

School News and Announcements

Canned Food Drive: The canned food drive to benefit the Feed-A-Friend Program through the Commission on Economic Opportunity officially ended on Tuesday, November 25th, and all the food has been counted! In third place was Mrs. Soroka's homeroom with 294 items. For the first time ever, there has been a tie in the food drive! It is nearly impossible to believe, as each year one homeroom destroys everyone else! However, two homerooms tied, and each earned a prize of their choosing. Congratulations are extended to Miss Petrochko and Mrs. Stoddard's homerooms, which each brought in a commendable 333 items! As a school community, there were more than 2,500 items collected in all! Thank you to everyone for your support and efforts!

Basketball Club: The Bear Creek 7th and 8th grade basketball club will kick off Wednesday, December 3rd. The students will ride a bus after school to the Kingston Rec Center. Pickup is at 5:15. The club will be held on the following dates: December 3rd/17th, January 7th/21st, and February 4th/18th. Please see Mr. Prudente if you are interested in signing up!

Winter Concert: This year's Winter Concert will be held on Thursday, December 18th, at Coughlin High School. The concert will start at 6 PM, but students are asked to arrive no later than 5:45 PM. In addition, an instrumental recital will be held on Thursday, December 11, at St. Christopher's Church. This recital will be for students in grades 5-8 who are currently taking instrumental lessons at Bear Creek. The recital will begin at 6 PM, and students are asked to arrive no later than 5:45 PM. Hope to see you there!

Science Olympiad: The 2014-2015 Science Olympiad team will be competing at Penn State Wilkes-Barre on Wednesday, March 11th, 2015, in the Regional Science Olympiad Competition. Team members will be competing in a variety of events such as Bridge Building, Anatomy and Physiology, Crime Busters, and Green Generation, to name a few. The events are very challenging and require problem solving and critical thinking skills, in addition to science content knowledge. Students have already started researching for their events and are looking forward to the competition in March.

The Guidance Counselor's Corner

Hello! My name is Melanie Leo, and I am the new guidance counselor at Bear Creek Community Charter School for the 2014-2015 school year. I had the pleasure of working in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District in the 2013-2014 school year, and I am very happy to have the chance to transition to the team here at Bear Creek!

I will be collaborating with BCCCS administration, teachers, and other staff. I am also looking very forward to working closely with all of you in an effort to ensure that your child has a successful school year.

If you need to contact me with any questions or concerns, I am happy to speak with you about your child's academic or social progress. My extension is 330, and my email is melanie.leo@bearcreekschool.com.

I am excited to be starting a new school year at Bear Creek and look forward to working with your son or daughter!

Sincerely,
Ms. Melanie Leo

1st Grade Classroom News

By Miss Soroka

Students were learning about animal needs in Science. This activity was a cross-curriculum activity with Reading Street and Science Fusion. We completed the writing process using the information we found on various nature websites and by brainstorming the development of the Habitat Diorama the students made. During our search for collecting natural items to construct our Habitat Dioramas, we stopped to take a picture in the woods in the back of the school. The students loved this cross-curriculum project, and I will be sure to do it in future years!



5th Grade Social Studies News

By Lauren Kane and Makenna Unvarsky

In class we did many things for Native American tribes, like wampum belts, teepees, and totem poles. It was so much fun to do these crafts with Mrs. Gusdits. Overall, we think the class favorite craft was the wampum belts because we got to string Cheerios and color them, and we got to watch a movie, too. For the totem poles, we got to choose 3 animals that describe us best; we also got to color them in. Also, for last our teepees, we cut a circle out of paper and designed it, and next we formed it into a cone. That's what we did in class for the Native Americans.



Fall Into Fun

The colder air has not stopped our outdoor endeavors at Bear Creek Community Charter School. Younger students have been learning about and playing in leaves, while some of our older students are discovering that bats are beneficial to humans.

Students in grades 4, 6, and 8 prepared for spring by studying, then planting Red Emperor tulip bulbs as part of Journey North's Tulip Test Gardens. We observed, wrote in our journals, then discovered the circumference and mass of each bulb before planting them. Check out this world wide science experiment about tulips and spring at www.learner.org. Click on Journey North, then click on then tulip gardens.

The 2014-2015 Outdoor Club hiked to Boulder Field in Hickory Run State Park for a day of autumn adventure. The students really enjoyed bouldering around on the rocks and suggest you do the same! For this park's information, go to <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/hickoryrun/index.htm>.

Special thanks to Miss Everett for making this outing possible. Our first snowfall was exciting for everyone! Please be sure to send your child with waterproof gloves and boots, plus a hat and coat to embrace winter in E.E. class.

Enjoy the outdoors!

Ms. Longo



Upcoming Activities in the Community to Celebrate the Season (Courtesy of Ms. Leo!)

WHEN	WHERE	WHAT	COST
Dec. 2 nd @ 5:30	Nancy Kay Holmes Branch - Scranton	Gingerbread Cookie Decorating	FREE
Dec. 4 th - 8 th @ 7:00	PA Theatre of Performing Arts - Hazle- ton	A White Christ- mas	Tickets \$10-\$32
Dec. 6 th @ 10:00	Nuangola Li- brary, Moun- tain top	Bake Sale & Craft Show	FREE
Dec. 9 th - Dec. 14 th @ 10:00 AM	Scranton Pub- lic Library	Used Book Sale	Books 25 cents - \$2.00
Dec 19 th & 20 th @ 7:00	Gate of Heav- en, Dallas	Gingerbread House Contest	\$2 per ad- mission
Dec. 19 th - 21 st Dec. 26 th -28 th @ 7:00	Scranton Cul- tural Center - Scranton	The Happy Elf Musical	Tickets \$18-\$42
CHRIST- MAS DAY @ 8:00 AM	3 rd floor DeNaples Center – Uni- versity of Scranton	Community Christmas Day Breakfast	FREE

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