

BEAR CREEK ACADEMY

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Why I Love 6th Grade English by David

I have taken reading and sixth grade English with Ms. Nichols and spelling with Ms. Ferguson. Reading was my favorite class with Ms. Nichols because I used to not like to read, but now I do. She showed me how to read while using a tracker. Ms. Nichols would also explain words that did not make sense to me. We would also play life. I would read a passage to Ms. Nichols everyday. In spelling class we would get words, sort words, do three activities to practice words, test, and then get new words. In sixth grade English class we do power points, Quizlet, and review for our tests.

Staff Spotlight: Kourtney Nichols

When did you start teaching here at Bear Creek Academy? 2012

Which subject do you teach? English 6-12 or any Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum. I'm also certified to teach History.



How have you grown as a professional since starting here? I've grown with the ability to actually grow and take feedback and be able to apply it, and to be flexible when lesson plans don't go the way I thought they would.

What are some of your favorite things about BCA? The community, family feeling that we have. The ability to build relationships with the students and work one on one. No matter what is going on I can come here and know that I can help others and give. I look forward to coming here everyday - there have been some rough days, but never a time I didn't want to come.

The Importance of Conservation Corps by Cody

Conservation Corps is a place where Bear Creek Academy gives back to the community. Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) originated when Franklin D. Roosevelt was President. It employed young men and women during the Great Depression on projects to protect the environment. We still continue with this because we are able to develop healthy work habits and further our emotional growth.

The staff at Bear Creek Lake have been excited about the work we have put in over the past few years. We go to Conservation Corps every Wednesday afternoon. We wear special shirts that resemble the uniforms of the park rangers. They have our badges we have earned on them. Wearing a uniform to the park helps prepare us for the work force. My favorite part of Conservation Corps is helping cleaning up the forest because I love nature and hiking on trails.

Chalking Up BCA by Megan

I started chalking up Bear Creek Academy because it's a good way to relax. When I'm chalking I'm able take a break from academic work and go into my own world. Its also helps relax me after a stressful class or test.



I love chalk and the way it feels. I draw whatever comes to mind. I can do all different things with chalk, like shapes, shading, food, animals, and rainbows. I chalk anything and everything.

I like that, when I chalk, it can enlighten someone's day with bright colors. It also brings color to the school. When we have visitors they can see it's a world of imagination here. Chalking can also teach patience. Making mistakes and being able to fix them teaches you that you can keep going in difficult situations.



Student Spotlight: Devin

What was going on in your life before you started Bear Creek? I was attending a private school. I had some difficulty with teachers and I didn't feel like I was learning anything.

What are your favorite things about the school? The activities and the options that you have. The Bike Team, in-school jobs and badges to work towards. Also math class, because I like to be challenged.

What is a Badge? Something that you earn over time, by meeting your goals (one or two). This means that you are maturing and growing in your skills.

How do you think you have grown since you started at BCA? I know my attitude has improved towards things, and my physical and mental health are better. BCA has helped me stay in school instead of residential or something worse. They have really helped me with my education and with respect.

What is some advice you would give to someone to a new student coming to BCA? Stay proud of yourself, stay happy, and keep your eyes on the prize. I would give them encouragement and let them know they can do it.