



KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Bear Creek Intermediate

BCI Mission - Bear Creek Intermediate School is dedicated to developing excellence for all students, teachers and staff to ensure a lifelong love of learning.

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Brave Parents -

Using the above salutation truly has new meaning. Yes, Bear Creek Intermediate students and staff are brave. Being called Brave encompasses many focuses: new to a campus, not knowing who teachers are, getting lockers, and different other protocols. One thing, however, has stayed the same - both Bear Creek staff and parents want what is best for our 5th and 6h grade Braves.

Let me remind you that our BCI website is where we are placing important information. If you haven't viewed it, please take a moment to do so. We try to put school wide needs on this platform so that it is housed in one area: <https://www.kellerisd.net/bcis>

Please review the following information to help with the transition back to school:

VIDEOS! Who needs Netflix when you can watch BCI videos?!? Take some time with your BCI Brave to watch our videos that will help you understand how our campus works. You will get to hear about how we run drop off and pick up, cafeteria expectations, hallway expectations, meet the Administration and Counseling team, and much more! Our Principal Cabinet members communicated with us last year that these videos helped prepare them for the first day more than anything, so we want to make sure these were available this year!

Link to access videos: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLA17YKvOli9AiSGxK1GIVmT2Hq5Zs1WFy>

Construction will continue to be on our campus for the next year. One area of construction is in our front office and vestibule. The second area is on the east side of our building. You will notice that 14 parking spaces are blocked off with a fence. It is imperative that we stay out of the construction zone for safety reasons. This will be where our future Tribal Feeder Pattern Counseling Center will be hopefully opening at the end of the fall semester of 2022! Just keep in mind that this will limit our parking availability this year on the east side.

Face masks are optional for all Keller ISD students and employees at this time. Per Executive Order No. GA-36 from the Governor, Keller ISD cannot require masks. However, Bear Creek and Keller ISD will absolutely support any student or employee who chooses to wear a mask.

Cleaning protocols will be carried over from last year within our classrooms. Each room will continue to have a sanitizing station for students and adults. We will also continue to clean desks prior and after each new class enters, prior and after lunch, and during any other time when needed.

Signage has been placed around the school to help remind students and staff to physical distance when able, wash hands often, and to use hand sanitizer.

Cafeteria: We will be utilizing our cafeteria this year for breakfast and lunch. Our current plan is to have students sitting every other seat to put more distance between each student. As we identify areas of concerns, we will accommodate where we are able.

August 13th: In Aeries, you will be able to view courses on Friday. Know that we are still leveling classes and doing movements throughout the weekend, so what you may be able to view on Friday may change by Sunday. So, prior to Welcome Back (or Meet the Teacher) night, make it a point to pull up Aeries to view your student's schedule one more time.

August 16th: Welcome Back Braves!
6:45 - 7:30 PM 5th grade students
7:45 - 8:30 PM 6th grade students

This night you will be able to walk your schedule, meet teachers, and drop off medications with our nurse. We will have a table set up on the west side of campus (by the drop off pick up lines) for you to pick up a paper copy of your student's schedule, OR you can pull up the schedule on your phone from Aeries. Either way will work!

Teachers will be stationed outside on the west side of campus. Please stop in and introduce yourself! Please remember that this is more of a meet and greet event. If you are interested in setting up a time to meet to discuss confidential information, please feel free to email your teachers so that they can set up a time to meet with you privately.

Our PTA will also be located on the west side of campus and will have tables where you can receive information about volunteering, how to purchase yard signs and/or yearbooks, AND stop by the Frio's truck for pops!

August 18th: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! Doors will open at 7:15 AM to let our bus riders into the building. If you are planning on dropping your student(s) off in the AM, I would suggest to come after 7:20 AM so that our bus riders can fully enter. From 7:15 AM to 7:30 AM, students will be asked to sit in the hallways in assigned areas. At 7:30 AM, students will be dismissed by a staff member on duty to go to their first period class. If your student is dropped off after 7:30 AM, he/she will be able to go directly to his/her first period.

We do request to limit visitor/parent access during the morning time. Thank you for your understanding.

August 21st: From 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, our building will be open for students and a parent to come up and decorate (or organize) lockers.

September 3rd: College Colors Day! Sport your favorite college choice! I will be sporting the mighty black and gold - GO HAWKS! :)

Hopefully this information will help the transition back to campus. The start of a school year, especially if it is in a different building, always has such a mixed bag of feelings - excitement, anxiety, wonder, confusion, etc... These emotions are understandable and are felt by all involved at times! Keep remembering that we work together as a team. We both are vested in our Braves and want to

positively impact them. With patience, understanding, and working together, we will be able to build a firm foundation that they can jump from.

Join me this year as we promote our theme: Stronger. Together.

Have a wonderful evening. We will see you soon!

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