

## Important Dates

### BC Skate Night @ Skate North

Tues, November 1<sup>st</sup> 6-8:00 p.m.

### BC PTO Meeting

Tues, November 8<sup>th</sup> @7:00 p.m.

### 1 hour Early Dismissal Dates

Wed, Nov 2 @2:35 p.m.

Wed, Nov 9 @2:35 p.m.

Wed, Nov 16 @2:35 p.m.

Wed, Nov 30 @2:35 p.m.

### 3 hour Early Dismissal

Thurs, November 3<sup>rd</sup> @12:35 p.m.

Thurs, November 17<sup>th</sup> @12:35 p.m.

### No School (Teacher Prof Dev)

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30-8:00 p.m.

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 1:30-5, 5-8:00 p.m.

### Think PINK! Cancer Awareness

Wednesday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal Concerts

Monday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> @6:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> @7:15 p.m.

### No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Wed, Thurs, Fri 11/23-11/25.



## 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

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

As the calendar turns to November, we get closer to the end of the first trimester. Our teachers and staff are working to prepare student progress reports and ready materials for parent teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 15 and Thursday, November 17. Beaver Creek historically has 99% attendance at Parent Teacher conferences, and we expect the same this fall. Conferences are one of the most important methods we have to share your child's progress thus far.

If you have not yet signed up for a conference with your student's teacher, please do so by following the link below to utilize our online scheduling system:

<https://www.schoolbookings.net/code?ecode=s9dyq>

At the conference, parents will receive the student's progress report, which include skills rubrics on critical grade level standards and benchmarks. The rubrics vary by content area, and your child's teacher will be able to explain what the scores mean during the conference. It is important to remember that the rubric scores do not equate letter grades. One premise of standards based grading is meeting the standard, or the skill, described by the standard by the end of the school year. It is appropriate and probable that students will not be achieving the year end standard in November.

## Safety and Security at Beaver Creek

Visitors and guests, including parents, will be asked to present a valid Driver's License **when they visit our building. There will be no exceptions to this request.** All visitors will then be issued a date-sensitive visitor badge containing their identification information that must be worn while on school grounds. Minors that do not have a valid state-issued ID will be allowed to visit, as long as they are accompanied by an adult that has checked in with our procedures. Once you have registered within our electronic sign-in procedure, you should not need to provide an ID each time you visit. However, you will still need to check-in at the office to receive a visitor badge containing your personal information. We recommend always having your Driver's License available should we need to rescan.

Students should not be dropped off at the front entrance or the parent drop off doors before 8:25. We do not have staff members available to supervise students until 8:30. If you need to drop off your child before 8:30, you will need to use KTC.

In the morning, **we expect students to be able to walk to their classroom by themselves.** If you need to visit the classroom, you will need to follow the check in procedures outlined above. If you want to meet with the teacher, we ask that you schedule a meeting in advance, as arrival time is busy for teachers and staff.

Thank you for your support in keeping Beaver Creek a safe, secured environment for student learning.

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## Twinkle, twinkle ...

The Community Education Resource Council is working again this holiday season to bring the holiday spirit into homes and hearts of many this season. As one approaches the holidays, the thought of what one has and caring about others grows even greater for many. Any family, classroom, business, organization, or individual that is interested in supporting this program is invited to do so.

Again this year, each child in the families receiving some additional support, will have their own "star card". Individuals, groups or business can take one or more stars, however many they wish. Each star has the gender and age of a child, as well as some items the child has on their "wish" list. It is asked that at least \$20 and not more than \$30 be spent on an individual child. More information will be provided with the star as to purchasing of gifts and drop-off of those gifts.

You can pick up twinkle cards at the Beaver Creek office of our holiday tree, beginning in mid-November. I will send out an email letting you know when they are available. You can also contact me via email to request to have a "star card" sent home with your student.

Monetary or gift card donations are also accepted in addition to, or in place of, taking a "star card". Send your donation or gift card to school with your student and I will send it to Community Education along with our other Project Share gifts. Please make checks payable to Johnston Community Education.

### To Receive Project Share Assistance

If your family participates in free/reduced lunch and you would like to be a recipient of Project Share, you must have signed the waiver provided with the Nutrition Office free/reduced lunch form. If you are not sure if you signed it or not, call 278-0278. You may sign the waiver by stopping in at the Nutrition Office (5608 Merle Hay Road), or at the Beaver Creek office. You must already be qualified for free/reduced lunch to turn in the signed waiver form. If you have questions, please feel free to call Johnston Nutrition at 278-0278 or contact the Beaver Creek office at 278-6228.

