

Brush Creek Elementary School

The Bear's News

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Dear Brush Creek Elementary Families,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to teach your Bear Cubs this year. We are going to have an amazing year!!!!

Please take a minute to read through our Bear's News newsletter to stay informed about information and events taking place at our school. Our website has been up-dated and has a variety of information for families. <https://www.madisonk12.net/Domain/125>

Mark Your Calendar:

- No School-9/5/22
- School Improvement Team Meeting-9/13/22 3:00-4:00
- 9/16/22 -Yearbook Cover Designs due to Mrs. Jackson-for any 5th grader who would like to participate
 - Picture Day 9/15/22
 - Mid Terms-9/21/22

This Family Newsletter will come home each month. It will also be posted to our website.

Morning Arrival

I want to thank all our families for the help and support you are providing as we arrive and open our building each day! Arrival times begin at 7:30. Students are provided breakfast and restroom breaks between 7:40-8:00. Morning Announcements begin at 8:00. Instruction begins when students enter the classroom. We want to reassure our families that we have all hands on deck to ensure our Bears are supported each day! You are welcome to walk your child to class during the first two days of school. After the first two days of school, please plan to drop your child off at one of the cones in the front drop off area. We will ensure that your child will receive extra help getting to class if needed. When 1st-5th graders arrive in the building, they will report to the Cafeteria for breakfast. Kindergarten students will walk to their classrooms and go to breakfast at 8:00 with their class for the first two weeks of school. If your child does not eat breakfast at school, they will stay in the Multi-Purpose room until 7:45.

Afternoon Dismissal

Students begin walking with their classes to the bus or pickup line at 2:50. Pick-ups begin at 3:00. Please make sure that you have your child's name card in the window during pick-up time so we can quickly radio for your child to walk to their pick-up cone. We have had to make changes to our bus routes due to bus driver shortage. Please contact the front office if you have any questions about your child's bus route.

Breakfast & Lunch for Students

Breakfast will be provided for free for each student at Brush Creek Elementary. Full price lunch will be \$2.50. Please take time to visit this link <https://www.lunchapplication.com>, and fill out a lunch application form for your child. This helps our school receive Title I Funding. The link to the lunch form application can be found on the Bears Website. All students are encouraged to get breakfast and lunch each day. This helps our child nutrition funding. Students are offered breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria each day.

Yearbook 2022-23

We are excited to make a Yearbook full of memories, documenting our 2022-2023 school year together! Yearbooks can be purchased online for \$25.00 at jostens.com or you can send a check written to BCES to Mrs. Carney. All 5th Grade Students who want to submit a Yearbook Cover Design, are encouraged to do so. Designs must be submitted on 8 ½ X 11 white paper and should be hand drawn and colored. Please see our Website and Seesaw Announcements Page for details. Designs are due to Mrs. Jackson By Friday September 16th. Students will vote on the design selected for the Cover of our Yearbook. All designs will be featured on the back of the Yearbook.

Beginning of Year Testing

Students in grades K-5 will participate in a variety of assessments this school year. These assessments are especially important because the information we receive helps guide our instruction. We will use Beginning of Year data to adjust instruction to best meet your child's needs. Teachers will share assessment data with you during Required Beginning of Year Conferences. These will take place at the end of the 1st Nine Weeks (around the end of October).

School Improvement Team Parent Representation

If there is anyone interested in participating in our School Improvement Team, please contact Ms. Jackson at 649-1547 ext. 50110. We hope to have a K-2 and 3-5 Parent Representative. Our School Improvement Team (SIT) meets once each month for an hour. We define goals and strive for continuous improvement. We welcome parent involvement and input. Our Meeting Dates for 2022. August 10th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th, January 10th, February 14th, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th.

Ice Cream

Students have the opportunity to purchase ice cream each Thursday for \$1.00. These funds help purchase inflatables and other fun activities for our students. Please be on the lookout for other fundraisers happening this year.

Please reach out to your child's teacher or Mrs. Jackson if you have any questions-649-1547 ext. 50110 or on my cell phone at 423-415-9810. Thank you for supporting our school! We encourage you to visit our school website <https://www.madisonk12.net/Domain/125>. We also encourage you to "Like and Follow" our Brush Creek Bears Facebook Page. We post information and photographs daily on this page. Within your Facebook Settings on our Brush Creek Bears Page, choose "See First" so that you always see our latest postings at the top of your News Feed.

*Sincerely, Susan Jackson, Principal
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