

Important Dates

Spring Conferences

Thursday, March 2nd 1:30-8:00 p.m.Tuesday, March 7th 4:30-8:00 p.m.

3 Hour Early Dismissal

Thursday, March 2nd @12:35 p.m.

1 Hour Early Dismissal

Wednesday, March 1st @2:35 p.m.Wednesday, March 8th @2:35 p.m.Wednesday, March 22nd @2:35 p.m.Wednesday, March 29th @2:35 p.m.

Spring Break

Friday, March 10th-Friday, March 17th

School Resumes

Monday, March 20th

Joint PTO Meeting at Lawson

Tues, March 21st @7:00 p.m.

Spring School Pictures

Tuesday, March 21st

THINK PINK!

Wednesday, March 29th

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

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Welcome to March!

Spring is getting closer we almost three quarters done with the school year. Once we return from Spring Break, the remainder of the year will fly by. This is the time of year where our students amaze us. They have grown and changed so much since the start of the school year. Students are applying the skills they have learned and have become more confident and independent. Spring weather also brings back a hectic pace in many households due to spring sports and activities. These are important activities for children and help create well-rounded individuals. However, after school activities should not take precedence over student learning. Please make sure you can help your child find time to read, do homework, and practice other skills away from school. Practice does not make perfect, but practice does make an activity a habit.

Looking Ahead

BC 1st Grade Concert

April 13th 6:00 p.m.

BC 2nd Grade Concert

April 13th 7:15 p.m.

BC KDG Concert

April 25th 6:30 p.m.

BC Art Show

April 27th 5:30-7 p.m.

Beaver Creek Field Day

May 19th

BC All School BBQ

May 22nd

Smile for the Birdie!

Beaver Creek Spring School Pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, March 21st

No pre-ordering necessary!

In this issue

Spring is
FINALLY here!

Final Yearbook Sale

If you are interested in ordering a yearbook for the 2016/2017 school year and have not yet done so, you are in luck!

We will be accepting yearbook orders up until Friday, March 24th (the Friday AFTER Spring Break)! Please contact the Beaver Creek office to have a yearbook order sent home with your student, if needed. After completing the order form, send it back to school with your student to turn in at the Beaver Creek office, or drop it off when you are in the building for conferences.

There are lots of yearbook options this year. Yearbooks can be ordered with a soft or hard cover, personalized or not--all the options are detailed on the order form. You can order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com – yearbook ID code: 9839817. You can also order using the order form and pay with exact cash or check made payable to the Beaver Creek PTO.

If you are unsure if you ordered a yearbook, please contact Joan Sparland via email at jsparland@johnston.k12.ia.us or at the BC office 278-6228.

Growing Healthy Dragons “X Plan”

Has the “x plan” post been showing up on your Facebook page or Twitter feed? Have you wondered if this idea would work to help keep your kids safe? Are you curious about how to get started with an x plan of your own? Visit the [Growing Healthy Dragons](http://GrowingHealthyDragons.com) website to read a new blog post with details about the “x plan” and tips for using technology to create a virtual safety net for your dragons.



School Hours

Elementary school times are 8:40 a.m. – 3:35 p.m. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m.

Lost & Found

Please check the Lost and Found tables located inside the front entrance of Beaver Creek. Any items left when we start Spring Break will be donated to charity.

2017/18 Supply Kits

Again this year we will be offering Supply Kits for students going into grades Kindergarten thru 5th grade for the 2017/2018 school year. The supply kits are provided as an easy and affordable service to our families. Included in the kit are the necessary student supplies for the classroom. Kits for grades K-1-2 are \$40, and kits for grades 3-4-5 are \$45. Payment can be made via exact cash, or check made payable to Beaver Creek PTO. Also this year, we will be offering online ordering using a credit card. Look for the Supply Kit Order form coming home with students immediately following Spring Break.

IT'S OFFICIAL!

The last day of school is Friday, June 2, 2017 as the last student day for the 2016/2017 school year.

June 2nd will be a full school day, 8:40-3:35 p.m.

5th Grade Sendoff

We will host the 5th grade send off on Friday, June 2nd in the main hallway at Beaver Creek starting at 3:10 p.m. It's always a blend of smiles and tears saying goodbye to an awesome group of kids!



Identification for 2017 Extended Learning Programming

We are working on the review process for ELP identification for elementary school students. Each spring, students are reviewed, and letters are sent to those that data shows need support for academic challenge. Usually sent in May, the letter will explain options for your child, including programming available such as extensions in the classroom, an advanced reading class, or a pull-out class on math problem solving. These options depend upon level of service identified as a need, so the letters are specific for each child. While the classroom teacher works with many children, the ELP staff provides direct service to a smaller population.

As a parent, if you are interested in providing input in characteristics you have observed, you may request a form from the ELP staff or go directly to the web link at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FindingPotential> or visit the JCSD site and search for K-5 Parent Nomination Form. The parent form is under the Departments tab, in the Teaching, Learning & Innovations link in the ELP/Identification section. Parent nominations will be accepted until March 24.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your building's ELP teacher, Kristen Hartman, at kristen.hartman@johnston.k12.ia.us or 278-6228 or Kathy Paul, ELP Coordinator, at the Middle School at 278-0476.

Registration for 2017 / 2018 School Year

Many of you have asked about Registration for the 2017/2018 school year. This year, the registration process will be completely online. We expect it to open to families at the end of March, or beginning of April. As soon as I find out the confirmed date, I will advise all families.

When we post the reenrollment link on parent portals this spring you will need to know how to retrieve your usernames and passwords if you have forgotten them or have never set them up.

How does the Self-Serve Password Reset work? A parent hits the blue link on the bottom of the Infinite Campus banner page (link below) and answers six questions. The parent will get a confirmation email that their request has been received and that a response will follow within 20 minutes. Then they will get a second email with the reset username and password. It is really that easy!

<https://campus.johnston.k12.ia.us/campus/portal/johnston.jsp>

Please take the time to check your portal access, and set your account up, if you do not have one. By so doing, you will be able to complete the registration requirements immediately once the online system opens.

F.A.Q. Our family is moving — what do I need to do?

If your family is moving to a new residence at any time, including the end of the school year, it is important to contact the Beaver Creek office so that we can help you with your transition. You will need to advise us of your new address, and the name of the new elementary school if known, so we can forward academic and health records once they are requested by your new school.

If you are moving within the Johnston Community School District, we can help you determine which school your student will attend. Within Johnston, you must attend the elementary school whose boundaries your residence falls within.

As always, should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at the Beaver Creek office.

Do you have a future Beaver Creek Kindergartener or know someone who does?

Please have them contact the Beaver Creek office to set a reserve a spot at one of our Kindergarten meetings on **Tuesday, May 2nd** when parents and students can learn all about Kindergarten for 2017/2018!

Meeting Times Are:

9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
2:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

All meetings will last 30-45 minutes and will include activities for students and an information session for parents.