

**Scan the QR reader to access our
Family Handbook before the
presentation begins!**





2025 Family Welcome Back to School Event

In your packet, you will find the following resources:

Please be sure you review with your student at home before the 1st day of school!

- Your student's schedule!
- Staff contact information!
- Family Handbook overview with QR reader to allow you to read through the entire handbook!
- BVMS Grading Policy!
- How to log into Schoology - check those grades!
- BVMS unique 25-26 Calendar!
- BVMS dress code!
- BVMS Drop-off and Pick-up Safety Map!
- BVMS Supply List!
- DPS SW Community Hub resources!
- ABC Eyewear information!

If you need copies of these in Spanish or Vietnamese please visit the main office.

Introductions



**Rachael
Sutherland**
Proud
Principal!!



**Chris
Plesko**
Assistant
Principal



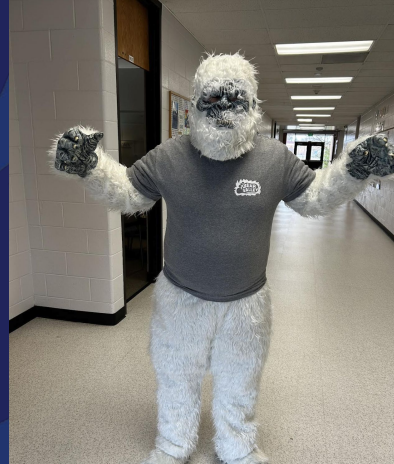
**Sarah
Masten**
School Ops
Manager



Tay Sisneros
Culture
Team Lead

Principal Sutherland Welcome!

- I am incredibly proud to be the principal at Bear Valley International School!
- This will be my 3rd full year at BVIS.
- I LOVE LOVE LOVE my school and the SW community.
- I have a 4 year old son, Crew. He start pre K next week. I have a Corgi. And, I have way too many Monster Jam trucks in my living room!



Some WINS @ BVMS...

- We are GREEN SCHOOL!!!!!!
- We only have 1 new teacher this year; every other teacher returned to BVMS!
- We have the best mascot in DPS
- Tuvoz survey:
 - Students: Health & Sense of safety - 95%
 - Families: Feeling informed - 95%
 - Families: Feeling welcomed - 95%

- How many of you want to know how to BEST support your student at BVMS?
- How many of you want to learn more about how to interpret your students grades?
 - How many of you want your voice heard at BVMS?
- I need to hear more parent voices at BVMS

**Please come to our monthly
Collaborative School Community
(CSC) meetings.**

Collaborative School Committee!!!

- Held in a teacher's classroom
- Snacks :)
- Open conversation
- Principal presents the state of BVMS
 - Attendance
 - Our major test data
 - Discipline data
 - YOU tell us what is going well and WHAT WE NEED TO DO BETTER.



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**Not only would I LOVE to see more parents at
BEAR VALLEY, but I'd love to see your students
MORE OFTEN.**

Attendance Matters!

- Academics
- Social skills
- PREP FOR HIGH SCHOOL!!!
- On track = 93% or above
- Off track = your student is missing 10% or more of school
 - This is 12 total days missed
 - This is about 2 days a month.
- ON TRACK with attendance means you get to participate in our **ON TRACK celebrations.**
 - It also means 8th graders are one step closer to Continuation.



What counts AGAINST my student's attendance?

- Even if you call BVMS and inform us your student will be gone, that counts against their attendance (this is the same at all schools)
- Tardy = missed time in class = counts against your attendance
- Off track in attendance means you...
 - Cannot participate in our “On Track” celebrations.
 - Cannot walk the stage at 8th Grade Continuation
 - Very low attendance may mean NO sports.

We can't do our job to get to your know student, build that relationship with your amazing kid, and GROW them if they aren't here.

- Please CALL (720-423-9600) or email (bvoffice@dpsk12.org) the front office if your student will be absent

Attendance Team!!!

The **Attendance Team** is comprised of primarily teachers.

We need a family voice!

We meet 1 time a month throughout the year. The team will discuss how we can best support getting our students to school!

WE NEED YOUR VOICE!!!

Both CSC and the Attendance Team will collaborate on HOW to make BVIS the best school it can be for kids. The more voices the better!!!!

Email me directly if you want to have a voice and serve on CSC

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New Grading Policy

Grading expectations at BVMS have shifted for the 25-26 school year to support student learning and attendance. There is a grading policy one pager with in-depth information in your packet. Please review it with your student.

