

# BEAR CREEK ACADEMY

## 2023 Newsletter

### *The School from the Eyes of a Student* by DC

The students of Bear Creek Academy have a wide area to grow and learn about life outside of school, such as jobs, driving, cooking, and personal finances. The teachers give them help where it is needed for each student, but will also allow them to do it on their own. Some students take advantage of the help that teachers give, but some choose not to listen or follow directions and grow with the feedback given. This school helps students who have a hard time learning to do this, and it is okay to a certain point. Our school gives you a chance. When you first start you have a couple of times where you can't bounce back into class and that's alright, but once you have been here for awhile you have to know where to grow in both the classroom and the workplace. We all have our struggles every now and then, but with this school, each struggle is a way to grow as a child, a young adult, and to live and work in the world we know today.



I've done my things in this school and had my hard times here and there, and still do, but they have never given up on me or any kid that has come their way. The fact that they sit with you, talk you through work or a hard time that you are having in that moment, is a truly wonderful thing. Most kids don't want to show how much they really needed someone to sit down and not say anything as they talk about their feelings, their thoughts, and the pain they've endured for who knows how long. I can't tell you how much love I have felt from these teachers. This school may not be for everyone, but the way they do things, and the things they do, are from the heart.





## ***What I like Most About BCA!*** by JJ

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There are many cool things about BCA. One thing I appreciate is that the students and staff are respectful of both boundaries and beliefs. You get a chance to make friends with the amount of students there are and the teachers are flexible. I personally like the amount of personal boundaries set by the teachers for the students to abide by. One example of how the friends are good and have good personal boundaries is one of my friends from school. He is a great friend because when I get annoyed he actually respects my personal boundaries. Also, the teachers are nice and since it is a smaller school the teachers have time to help individual students. This has really helped me to grow and learn what I had to in order to get back to the public school.



## ***Bear Creek Academy Activities*** by LF

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Some of the activities we have done during this semester were a Murder Mystery event and a Spelling Bee. We had eight students participate and we ate snacks. One student said about the Murder Mystery, "It was fun trying to guess who did the murder!" The Spelling Bee was on September 28th. There was a three strike policy for the Spelling Bee.

On September 21 and 22 we went out to Bear Creek Lake State Park to go canoeing. For some of the students it was their first time canoeing and they said it was an enjoyable experience. Some students also went kayaking and paddle boating.



## ***Teacher and Student Spotlight*** by AW

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Mr. Lake started and was a founder of the school in 2008. He has been counseling since 1996. Mr. Lake thinks the students here are amazing. He enjoys helping students secure jobs and helping them get their drivers' licenses.

The student interviewed started in 2019 and he really enjoys being at this school. He really likes computer applications class. He also enjoys English and math. His favorite things about BCA are the staff, smaller class size, breaks, and that it is easy to keep up and catch up with the classwork.