



Beaver Tales



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North Cow
Creek School

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Proudly serving
students from all of
Shasta County by
providing ...

Academic Excellence

21st Century
Learning

Technology
Integration

Personal
Development

High School
Readiness

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to the 2016/17 school year. We are excited to welcome two new staff members this year: Giovanna DeGiorgio is teaching second grade and CoCo Smith is our new evening custodian. We are fortunate to have these two join our staff.

As always, we have established some areas of focus for this new year:

- ♦ **7th/8th Grade Program:** We will continue the Friday activity period and are also working on developing an elective program. It is our hope that each student will be able to select from a list of elective courses that will include engaging topics they are interested in learning. Topics may include foreign languages, career exploration, technology/engineering exploration, and advanced topics of study.
- ♦ **Language Arts Pilot:** Our teachers in grades K—6 will be piloting two different curriculums that will be considered for adoption during the 17/18 school year. Towards the middle of September, the materials being considered will be available for parents to preview in the office.
- ♦ **STEAM Activities:** We will be integrating high-interest activities that integrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. This may include robotics, computer programming, Choir, and other related activities.
- ♦ **Intervention:** We know some students struggle with the core academics and we will continue to develop strategies for monitoring student progress in meeting expectations and helping address their areas of need.
- ♦ **Communication:** We will continue to enhance and improve the communication between home and school through the use of our website, online app,

newsletter, and online resources.

- ♦ **Leadership:** We are taking the 7 Habits/Leadership principles to a new level this year which includes helping students set and achieve goals, become more familiar understanding and using the 7 habits, and creating leadership opportunities for students. This also includes community service opportunities for our 7th/8th graders.

As a staff we are excited about this new year and look forward to working with our families. We encourage everyone to get involved through volunteering in the classroom, during Ed Foundation events, and attending monthly School Board meetings.

Back to School Night

On Thursday, September 1st, we have our annual "Back to School Night" for

grades 1—8. This evening is designed for parents and we ask that, if possible,



students remain home. Teachers will cover classroom policies, expectations, and curriculum with parents. Each teacher will give two identical presentations for parents with more than one student. The Education Foundation will kick-off the evening with a brief information meeting at 5:30 in the cafeteria.

Ed Foundation Mtg.	5:30 pm
Classroom Mtg 1:	6:00 pm
Classroom Mtg 2:	6:40 pm

School Communications

We communicate regularly through texting, email, our website, this monthly newsletter, and the online app for Android and Apple devices. If you are not receiving these communications, please call the office so we can get you connected.



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Just a reminder.... **Please do not leave your vehicle unattended when it is stopped in the student pick up/drop off queue in the parking lot.**

Unattended vehicles cause parent frustration and numerous lane changes, which in turn, negatively affect safety. Parking is available along the west fence line near the solar panels/gym area.

The street curb adjacent to the school office is marked **RED**. **Red indicates NO STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING** whether the vehicle is attended or unattended. Drivers exiting the parking lot cannot get a clear view of oncoming traffic if vehicles are parked along the red curb.

A.C.E. AWARD - EARN FREE



POPCORN FOR

PERFECT ATTENDANCE! -

Each week, two students with perfect attendance will be selected randomly from each class for a free bag of popcorn on **Popcorn Fridays**, beginning Friday, September 9th.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Miss A Day, Miss A Lot!



Fall Festival

Saturday, October 22, 2016



Our fall **BOOK FAIR** will be underway next week on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** in the Resource Room. We will be open on Thursday, **September 1st**, a **MINIMUM DAY**, until 12:30, and open during **Back to School Night**, 5:30 - 7:30pm. Look for more information to be sent home with your student next week.

AERIES STUDENT

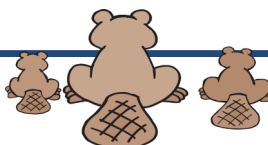
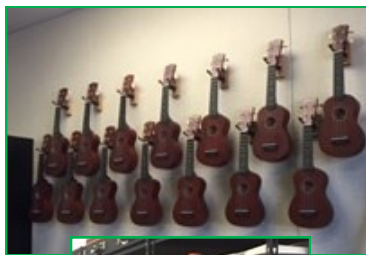
INFORMATION SYSTEM

Our 4—8 grade teachers utilized the AERIES SIS for student grades and assignments. Parents can obtain a login to access this information from home. If you have not received your information, please contact the school office.



Teachers work hard to update grades/assignments within 2 weeks of the assignments being turned in.

Thank you, Ed Foundation and those attending the *Taste for Tunes* event last year. We were able to raise \$5,000 to purchase new supplies for the music program. Here are some pictures of the new supplies.



AUG/SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Aug 29—Swede Creek 4-H, 7pm, gym
Enrollment Night
Aug 31 - Book Fair Begins
Sept 1 - **Minimum Day—Noon Dismiss**
Ed Foundation Meeting, 5:30pm, gym
Back to School Night, 6pm
Sept 2—Spirit Day - School Colors
Sept 5 - **No School - Labor Day**
Sept 7 - *Honey Bee Queen* visits
Ed Foundation Mtg, 6:30pm
Sept 10 - Palo Cedro Honeybee Festival
Sept 16 - **TK/K & 1st to W.E.S.**
Sept 20 - School Board Meeting, 7pm
Sept 25 - **Ducky Derby Duck Drop**

DUCKY DERBY Kick-off Friday, August 26th!

Tickets will be distributed on Monday, August 29th to students and will be due on Friday, September 16th.

**DUCK DROP
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th!**



GIRL SCOUTS

**BECOME A GIRL
SCOUT!**

Wed, August 31

NCCS SPORTS CORNER

NCCS Flag Football & Volleyball Game times and updates will be posted on the *Calendar* section of the NCCS website. We are hoping to report game results and team highlights here next month.

GO, NORTH COW CREEK TEAMS!