New Grading Policy Highlights:

- Deadline for late work is the end of each Unit (the day of unit test)
- Students may correct work to earn back only ONE letter grade
 - Example: **D to C** or **B to A**
- Classwork and tests must be made up when a student is absent
- Incomplete work will earn a grade of 0 until it is turned in
- Unexcused tardies to class will result in a loss of points on Do Now assignments as those happen in the beginning of class.
- Monthly progress reports will be emailed home but student grades can be monitored regularly in Schoology

Please see Mr. Plesko with any questions on the policy changes

Schoolwide Expectations

At Bear Valley, we expect all students to uphold the following expectations:

- 1. 93% attendance or higher**
 - 2. C's or better in all classes**
 - 3. On track iCAP**
 - 4. No major or repeated behavior issues**
- ★ Families will receive a monthly progress report from their student's LC mentor informing them on their student's current progress
 - ★ These expectations are directly tied to student's eligibility to attend quarterly celebrations.
 - ★ For 8th graders, these are also the eligibility requirements to participate in continuation week activities in May!
 - ★ **ONLY ON TRACK STUDENTS WALK THE STAGE @ CONTINUATION!!!**



**2025-
2026**



Celebrations at BVIS!

We love celebrating our students and their academic, personal and emotional growth! We have some amazing things lined up to celebrate how GREAT our students are!

Examples:

- ★ Monthly grade level awards (families invited)
- ★ Attendance awards
- ★ Monthly House Celebrations
- ★ Quarterly School-wide Celebrations
 - *Planned by our student council!*
- ★ Yeti Bux, Yeti Bank, and weekly Yeti Bux store
- ★ 8th grade continuation week activities and ceremony (May)



Dress Code = CommUNITY

Bear Valley Dress Code



ALLOWED!

- Hats & beanies!
- Pants, shorts, & skirts can be worn in any color/style but must:
 - Cover legs with no rips or shreds above the mid-thigh
 - Shorts & skirts must be at or below fingertips with arms at sides

Shirts & Outerwear

- All tops must be one of the 5 approved colors of **black, any shade of blue, any shade of grey, white or any shade of green.**
- Tops must be **plain (no stripes or color blocking) and free of logos** unless the ONE logo on the shirt can be covered by a 3in*3in square (i.e. Nike Swoosh, Addidas logo)
- Shirts all must have **straps that are at least 3 fingers wide** (no thin straps or tube tops)
- **BVIS logo'd t-shirts and hoodies** from previous years are welcomed!

TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY AND YETI PRIDE, WE EXPECT OUR STUDENTS TO UPHOLD THESE EXPECTATIONS EVERYDAY!

NOT ALLOWED!

- Sunglasses inside school building
- Any article of clothing promoting drugs, alcohol, violence, discrimination, sexual innuendo, derogatory language, gangs, or any illegal activity

Five Color Wheel



HOODIES

Jackets, pull-over or zip-up hoodies in the 5 color wheel are allowed, **but hood must be off heads at all times** inside the building

Shirts under outerwear must be in the FIVE color wheel

No Sleepwear

- No house slippers
- No blankets
- No fleece PJ pants

The 3 NO B's

- No bellies!
 - No crop tops
- No butts!
 - No sagging
- No bodysuits!

Examples of what is allowed



Examples of what is NOT allowed....



Phones & Airpods

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- **Ren**
 - We feel strongly about your student's academic and mental well being, and we ask for your partnership in student's NOT having phones in class.
- **Cre**
 - 1st incident of phone or airpods in class = Phone given to Principal and locked in drawer. Student gets at the end of the day.

2nd incident = Phone given to Principal and parent needs to get at the end of the day.

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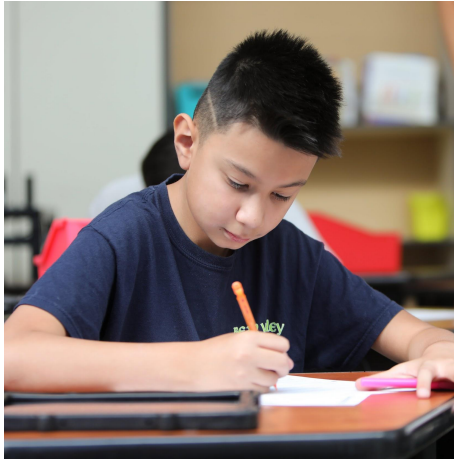
3rd incident = Phone given to Principal, parent needs to come to get at the end of the day. The student has In School Suspension the next day.



BV
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ISS, Lunch Detention, & Lunch Repair

An opportunity to take accountability and repair harm!



- **Lunch Repair:** Lunch and/or Recess with a teacher to connect and repair.
 - You will be notified by your students teacher the day before if your student has been assigned ISS or lunch repair for the following day(s). Off track behavior in class/0 or 1 on yeti watch
- **Lunch Detention:** Lunch detention is only assigned when a student is caught in a hall sweep(tardy to class)
 - You will be notified by RCT the day before your student serves lunch detention.
- **There are no more half days or “PASS” this year. We are going into full days of In School Suspension(ISS) for major safety incidents and the following..**
 - 3 Dial zeros in a quarter
 - 3 Tardies in a quarter
 - 3 Dress Code offenses a quarter
 - 3 Cell Phone/airpod offenses a quarter
 - Not passing yeti watch phases

