

# Briarwood Newsletter

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Newsletter

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## Sign Up Now for Progressive Dinner!

Mark your calendars for the evening of April 22 – it's Progressive Dinner Time! This annual fundraising event is a long-time Briarwood tradition, and a favorite evening among many.

For those who have not participated, it's a fun way to meet and mingle with new and old friends. To kick off the evening, from 6-7:30pm, Briarwood parents convene at one of two designated homes for appetizers. (Ahead of the event, everyone will receive an invitation to their assigned Appetizer House.) At the Appetizer House, everyone will receive their Dinner House assignments. (Dinner assignments are assigned randomly by event organizers.)

At 7:30pm, everyone heads to their Dinner House. Dinner House hosts provide dinner and drinks for about 4-6 couples, from approximately 7:45-9:15pm. After dinner, time to head to the Dessert House for sweet treats and more fun.

Cost to participate is \$50 per person. Click this link to sign up and pay online -- <https://casbid.com/briarwood> (The Progressive Dinner signup should be listed under Adult Sign-Up Parties.)

Questions? Contact [maryseltzerboomer@gmail.com](mailto:maryseltzerboomer@gmail.com)  
Hope you can join us!

## New Last Day of School – May 19

Shawnee Mission School District recently announced an adjusted last day of the school year. Friday, May 19 will be the final day and is an early dismissal day. School will release at 12:30pm.

SMSD adjusted the calendar because we did not use snow days this year.

## Important Upcoming Dates

- Thurs. April 6:  
**Skating Party - 4-6pm**  
**Culver's Dining Partner**  
– 5-8pm
- Wed. April 12:  
**Preschool Story Time**
- Fri. April 14:  
**No School for Staff Development**
- Tues. April 18:  
**Kindergarten Enrollment – 6:30pm**
- Sat. April 22  
**Progressive Dinner**
- Wed. April 26 – Fri. April 28:  
**Used Book Fair**
- Thurs. April 27:  
**Open House – 6-7:30pm**
- Fri. April 28:  
**Second Grade Bike Rodeo**
- Mon. May 1:  
**Big 9 Golf Challenge**
- Thurs. May 4:  
**Early Dismissal – 12:30pm**  
**Carnival – 5:30pm**
- Fri. May 5:  
**No School for Staff Development**
- Wed. May 10:  
**Preschool Story Time**
- Fri. May 19:  
**Last day of school – early dismissal at 12:30**

## Register Now for the Big 9 Golf Challenge

**We are limited on the number of teams that can register this year so get your foursome together!**

**Here is your chance to play golf AND support Briarwood!**

Nine area schools will be competing for prizes and the chance to proudly display the Grand Champion trophy at their school. The Grand Champion team will win approximately \$2000 for their school.

**Date: Monday, May 1, 2017**

**Tee Time: 8:00am. Check in begins at 7:30am. Lunch is included.**

**Format: 4-Person Scramble**

**Fee: \$150 per player**

**Place: Oakwood Country Club**

**Mulligans: \$20 (maximum 2 per player)**

\*Sponsorships available (\$200/hole)

Please go to [www.briarwoodfoundation.org](http://www.briarwoodfoundation.org) to print off your player registration form.

\*If you are interested in a sponsorship or have questions please contact Heather Kimmel at 816.516.0908 or [hkimmel1@me.com](mailto:hkimmel1@me.com).

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## Message From Mr. Lash – Class Placement

We will soon begin the process of class placement for next school year. A great deal of time and careful effort is devoted to class placements. A school practice and procedure is in place that we will follow when making these decisions. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that every student has the best possible placement each year. However, this is a difficult task, since the best placement is greatly affected by the overall classroom make-up as well as the teaching style of the instructor. We feel it is imperative that we construct classes according to the following criteria:

- Even mix of males/females in all classes at a given grade level
- Placement of students academically to best meet their needs
- Combination of social/behavioral levels in all classes

Beyond that, we look at students with clearly exceptional learning or behavioral needs and see if one particular teacher's style or strengths would benefit that student more than another. We will also look at the social dynamics between certain students, and if our experiences tell us that two or more students have a negative influence on each other when they are together in a classroom, then we may ensure that they have different classroom placements.

As you can see, if we were to try to place students in classrooms of their choosing, it would quickly become impossible to construct classes according to the guidelines noted above. This would not allow for the creation of the best environment in which all children could experience success. When the

decisions are made, input from the classroom teachers, specials teachers, building principal, and parents is considered. As a parent, if you have a request or concerns about placement, please complete the class placement form. The specific information you provide will be combined with our knowledge and observations of your child in making the best decision possible. **Please complete the placement form by Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Class Placement Parent Input**

**2017-2018 School Year**

**Briarwood Elementary School**

**Your Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Teacher's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any special qualities about your child or situations you believe to be important factors that may assist class placement decisions for next year.

