

## Important Dates

### School Resumes

Tuesday, January 3rd

### 1 Hour Early Dismissal

Wednesday, Jan 4th @2:35 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan 11th @2:35 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan 18th @2:35 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan 25th @2:35 p.m.

### No School Day

Monday, January 16th

### PTO Meeting in BC LMC

Tues, January 10th @7:00 p.m.

### Think PINK! Cancer Awareness

Wed, January 25th

### Iowa Assessments Testing

Mon, Jan 30th – Friday, Feb 3rd

### Johnston Purple Party

Saturday, February 4th @JHS



## 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

## School Hours

Elementary school times are 8:40 a.m. – 3:35 p.m. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. Every Wednesday, there is a 1-hour early release at 12:35 p.m. Buses will operate on a one hour earlier schedule, and KTC will begin at dismissal.

## Welcome to 2017!

January is a great month at school. Students should be refreshed from our winter break and ready to learn. The cold weather outside makes this a good time to be inside learning. Our return from winter break means we are in the second half of the school year, and we will be assessing students to make sure we are on target to reach year end expectations. We look forward to a busy and productive month at school.

Winter is usually cold and flu season at school. When children are sick, they need to stay home and rest. Our parent/student handbook, page 15, has guidelines to help families determine when a child should miss school due to illness. The handbook can be found at this link: <http://www.johnstoncsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-17-Handbook.pdf>

With this stated, please remember it is important that all students attend school as much as possible. While the work missed can be made up, the missed learning experiences cannot be duplicated. Discretionary absences (vacations, appointments, etc) should be kept to a minimum to maximize learning opportunities for students.

## Calling all Kindergarteners!

An exciting time for your family is approaching – the JCSD kindergarten and developmental kindergarten registration is now OPEN!

We are registering our incoming kindergartners online. The kindergarten online registration link is available now at the link below:

<http://www.johnstoncsd.org/district/school-registration/>.

Online re-enrollment for **existing JCSD students** will take place in the spring; watch the district website and your email for details.

If you have questions regarding kindergarten or developmental kindergarten registration, please contact Liz Sullivan, our district enrollment specialist, at (515) 278-0470 or by emailing [enrollment@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:enrollment@johnston.k12.ia.us).

Kindergarten visits for incoming Kindergarten students and their parents are scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd at 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Please call the Beaver Creek office, at 278-6228, with any questions.

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## General Dismissal Reminders

All students who are riding the bus will exit through the east doors of the building when their bus route number is called at dismissal. Students who are parent pick up car riders will exit out the main entrance. Families who wish to meet their child at the door must use either the parent pick up door (main entrance), Door 3 (KTC/Gym door) or Door 9 (north door by the playground). We will have employees stationed at each of the exit doors to supervise students and keep our dismissal moving smoothly.

If you prefer to walk up to get your child, as directed at the beginning of the school year, you will be asked to park in our lot and wait outside the building. With the colder temperatures, stay in your car until 3:35 p.m. and advance to the front call zone as the students are dismissed. We ask that you show your pink pick up number as you wait, to help our supervisors quickly dismiss your child. I think everyone has experienced how quickly our supervisors are able to dismiss the students. We will not allow parents to wait in the vestibule, and our supervisors will not grant access to the building to ensure the security and safety of the students.

Parent pick-up numbers were distributed to families during Meet-the-Teacher in August. If you need an additional or replacement parent pick-up card, please contact the Beaver Creek office.

Please use extreme caution crossing the front driveway if parking in the main parking lot and walking over to meet children.

Should you need to make a change to your student's dismissal plan, please contact your teacher and the main office via email or phone. We understand sometimes a change needs to be communicated during the school day, and appreciate as much lead time as possible so we can make sure your student is dismissed for pickup on time.

## Iowa Assessment Testing

The 2017 Iowa Assessments will be administered to students in third through fifth grades from Monday, January 30th through Friday, February 3rd .

The Iowa Assessments are a standardized achievement test. These tests will be administered to students as a general measure of academic achievement. Portions of the test will be given each school day at Beaver Creek throughout the testing period.

