

Important Dates

1 Hour Early Dismissal

- Wed, September 7th @2:35 p.m.
- Wed, September 14th @2:35 p.m.
- Wed, September 21st @2:35 p.m.
- Wed, September 28th @2:35 p.m.

No School Day

Friday, September 30th

Beaver Creek PTO Meeting

Tuesday, September 13th 7:00 p.m. BC-LMC

School Picture Day

Thurs, September 8th

Entertainment Book Orders Due

Fri, September 23rd

Think PINK! Cancer Awareness

Wed, September 28th

Johnston Homecoming Week

Mon, Sept 19th – Sat, Sept 24th



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

Off to a GREAT start!

We are twelve days into our new school year, and are off to a great start. Our routines have been established, the teachers are working on start of year assessments, and we are getting in to the grade level curriculums.

MAP testing will be for fifth grade students only this fall and will be scheduled for later this month. We are also administering other state required assessments in grades K-5 to give us an initial understanding of student performance and need. MAP and state required assessment results will be shared with families later this fall.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach your children. Please contact the Beaver Creek office with any questions, comments or concerns.

We are talking A LOT about the BC3!

Beaver Creek Elementary uses Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS), which is a set of strategies and systems that increase the capacity of schools to reduce school disruptions and educate all students, including those with problem behaviors. **Our PBIS expectations are called "The BC3": We are respectful. We are responsible. We are safe.**

This year, we will continue the new system for monitoring problem behavior, and for acknowledging expected behavior, that began last year.

Minor/Majors:

We have developed a matrix (that will be shown to students) that outlines what may constitute a minor behavior infraction and what may constitute a major behavior infraction. Information detailing Minor/Major behavior was sent home via email to all families on September 1st. Our hope is that by quickly communicating minor/major infractions with you, we will be able to reteach and reinforce our expectations so kids can use expected behavior to avoid more serious consequences in the future.

Positive Acknowledgments:

In order to implement a PBIS program with integrity, it is imperative that we use a school-wide positive acknowledgment system to teach and reinforce expected behaviors. Our two formal acknowledgement systems this year will be "Beaver Tracks" and "BC3 Awards".

We are really looking forward to the improvements we have made with our PBIS program this year! Please feel free to contact Hillary Barta-Smith, School Counselor, or Anita Douglas, Behavior Interventionist if you have any questions or concerns regarding PBIS.

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We are **OFF** and **RUNNING!**

Dress for Homecoming 2016!

Monday 9/19 – **Olympics Day** – Dress as your favorite Olympic Sport (or the torch, or the rings)

Tuesday 9/20 – **Pajama Day!** You can wear your pj's but no sleeping in class!

Wednesday 9/21 – **Crazy Hair and Sock Day!**

Thursday 9/22 – **Favorite Hobby Day!** Dress up as your favorite hobby or way to spend your free time!

Friday 9/23 – **Purple and Gold** --Show us your Dragon Pride!

Think **PINK** for 2016/2017

Breast cancer has touched the lives of nearly everyone at Beaver Creek. Within the Beaver Creek family, there are staff members, spouses, relatives and friends who are, or have, courageously fought this disease. As a salute to these heroes, and in support of their families, the Beaver Creek staff and students will be wearing **PINK** on Wednesday, September 28th.

Mark your calendar for the 2016/2017 **Think PINK**

Wednesdays:

September 28 th	October 19 th
November 16 th	December 14 th
January 25 th	February 22 nd
March 29 th	April 19 th
	May 24 th



How to Communicate a Student Absence

Your student's attendance at school is critical to their success. Please be sure to have students in class by 8:40 a.m. each morning. If your student is not attending for **any reason**, please be sure to notify the Beaver Creek office at 278-6228. Illness related absences can also be called to the Beaver Creek nurse at 278-6016. When leaving a message reporting an absence, please include: the student's name, your name, teacher's name, date of absence and the reason for absence or tardiness.



CLOTHING DRIVE BENEFITING BC FAMILIES October 17-18-19

We will be collecting new, or gently used winter clothing – coats, boots and cold weather accessories (hats/gloves/scarves) on October 17-18-19. Our community partner, Johnston River of Life Church, will help organize the drive with us. You will see large collection boxes set up in the main entrance for any donations.

Johnston CSD

Beaver Creek

Meet Our New Behavior Interventionist, Mrs. Douglas!

Mrs. Anita Ehmsen Douglas comes to Beaver Creek from the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area. She taught French for over a decade at Linn-Mar and then switched to Behavior Intervention and learning Supports in both Iowa City and Cedar Rapids Schools. Mrs. Douglas has two daughters at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN as well as a stepdaughter and stepson in West Des Moines Schools.

Mrs. Douglas's role at Beaver Creek involves working with students and staff to remove any barriers to learning. While every day unrolls differently, she works with students on behavior issues, manages 504 plans for the building, collaborates with teachers, our guidance counselor and AEA staff on addressing learning supports and our BC3/PBIS program at Beaver Creek.

Feel free to reach out to Mrs. Douglas via email at anita.ehmsen@johnston.k12.ia.us or in person (she's usually out front before school starts or at Door 3 after school) with any concerns you might have.

F.A.Q.

My child has a fever, has vomited or has diarrhea. How soon can they come back to school?

As per board policy, when a student gets ill we ask that students not return to school until they are 24 hours free of diarrhea or vomiting, and/or 24 hours fever free without a fever reducer.

Yikes! I've lost my

Lost and Found is located inside the building in the "parent pick-up" hallway (between the Gopher and Fox communities).

If you have a missing item, please check the lost and found area when you are in the building. With cold weather approaching (eventually), please make sure to mark your students' items with their name. This includes sweatshirts, outerwear, gym shoes, boots and cold weather accessories.

Next we will hear **Look what I found!**

Everything you ever wanted to know about ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

All doors will be locked throughout the day except the front doors, which will be unlocked between 8:30 and 8:45. Visitors must ring the office to gain access at all other times. The front doors will not be unlocked during dismissal.

Visitors and guests, including parents, will be asked to present a valid Driver's License each time they visit our building. There will be **no exceptions** to this request. While in the building all visitors must wear a visitor badge. Students should not be dropped off at the front entrance or the parent drop off doors before 8:30. 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. Parents who wish to escort students to their classroom, must stop first in the Beaver Creek office to get a visitor badge. If you need to visit the classroom, you will need to follow the check in procedures outlined above.

Arrival and dismissal will look different this year at Beaver Creek. Bus arrival and drop off is moving to the east side of the building, and parent drop off and pick up will be at the main entrance off the front parking lot.

Because of the space needed for bus drop off and pick up, there will be no parking in the parking spaces on the east side of the building.

Students who are riding the bus will exit on the east side of the building. Grades Kindergarten, 1 and 2 will exit through their community door to the bus lane. Grades 3, 4 and 5 will exit through door # 15. As in years past, at dismissal time, buses will be called over the PA system, and students will be allowed to move to the bus dismissal area.

We will also dismiss students to parent pick up, and dismiss walkers and riders to use one of the supervised exit points (Door 9 near Deer Community exit and Door 3 KTC/Cafeteria exit).

More supervision will be required during arrival and dismissal, due to additional walkers and bikers. Our staff will be posted at all entrances and exits, to ensure students move safely to their destination. Families who wish to meet their child at the door can wait outside for students to be dismissed. Parents will not be allowed to meet students at their classroom without first checking in at the main office and obtaining a visitor badge. There will be no exception to this rule.

Bag Tags

You may have noticed a bright pink tag hanging off your student's back pack. It is a bag tag with the student's Parent Pick Up Number listed for their reference. It helps us help your child remember their number.

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