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Does your child have any special learning or personal-social needs you feel should be considered? Please describe.

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What qualities in a teacher do you feel are important to create a good match with your child's needs in the classroom?

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Are there any other comments you would like to share?

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Forms due in the school office by Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

## Mensaje del Sr. Lash – La selección de las clases

Nosotros muy pronto comenzaremos el proceso de selección de clases para el próximo año escolar. Una cantidad muy grande de tiempo y un esfuerzo muy cuidadoso es dedicado a estas selecciones de clases. La escuela seguirá la guía de los procedimientos escolares para tomar estas decisiones. Nuestra meta final es asegurarnos que cada estudiante tenga la mejor ubicación posible cada año. Sin embargo, esta es una tarea difícil, ya que la mejor ubicación para su niño/a esta determinada por la combinación de estudiantes en la clase así como el estilo de enseñanza del instructor. Nosotros consideramos que es imprescindible que elaboremos clases de acuerdo al siguiente criterio:

- Mezcla homogénea de niños y niñas en todas las clases en cada nivel de grado.
- Colocar los estudiantes académicamente de la mejor manera para satisfacer sus necesidades
- Combinación de niveles sociales y de comportamiento en todas las clases

Más allá de, nosotros vemos estudiantes con excepcional claridad de aprendizaje o comportamiento y miramos si algún maestro con características o habilidades particulares pueda beneficiar a un estudiante más que a otro. También observamos la dinámica social entre ciertos estudiantes, y si nuestras experiencias nos muestran que dos o más estudiantes tienen una influencia negativa uno con el otro cuando están juntos en la clase, entonces nosotros podemos asegurarnos de colocarlos en clases diferentes.

Como ustedes pueden ver, si nosotros tratáramos de colocar los estudiantes en salones de clase que ellos escogieran, podría llegar a ser imposible de seleccionar clases de acuerdo a las líneas de guía que le damos arriba. Esto no podría permitir la creación de un mejor ambiente en el cual los niños puedan experimentar el éxito. Cuando las decisiones sean tomadas, será considerada la información de maestros de clase, maestros de educación especial, director de la escuela, y padres de familia. Como padre de familia, si tiene una solicitud o algo que le preocupe sobre la selección de la clase, por favor llene el formulario de la selección de clase. La información específica que usted nos proporcione será combinada con nuestros conocimientos y observaciones de su hijo/a para tomar la mejor decisión posible. **Por favor llene el formulario de selección de clase para el viernes 14 de abril.**

### Ubicación de Clase. Datos proporcionados por los padres 2017-2018 Año Escolar Briarwood Elementary School

Nombre del niño/a: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre actual del maestro: \_\_\_\_\_

Describa alguna cualidad especial sobre su niño/a o alguna situación que usted crea ser un factor importante que ayude a la decisión de ubicación de clase para el próximo año escolar.

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Tiene su hijo/a alguna necesidad especial de aprendizaje o de tipo personal/social que usted crea que podría ser considerada? Por favor descríbala.

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Qué cualidades en un maestro cree usted que serían importantes para crear un buen vínculo que pueda cubrir las necesidades de su hijo/a en la clase?

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Hay algún otro comentario que a usted le gustaría compartir?

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Firma del Padre o Madre: \_\_\_\_\_ fecha de hoy: \_\_\_\_\_

**Este formulario debe estar en la oficina de la escuela para el viernes 14 de abril**

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## *Spread the Word About Kindergarten Registration Night on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30pm*



Incoming Kindergarten students are invited to visit in the kindergarten classrooms while their parents attend an informational meeting in the cafeteria.

Please bring the following **original** documents for your child and we will make copies for you:

1. State certified birth certificate,
2. Parent's Driver's License,
3. Immunization record and completed physical examination form
4. Proof of residence documents: Mortgage or current lease agreement **and** 2 current utility bills (gas, electric or water)

Sign-up sheets will be available at the Tuesday meeting for the kindergarten screening held on May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

Enrollment packets will be distributed at the meeting and completed documents will be returned to the office at the time of the screening.



**Noche de Inscripción para estudiantes ingresando a Kínder, Martes 18 de abril, 2017 a las 6:30 PM.** Los estudiantes ingresantes a kínder están invitados a visitar los salones de clase de kínder mientras sus padres asisten a una reunión informativa en la cafetería.