The Iowa Assessments were initially designed to give schools trend data. Here in Johnston, it allows us to evaluate the academic achievement and growth of our students to determine how they are performing on the state curriculum as described in the Iowa Core. As a school district, the results are used to evaluate the effectiveness of our curriculum and instructional practices and to assist us in finding ways to improve the educational experience for our students. Individual student reports are available from The Iowa Assessments and will be shared with families when the results are received. Results generally arrive a month to six weeks following testing. As with any assessment, The Iowa Assessments provides educators and parents information about students' academic performance.

**Please make every effort to have your child in attendance and to school on time during testing days.** As much as possible, we will test first thing in the mornings. We are required to have students make up tests missed. Make up tests will be given February 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>. Students will miss instructional time to complete makeup tests. During the testing period, families can be of additional help by making sure students get proper rest and nutrition. Thank you for providing positive support and encouragement at home.

Please contact the school office or your child's teacher if you have any questions.

## Upcoming Dates for February

February 4th	Johnston Purple Party Fundraiser JHS 3:30-7:30 p.m.
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Band & Vocal Concert Beaver Creek Cafeteria/Gym 6:30 p.m.
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Beaver Creek LMC 7:00 p.m.
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day Parties Classrooms
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	No School Day Professional Development
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Think PINK Day at Beaver Creek

## BC3 is the way to BE!



## Lunch Time

We love having parents join us at Beaver Creek for lunch. If you plan on eating a school lunch with your child, please notify the office, or send your lunch choice with your student the day you plan to have lunch. Lunch calendars are sent out to our families via email at the beginning of each month, and can also be found on the JCSD website at [www.johnston.k12.ia.us](http://www.johnston.k12.ia.us)--click on the parent tab, then "menu/child nutrition". An adult lunch costs \$3.50. You can charge your lunch to your student's lunch account if there are funds available, or you can pay cash with exact change.

You will be asked to eat in the cafeteria, at a separate table. Students can invite one friend to join you for your special lunch. We are limiting the number of friends to join parents and students because of students getting feelings hurt when not selected as part of a group and the need to smoothly operate our tight lunch schedule with as few modifications as possible. We appreciate your understanding in following this new guideline.

## Get Your Beaver Creek 2016/17 Yearbook!

It's not too late to get your Beaver Creek 2016/2017 yearbook!

Order forms were sent home with all students at the beginning of the school year. If you need another one, please contact the BC office.

If you are unsure if you already ordered one, simply call or email me at [jparland@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:jparland@johnston.k12.ia.us) and I can easily check for you.

Payment can be made via cash, check payable to Beaver Creek PTO, or online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com). Use Yearbook ID Code: 9839817

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## Fun Ways to Practice Math Facts!

Play games with your child to reinforce number sense. Try Racko by Hasbro, this game involves putting numbered cards in order from greatest to least. Yahtzee is perfect for working on multiplication facts and reinforcing addition skills. There are many fun card and dice games that use math skills.

Your child is expected to know multiplication facts in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Have your child bounce a basketball as he or she says the multiples of different numbers. For example, he/she can practice the multiples of 9 for each bounce 9, 18, 27, 36. Then he can say them backward: 81, 72, 63, 54.

You can do the same thing with odds and evens. Research shows that kinesthetic movement helps the brain learn facts. Many students are kinesthetic learners – be creative!

## We are nearing

# 100 days!

Barring any snow days, the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school will be on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. This is always a fun day at school as many classrooms celebrate with interesting 100 day activities.

## The Beaver Creek Free Library Donation Drive

We have established a free library at Chapel Ridge Apartments and Townhomes. A free library allows readers to borrow a book from the free library, and return it when finished.

We are accepting donations of **new, or gently used** books for all ages. If you care to donate, please send books with your students **Monday, 23rd thru Friday, January 27th**. We will have book collection boxes set up in the main entrance hallway during this week.

If you miss this first collection week, we will have more in the future. We ask that you **only donate during designated collection weeks**.

