

All About Bear Creek Elementary

Bear Creek Elementary School is celebrating thirty-nine years of excellence in education. We are located in the northeast sector of Katy ISD and opened as the sixth elementary school in our Katy Independent School District. The campus is rich in traditions and remembers the past while creating a future of continued student success. The Bear Creek community works in a family atmosphere to provide encouragement and high expectations for all students, with the goal of growing each child to be well-rounded and succeed at high academic levels. Bear Creek Elementary School is a high-performing Title I school which provides a traditional educational program as well as ESL (English as a Second Language), Bilingual, and Special education programs to qualifying students.

Bear Creek teachers are all highly-qualified and ESOL certified and follow the Katy I.S.D. challenging curriculum. In addition, we expand the curriculum with activities and opportunities to maximize student achievement. The school's curriculum is enriched by a hands-on problem solving approach to mathematics, a wonderful science lab for experiments, abundant literary resources in our book-leveled literacy library, classroom wireless laptop access, two computer labs, and a 1:1 ipad program. In addition, all classrooms have Smart Boards, projectors and document cameras. All classrooms have access to iPads to enhance small group and independent instruction. We also have tutorial enrichment called "Cougar Academy" in reading, mathematics, and science. Additional extracurricular activities include: Genius Hour, Chess Club, Destination Imagination, Crazy 8's Math Club, Abakadoodle, Newspaper, Yearbook and Mad Science.

In addition to our academic excellence, BCE is known for its beautiful artwork and outstanding musical programs. Fourth and fifth graders may participate in the Cougar Choir, a musical group that performs both on and away from campus.

Students have opportunities to participate in our Student Council, Safety Patrols, Cougar Choir, and the Katy ISD Spelling Bee. Student Council members practice their marketing and math skills by operating a School Supply Store that serves students and parents. They are also kind to the environment by assisting with our recycling programing and helping to water our trees.

The BCE staff is committed to providing students with quality reading materials at low prices. An on-campus bookstore, Bear Creek "Novel-ty" Bookstore, provides students, teachers and the community with opportunities to purchase new books that cost only \$1.50 each.

BCE provides many opportunities for the community to get involved in children's education: Curriculum Night, Wellness for Growth Parent Classes, Camp-Read-A-Lot, Family Fitness and Glow Run, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Night, Open House and more. Parent communication is enhanced through the monthly parent calendar, Parent Link Communication, School Messenger voice messages, electronic marquee messages, school memos, and PTA fliers. In coordination with the KISD Partners in Education office, Bear Creek is able to offer strong Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS), Business Partners in Education (PIE), Junior Achievement (JA), KEYS ("Keep Empowering Youth towards Success") Mentoring Program, Sister Schools with Hayes Elementary, and Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students).

As a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) campus, Bear Creek loves to recognize student citizenship and academic achievement. Daily students are given specific, authentic praise and rewarded with "Cougar Cash" which can be redeemed from a menu of incentives. Each nine weeks, the Principal's Pride Awards honor outstanding citizenship and the Principal's Academy Award recognizes outstanding academic achievement. Students are also recognized for excellent behavior in the cafeteria, recognition for exemplary attendance, and more! Front office personnel, substitutes, the principal and assistant principals reward excellent student behavior with "Golden Tickets". Even clean classrooms are spotlighted --

with the "Golden Trashcan" award from the custodial staff. We also love to display students' love of learning in a variety of ways, including parades for "Book Character Dress-Up Day" and a "Be Vocabulous" vocabulary parade.

What Students Say About Bear Creek Elementary

- "School is fun because you get to do different things every day."
- "I like math because I get to do hands-on activities."
- "I like recess because we get to take a break from work and play on our cool playground."
- "I am excited about school in the morning because I know that I am going to do my best."
- "Science is great because you get to participate in exciting activities in our science lab."
- "We have good kids in our class, and I feel safe at school."
- "Our teachers care about us!"