## Partnership Place Johnston DMARC Food Pantry Johnston Clothes Closet

Families of the City of Johnston and Johnston Community Schools can come into Partnership Place during their hours of operation to receive a free Thanksgiving meal package. The meal includes a turkey and side dishes, all to be prepared at home.

Partnership Place is located at 5870 Merle Hay Road, Suite D (west of the Johnston Post Office). Packages are available starting Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Partnership Place is closed on holidays and Holiday weekends.

Additional resources provided by Johnston Partnership Place include:

\*Johnston DMARC Food Box(es), personal care items and diapers are available once a month.

\*Produce and bread are available every day they are open

\*Clothing is available as often as you need (limit 5 items to a person each visit).

Please bring a recent bill showing your current address to show you are a member of the Johnston community and eligible for these services.

### Serving a Critical Role in the Classroom

Are you looking for a career that allows you to pick and choose the days you work, and allows you to work closely with students, helping them to be successful throughout their day? Consider applying to be a **substitute associate** for the Johnston Community School District. If hired, substitute associates have the opportunity to sign up for their preferred schools, and area(s) of preference, such as:

\*Substitute associates have great flexibility, and hours vary from full days to partial days depending on the assignment. Pick and choose when you want to work through our online system.

\*Please contact Dawn Stephens in the Administrative Resource Center at 278-0470.

### ----- Electronics -----

As a reminder, students are only permitted to bring cell phones to school with prior parental approval, and notification to the Beaver Creek office. Please send a signed written note to the office, or an email to [jsparland@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:jsparland@johnston.k12.ia.us) if your student will be carrying a cell phone to school. We understand that there are reasons for students to carry cell phones, in order to notify parents when they arrive home etc., however phones must stay inside the student's back pack during school hours.

All other electronic devices should stay at home, unless it is a designated "electronics day" by the classroom teacher. Beaver Creek is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property if cell phones or other electronic devices are brought to school.

## Lunchroom Guidelines for Visiting the BC Café!

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 district website at [www.johnston.k12.ia.us](http://www.johnston.k12.ia.us)--click on the parent tab, then "menu/child nutrition".

When you join your child for lunch, 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.

### 2015/2016 Lunch/Recess Schedule:

#### Kindergarten

Recess: 11:30-11:50      Lunch: 11:55 – 12:15

#### First Grade

Recess: 11:05 – 11:25      Lunch 11:30 – 11:50

#### Second Grade

Recess: 10:40 – 11:00      Lunch 11:05 – 11:25

#### Third Grade

Recess: 11:55 – 12:15      Lunch 12:20 – 12:40

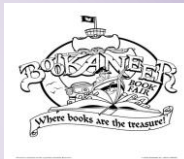
#### Fourth Grade

Recess: 12:20 – 12:40      Lunch 12:45 – 1:05

#### Fifth Grade

Recess: 12:45 – 1:05      Lunch 1:10 – 1:30

### Fall Book Fair at Beaver Creek



Please visit our Scholastic – "Bookaneer" Book Fair:

#### Where Books are the Treasure!

Book fair dates: **November 11<sup>th</sup> - November 17<sup>th</sup>**

Shopping hours: **Nov 11 & 14 9:00 am – 3:45 pm**  
**Nov 16 9:00 am - 2:45 pm**  
**Nov 15 & 17 - 9:00 am – 8:00 pm**

Location: **Beaver Creek Elem, Art Plus Room**



## School Hours

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

Every Wednesday, is a one-hour early dismissal at 2:35 p.m.

Buses will operate on a one-hour earlier schedule, and KTC will begin at dismissal.

## Get connected to JCSD!!

There are several ways to get communication about Beaver Creek and the Johnston Community School District. Be sure to check the e-Flyers portion of the Johnston Community School District Website for community organization and activity sign-ups.

Subscribe to e-Flyers and get notifications when new flyers are added. You can find e-flyers at the JCSD website at:

<http://www.johnstoncsd.org/departments/communications/flyer-distribution/>

Also visit us on Facebook and Twitter!!



## F.A.Q

### It's getting cold outside. When do the students go outside for recess, or stay inside for recess?

Brrrrrrrrr ... it's getting cold out and winter is on its way. At Beaver Creek, we plan on outside recess if the wind chill is **5 degrees or above** during recess time. On colder days, the windchill is constantly monitored and outdoor recess is scheduled based on the temperature and conditions. We ask that students be prepared for outside recess each school day. This includes outerwear, hat, mittens or gloves, and boots and snow pants, if there is snow on the ground. Please label all items with your students first and last name.

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