

Bear Creek Blast December 10, 2021

Important Dates

Monday, December 13	Outdoor Brass & Percussion Demonstration 1:00-1:40
Tuesday, December 14	BCE COVID Testing
Wednesday, December 15	BCE Late Start "Virtual" Open Enrollment Meeting @ 1:30 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Snacks - Ms. Miller's Class
Thursday, December 16	Coffee with the Principal @ 7:30 Outdoor Woodwind Demonstration 1:00-1:40
Friday, December 17	

The Bear Creek office will be closed for Winter Break until Monday, January 3rd. Students return on Wednesday, January 5th which is a late start day. Have a safe and happy break!

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Life Long Learning Schedule for Next Week

All LLL classes are over except for Spanish (Monday), Wonder Robotics (Thursday), Wild About Nature (Thursday), and Tennis (Thursday). Color-Shape-Creat which normally meets on Thursdays has been moved to Monday. Call LLL if you have any questions.

Spelling Bee 2021

Congratulations to **Annabel Cochran-Holmes**, this year's Bear Creek Spelling Bee champion! There was a 4-way tie for 2nd place between Ella Music, Adele Ferris, Ian Zuo and Luke Fowler.

These kids will compete in a tiebreaker for the honor of alternate. All competitors in this year's spelling bee did extremely well and we are very proud of them. Well done, everyone!! This year's competitors were:

Luke Fowler	Adele Ferris	Cressa Stricklan	Talia Carlson
Frank Reinhardt	Wensen Fang	Austin Miller	Ian Zuo
Annabel Cochran-Holmes	Enea Martegani	Adam Maune	Tegan Shiflett
Elina Kriakova	Henry Holderman	Ella Music	Anika Barnes
Bumba Hendrick	Logan Yeung	Luke Ziemkiewicz	Cassidy Marks
Serina Mou	Lucas Ranucci	Neysa Varma	Max Larsen
Danny Kubitschek	Emerson Chamberlain	Stephanie Gu	

COVID Vaccines for Students

BVSD is encouraging all eligible students to get vaccinated and voluntarily share that information with their school, but vaccination and sharing are not required. The information is used during contact tracing, since in most cases vaccinated individuals need not quarantine. If you choose share your student's COVID vaccination record, please send a copy of the vaccine card to sunyoung.hendrick@bvsd.org.

Lost and Found...LAST CHANCE!

Lost and found will be folded on the foyer ledge next week for the final look over before the articles which are not claimed are donated to charity.

Family Support at Bear Creek

OPEN ENROLLMENT for 2022-2023 School Year

Register for the events being held at BCE by going to bce.bvsd.org. The OE window opens on 11/1/21 and closes on 1/5/21 @ 4:00pm. Please direct friends and neighbors to our website. If you have any questions, please call our Front Office at 720-561-3500. [Open Enrollment Window Information](#).

Holiday and Teacher Appreciation Week

In appreciation of our teacher's and staff this holiday season, we'd like to pamper them the week before winter break. Please consider participating in any of the available opportunities below to help celebrate all of their hard work and dedication to our children.

Holiday Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (December 13-17th)

Monday, December 13th: \$10 gift cards for all teachers and staff

Tuesday, December 14th: Breakfast (2 volunteers needed) <https://bvsd.helpatschools.com/schools/1/events/8192>

Wednesday, December 15th: Bring in Coffee

Thursday, December 16th: Digital Card/Cards from kids - <https://www.groupgreeting.com/sign/d7831cf5aafa3f9>

Friday, December 17th: Baked Goods (3 volunteers needed) <https://bvsd.helpatschools.com/schools/1/events/8195>

Often parents ask about small gifts they can purchase for teachers, here is a list of teacher and staff favorites we have asked them put together. [Teacher & Staff "Favorites" List](#)

Winter Weather -

The weather is changing and it finally feels like winter in Colorado (well at least Fall!), and it's important for students to come to school with clothing appropriate for the weather. We send children outside in the cold and snow, unless it's a blizzard! Please prepare all of your child's winter gear by labeling each garment, and making sure they can put gear on independently.

Secure Gun Storage to Keep Kids Safe

As you may know the BVSD Board of Education recently passed [Resolution 21-12 in Support of Secure Storage](#) encouraging gun safety and especially the secure storage of firearms. They were moved by the startling statistics:

- An estimated 4.6 million American children live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm.
- Every year, nearly 350 children under the age of 18 unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. Another 590 children die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member.
- In incidents of gun violence on school grounds, 75 percent of active shooters are current students or recent graduates, and 78 percent of shooters under the age of 18 obtained their guns from their own home, a relative's home, or from friends.

Research shows that secure firearm storage practices are associated with up to a 78 percent reduction in the risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries and an 85 percent reduction in the risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens. Learn more, including how to make sure that your kids are safe on playdates, on the [BeSMART website](#).

Learn how to securely store your firearms [here](#). If you would like a free gun lock to secure a weapon, please contact Christina Gardner-Shiflett at christina@shiflett.org.

[Our BCE Family in Pictures - updated 12/10/21](#)

Health Room Information

[Schoolhouse Letter](#)

[Doctor's Release Form](#)

General BCE Office Information:

School Hours: MTuThF: 7:50 am - 2:50 pm

W: 8:50-2:50

Office Hours: 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Attendance line: 720-561-3502

Main Office line: 720-561-3500