



Cub Reporter

September 2011



■ Back-to-School Dance: September 9

“Show Your Team Spirit” and Dance!

Celebrate going back to school at the School Dance on September 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Bear Den (cafeteria). We need volunteers to sell tickets, take tickets, decorate, clean up, and work the concession. **Contact Yesenia Cantu-Madrigal, yeseniacantu@msn.com, and Cathy Hutchens, cathy_hutch@hotmail.com.**

Find us on Facebook and request your favorite dance song!

■ Fundraising Opportunities

From box tops to candy bars, fundraisers make our school sweeter

Last year, PTA fundraising helped offset the cost of field trip buses and provided classroom and science lab supplies. We hope to continue this same direction. Below are some opportunities for individuals and businesses. Contact **Lilly Monson, lillymonson@gmail.com**, if you have questions, suggestions, or a desire to help!

Chocolate bar sales. Our first fundraiser, coming in September, is World's Finest Chocolate Bars. Watch the PTA web site for more info.

Ad space for sale in Campus Directory. Advertise your business and support Bear Creek! Place an ad in the 2011-2012 Campus Connection Directory. Ad space is available in several sizes and price ranges. **Contact Erin Patterson, 817-797-1242, epatterson752@gmail.com.**

Box Tops. Please be on the lookout for information regarding Bear Creek's Box Tops collection program. Last year was great and with everyone's support we are hoping to make this year even better! **Contact Megan Sullivan, mfsullivan1203@gmail.com.**

Spirit Bracelets. Show your school pride by wearing a blue Bear Creek Spirit Bracelet. They'll be for sale at the school dance and on Fridays during September. Buy one for \$2 or two for \$3.

Future fundraising activities. Also in the works are family skate nights at Skate Town, Entertainment Passbooks, and family nights at restaurants like Chick-Fil-A. We'll also provide opportunities for you to give donations in lieu of participating in each fundraiser. More details to come!

■ Get in the Game! Join PTA

PTA dues: \$8.00.

Being as involved as you want: Priceless.

Pick up a PTA envelope in the front office. Your dues help enrich your child's school experience. You can volunteer, but it's not mandatory. Members vote on the local budget, have input on policy issues affecting all Texas children, and get discounts on travel and fun. **We encourage all adult family members to join (Dads, Moms, and Grandparents).**

Get in the game and support the Bear Creek winning team!

Fall Calendar

September 2011

- 5 Labor Day. No school.
- 9 School Dance, 7-9 p.m.
- 13 Executive Board Meeting, 7 a.m.
- 21-22 Early release, 11:45 a.m.
- 29 General Meeting and Third Grade Program, 6:45 p.m.

October 2011

- 3 Fire Prevention Week
- 10 Student holiday. No school.
- 11 Executive Board Meeting, 7 a.m.
- 24 Red Ribbon Week
- 28 Trunk or Treat, 7-9 p.m.
- 31 First Box Tops Deadline

November 2011

- 5 Fall Festival, 3-6 p.m.
- 8 Executive Board Meeting, 7 a.m.
- 17 General Meeting and First Grade Program, 6:45 p.m.
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Holiday. No school.

■ Notes from PTA Leaders

Weaver's Word

PTA President Ellen Weaver
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Hello! My name is Ellen Weaver, and I am the 2011-2012 PTA President. I have two daughters at BCE and I also work full time at Carter BloodCare as a Project Manager. We have a great PTA leadership team this year, and I'm excited about introducing them. You'll find a list of these parent and teacher volunteers in your PTA welcome packet. Also in this packet, you'll find a letter explaining a little more about the PTA, why it's important, and how it helps to ensure an exciting and successful year for our kids.

This year's PTA theme is **TEAM UP with PTA**, and we need you, your friends, and your family on our team! Volunteer time is always welcome, but it's never mandatory. Support through attendance at our functions is greatly appreciated. We are excited to start the year with our first PTA event, the annual Back to School Dance on September 9 from 7-9 p.m. Please save the date and check the calendar for other upcoming events!

Moose's Message

Principal Brooke Moose
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Welcome back to another exceptional year at Bear Creek Elementary School. We hope you had a fun and relaxing summer with your children. The Bear Creek staff has been busy all summer attending various training opportunities, and we have spent many hours planning new and exciting activities for your children this year.

Please remember **school begins at 7:45 a.m.**, and we need everyone here on time each day with a full stomach and a smile on their face! Children who are late will go directly to their class. If your child arrives earlier than 7:45, we request that he/she go either to the gym (grades 3-5) or the cafeteria (grades K-2) where they will be supervised by Bear Creek staff. Please do not send your children to school earlier than 7:15 a.m., because there will not be anyone on duty until that time. Children will be escorted to their classes by grade level teachers each morning at the appropriate time.

We will have **two early release days for K-5 on Wednesday, September 21, and Thursday, September 22**. The teachers will be evaluating the students' skills and needs. **Curriculum Nights** are Aug. 30 and Sept. 1. The teachers share important information so please attend these meetings.

Please remember the **traffic flow pattern**. Pick up for Kindergarteners and their siblings will be in the bus circle. Pick up for first through fifth grades will be in the main drive through. Thank you for following the traffic guidelines. **Please do not use cell phones while in the drive through lane**. We want to keep Bear Creek a safe place for everyone. Let's have a great year.

■ Volunteers Needed

Lend a Paw!

Background Checks.

Volunteer interest forms will be sent home September 5. You'll need to complete a Volunteer Background Check Application at www.gcisd-k12.org under "For Parents and Students." You must reapply each year.

Contact Valerie Kacmarcik, 817-685-1122, valkac-bcepta@sbcglobal.net.

Home Room Parents.

Sign-ups will be available at Curriculum Night. If you would like to be a Home Room Parent (or assistant), please **contact Valerie Kacmarcik (info above)**.

DADS Club.

More than 100 DADS, Step-DADS, and Grand-DADS volunteer their time at school events and model the kind of behavior that we want our children to demonstrate in their school, community, and world. **Contact Jeff Jennings, Jeff.Jennings@acs-inc.com.**

Volunteer Safety Patrol.

Fifth graders are eligible to participate in the Volunteer Safety Patrol. A reminder to everyone: Use the crosswalks! **Contact Cathy Woods, actwoods@sbcglobal.net.**

Teacher Appreciation.

We're planning monthly treats for the teachers and staff. **Contact Jennifer Stark, randjstark@yahoo.com, 817-354-2244.**

"Pick a Wish" Flower Pot.

Watch the school entry hall for the teachers' "Pick A Wish" flower pot — and help provide needs and wants for the classrooms. **Contact Tammy Richardson, moht2@hotmail.com.**

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