



## ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- 4th- and 5th-grade chorus
- Battle of the Books program
- *Bear Creek News (BC News)* – live student-produced news show
- Drum Circle
- Multicultural Club
- Safety Patrols, 5th grade
- Science Fair
- Student Council

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Business and community partnerships
- Classroom partnerships
- Volunteers
- Tutors and mentors
- Family/School Beautification Day
- Monthly Parent Nights

## SCHOOL MISSION

Bear Creek Elementary is a community of dedicated professionals who are here to motivate and prepare each child academically and socially.

We hold high standards as we implement best practices in a safe learning environment.



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# Bear Creek

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009-2010



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# QUICK facts

**Principal:** Paula Texel

**Grade Levels:** PreK-5

**Enrollment:** 482

**School Hours:** 8:35 a.m.-2:50 p.m. (Early release on Wednesdays – 8:35 a.m.-1:35 p.m.)

**Attractor/focus:** Strong academic growth in a safe, risk-free environment

**Uniforms:** Mandatory

**Before/after-school care:** YMCA, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Phone: 895-9622

**Average Class Size:** The class-size reduction amendment requires that each elementary school have a primary grades (K-3) average of 18:1 and an intermediate grades (4-5) average of 22:1. These averages include all programs providing services to students in each school.

**Teaching Staff:** Approximately 31 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

## **Exceptional Student Education:**

**Full time:** Emotionally Handicapped (EH)

**Part time:** Varying Exceptionalities (VE), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH), Visually Impaired (VI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Gifted

**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program:** No

**Academic Information:** Visit [www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools](http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools)

**Computers and Technology:** Multiple computers with access to the Internet located in each classroom, mobile computer labs

## SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Bear Creek Elementary opened in 1961 and is named after a meandering neighborhood creek located near the property. Bear Creek serves approximately 540 students from prekindergarten through 5th-grade. In addition to the 24 classrooms, 11 permanent portable classrooms house students on our campus. Bear Creek is a Title I school, which gives students additional support, particularly in reading and math.

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Structured learning atmosphere focusing on high academic achievement
- Open-door policy for parents
- Daily planners used in all grade levels
- High emphasis on appropriate school behaviors with mandatory uniforms
- Involved and supportive PTA
- Daily student-produced news show
- Close partnership with community
- Staff committed to continuous professional growth

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- Golden School Award for community involvement
- Leukemia Society Award
- Educational Media Awards (EMA)
- Mayor's Mentors and More
- Presidential Academic and Physical Fitness Awards

## CURRICULUM

- Subjects include math, reading, language arts, science, health and social studies
- Physical education four times per week
- Art and Music on a weekly basis
- Teacher partners
- Gifted education for eligible students
- Library/media center
- Character education
- Mobile Computer labs

## SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Literacy and Math/Science coaches
- Title I – resources for help in reading and math
- Students Targeted for Achievement, Recognition and Success (STARS) program in grade 3
- St. Pete Reads tutors

