wonder what the guidelines are for outside recess. During the wintertime, we use the local weather service report, and students are not permitted to go outside for recess if the WIND CHILL INDEX drops to 5 degrees Fahrenheit or below, or excessive weather conditions.



Winter Break is Coming!

Winter break is scheduled from December 23rd thru January 2nd. School will resume on Monday, January 3rd. Should your students be leaving early for break or returning late from break, please email me so I can document the attendance record with your plans.

During the winter break, the Beaver Creek office will be closed.

NEW Dragon Drive Requests!

We will post "Wish List" items in the newsletter our teachers have identified that they need for the classroom -- we are calling it DRAGON DRIVE! If you can donate, great! It is completely voluntary! Donations can be sent with students and dropped off in the **main office**. I will take care of distributing to classrooms! Thank you to all who have already contributed! It is MUCH appreciated!

Hot Chocolate in individual packets (this is a school wide ask) Disposable cups with lids (for the cocoa above 8-12 ounce preferred)

If you Plan to Volunteer in the Future - DO THIS NOW!

If you would like to participate on a Field Trip or in a classroom in the future, you must have submitted and passed the district required background check. Plan ahead! Although it is easy and fast to complete, it does take a few days to process. Follow this link to submit yours now! <u>https://bib.com/secure-volunteer/JOHNSTON-COMMUNITY-SCHOOL-DISTRICT/home</u>

For those that may have completed the check prior to CoVid shutdown, please email me if you are wondering if your clearance is still active. Lam happy to check my master list and respond with your

Need To Pick Up Your Student Early?

If you need to pick up your student early for an appointment or for any reason, please notify both myself and the classroom teacher so that we can make sure they are ready to go when you arrive. At the end of the day, we ask that all early dismissals pick up by 3:15/3:20 p.m. (2:15/2:20 p.m. on Wednesday early out) so that they do not interfere with our regular dismissal which is in process.

Thank you in advance for your help with these communications!

CoVid Notification Clarification

As a point of clarification, we are sending **grade level CoVid Notification emails each time we are made aware of a positive case in a given grade**. The notification is provided at the grade level for two reasons 1) students are together as a grade level during lunch and recess which are periods when the majority of students are maskless, and 2) we follow FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) guidelines which do not allow the school to provide exact exposure information. The notification statement is provided by the district and follows the guidance of Iowa Department of Public Health. We also provide an attachment from Polk County Health, which more closely follows the CDC guidelines, so that parents have the complete picture of available guidance as we navigate the pandemic.

JCSD Non-Discrimination Statement

It is the policy of the Johnston Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices.

There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Associate Superintendent, Dr. Nikki Roorda, 6510 NW 62nd Ave, Johnston, Iowa 50131, (515) 278-0470, <u>nikki.roorda@johnston.k12.ia.us</u>.



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