Por favor traiga los siguientes documentos **originales** de su hijo(a) y nosotros haremos copias para ustedes:

1. Acta de nacimiento emitida por el estado,
2. Licencia de manejo
3. Cartilla de Vacunación y formulario completo del examen físico
4. Documentos de comprobante de domicilio: Hipoteca o Contrato de renta y 2 recibos de utilidades actuales (gas, electricidad o agua)

Las hojas de registración para las evaluaciones de kínder del día 4 & 5 de Mayo estarán disponibles en la reunión.

Los paquetes de inscripción estarán disponibles en la reunión y los documentos completos deberán ser entregados al momento de la evaluación.

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## Support the Used Book Fair



“A book is a gift you can open again and again.” — Garrison Keillor

The Used Book Fair is coming! Let’s recycle those old books and let your past favorites be someone’s new treasures. Send your used books to school April 19-21, and be sure to shop the Used Book Fair April 26-28.

Please use the link below to sign up and help! We need you!!  
<http://signup.com/go/bysDgY>

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## Join the Butterfly Garden Team



The first phase of the Briarwood Butterfly Garden will be installed in April! The K-2 teachers, Mr. Lash, the SMSD sustainability coordinator, and the PTA landscape committee have been working together to prepare for garden installation. The future garden is designed to adhere to district guidelines, engage the students to develop the garden over time and provide hands on teaching opportunities. The plantings will be low maintenance, but the garden will require routine care to establish. Please, email Carly

Lee [cevalee47@gmail.com](mailto:cevalee47@gmail.com) to join the butterfly garden team. Beginners to professionals and everyone in between are encouraged to lend a hand!

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Grab a Butterburger for Briarwood on Thursday, April 6

# DONATE WHILE YOU DINE

Enjoy a delicious meal, benefit a great cause and feel good all over.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



*Culver's*  
*Cares*



## Purchase Your "Slow Down" Sign to Support Briarwood



Warmer weather = kids playing outside. Keep your kids safe and support the Briarwood Foundation and PTA by purchasing this yard sign for \$20.

Please contact Heather Kimmel at [hkimmel1@me.com](mailto:hkimmel1@me.com) or 816.516.0908 to purchase your sign.

## Keep Up with the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Commission

Want to know what's going on with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade commission? Check out the link here for meeting notes and updates: <http://www.smsd.org/parents/Pages/Sixth.aspx>

More questions? Contact our Briarwood representative, Jenna Joplin at <mailto:jennajoplin@hotmail.com>.

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## Notes from the Nurse

Health Tip: April 22 is Earth Day! Our health is linked to the health of our environment. We urge all Briarwood families to reduce, recycle and reuse. And please safely get rid of prescription medications by dropping them off in the Red Box inside the PV Police Department – that door is open even after-hours. Flushing medication down the toilet or putting it in the trash/landfill can harm our water and land.

Current Health issues: Allergies!! – start that medication if you haven't already. Stomach viruses; fever/headache virus; a few cases of Influenza (cough, fever, achy, headache, sore throat sometimes); strep throat; head lice (please continue weekly head checks!). Please keep your child home for 24 hours without a fever (without medication), vomiting, diarrhea, or persistent cough as they are still contagious.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade parents: Sixth graders need a TDAP immunization before beginning 7<sup>th</sup> grade. If your child has had this immunization (not a Td or DTAP), please have your doctor fax that over to me at 913-993-2256. If he/she has not had it, please consider having it done this spring and getting the record to me so you don't have to worry about it over the summer.

Please call with any questions! Thanks! Nurse Kay 913-993-2202

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# Royals Baseball Roller Skating Party

**Briarwood Elementary**

**Thursday, April 6th**  
**4-6 pm Adm. \$4.50\***

Regular skate rental \$1.00\*  
\*Prices based on cash discount

Check us out on the web at  
[www.skatecitykansas.com](http://www.skatecitykansas.com)

**Lots of Fun,  
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gear and get One  
free 9oz. Pepsi!*



Roller Skating is endorsed by the President's Council for Physical Fitness and Sports and by the American Heart Association.





## Earn Money for Briarwood While You Shop on Amazon

Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7152153> and designate Briarwood as your charitable organization. Briarwood will earn .5% from most purchases. Use the website <https://smile.amazon.com> each time you shop Amazon. All of your account information will remain the same but you'll be raising money for Briarwood as you shop. It's easy!

### 2016-17 PTA Executive Committee

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