

# Briarwood Newsletter

Briarwood Family  
Newsletter

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## Show Your Love During Staff Appreciation Week



Staff Appreciation Week is Monday, April 24 through Friday, April 28. Each day this week we plan to shower our Briarwood teachers and staff with gifts of our gratitude.

Students are encouraged to bring in these gift suggestions throughout the week:

- MONDAY 4/24: Bring in a package of Keurig pods (or just bring a couple from your stash at home!)
- TUESDAY 4/25: Make a card, drawing or a handwritten letter to your teacher.
- WEDNESDAY 4/26: Take a sweet treat to your special teacher of the day, bus driver, custodian or cafeteria staff.
- THURSDAY 4/27: Bring your teacher a school supply (other than post-it notes).
- FRIDAY 4/28: Bring a gift of your choice to spoil your teacher!

Extra smiles and compliments are always great gifts at any time!

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## PTA Slate for 2017-2018

The PTA slate for the 2017-2018 school year is posted on the PTA website at [www.briarwoodpta.org](http://www.briarwoodpta.org). The slate will be voted on at the general PTA meeting on April 24 at 2:50pm in the cafeteria. All PTA members are welcome to attend - this meeting should last no longer than 15 minutes.

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## Important Upcoming Dates

- Tues. April 18:  
**Kindergarten Enrollment – 6:30pm**
- Sat. April 22  
**Progressive Dinner**
- Mon. April 24:  
**PTA General Meeting – 2:50pm**
- Mon. April 24 through Fri. April 28:  
**Staff Appreciation Week**
- Wed. April 26 through Fri. April 28:  
**Used Book Fair**
- Thurs. April 27:  
**Open House – 6:00-7:30pm**
- 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**

## Money and Materials for Makerspace

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PTA and Briarwood Foundation recently funded over \$18,000 worth of purchases to get our Maker Space loaded with tech gadgets, craft materials, furniture and more. These items will be used by all students in all grade levels.

We need your help at Open House  
on Thursday, April 27!

But, we need your help to make our *dream* Maker Space a reality. **At Open House on Thursday, April 27 we'll be hosting a drive for Money and Materials for Maker Space.** Stop by our table in the front hall from 6:30 to 8pm to drop off your donations.

Here's what we need from you:

- Money – whether it's spare change your child wants to contribute or a check to Briarwood PTA, it all counts!
- Fabric scraps
- Elmer's glue/glue sticks/tape
- Craft supplies (e.g. rick rack, ribbon, yarn, mini yarn pom poms, pipe cleaners, straws, colored feathers, popsicle sticks, string)
- Toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls
- Oatmeal canisters

Thank you for helping bring our Maker Space to life!

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## Message From Mr. Lash – Outdoor Classroom/Butterfly Garden



On Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> we built our first butterfly garden bed in our outdoor classroom area. After months of meeting and planning it was exciting to see our butterfly garden come to life. I want to thank our butterfly garden committee for making this possible. The committee members are Joan Leavens, Lori Heinze, Sarah Collins, Laura Nunnink, Susan Cunningham, Karen Eichenberger, Carly Lee, and Nicole Robson. In addition, I want to thank Steve Robson, Jeremy Hight, and Jared, Kadence, & Kennady Heinze for helping to build the garden. A big thank you to Missouri Organic for donating 4 cubic yards of garden soil.

The next step is to plant the different types of milk weed and zinnias that were grown in the mini greenhouses that Carly Lee donated to each classroom in grades KDG-2. Also, we will be planting additional plants that were funded by the National Fish & Wildlife Federation Monarch Habitat Grant. The garden will serve a variety of educational purposes and cultivate student leaders who positively impact their community and environment.

## ***Mensaje del Sr. Lash – Jardín de Mariposas/Del salón de Clase al Aire Libre***



El sábado, 8 de abril nosotros creamos nuestro propio jardín de mariposas en nuestra área del salón de clases al aire libre. Después de meses de reuniones y planeamiento fue muy emocionante ver que nuestro jardín de mariposas se hacía realidad. Quiero dar las gracias al comité del jardín de mariposas por haber hecho esto posible.

Los miembros del comité son Joan Leavens, Lori Heinze, Sarah Collins, Laura Nunnink, Susan Cunningham, Karen Eichenberger, Carly Lee, and Nicole Robson. Además, Yo quiero darle las gracias a Steve Robson, Jeremy Hight, and Jared, Kadence, & Kennady Heinze por ayudarnos a construir nuestro jardín. Muchas gracias a Missouri Organic por donar 4 yardas cúbicas de tierra para jardín.

El siguiente paso es plantar los diferentes tipos de milk weed y zinnias que fueron cultivadas en los invernaderos que Carly Lee le dono a cada clase de Kinder-2. También, nosotros estaremos sembrando

otras plantas adicionales que fueron financiadas por National Fish & Wildlife Federation Monarch Habitat Grant. El jardín servirá a una variedad de propósitos educacionales y cultivar líderes estudiantiles quienes impacten positivamente a su ambiente y comunidad.

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## ***Give to Pennies for Patients April 17 through April 21***

Briarwood Student Council is sponsoring a charity drive to help children and adults who have leukemia and lymphoma. Our own Tyler Regier, son of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Regier, is successfully fighting this disease.

Briarwood has participated in this fundraising drive for 5 years. Children are encouraged to contribute by bringing coins, cash, or a check made out to LLS to their classroom. The classroom that collects the most money will be treated to a pizza party. There will also be prizes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place classroom winners. Last year, the Briarwood community raised over \$4,700.

Each day, a fun activity will encourage children to donate:

- Tuesday 4/18: hat day
- Wednesday 4/19: crazy hair day
- Thursday 4/20: neon clothes and sunglasses
- Friday 4/21: PJ Day

Please help make this a successful drive for such a good cause!

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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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## Come Play at the Carnival – Thursday, May 4 5:30-8pm



We are sneaking up on one of our favorite family events of the year, the school carnival! Please use the link below to sign up for a shift during the carnival. If you are planning on attending the carnival, at least one member of your family should volunteer for a shift. We have many different opportunities available: selling tickets, helping with food service, “floating” around from area to area, face painting, game facilitating, and bounce house attendants are just a few of the areas available. Sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/UaZ6sM>

Watch the backpacks for the pre-order forms - they will be sent home this week!

If you have any questions regarding volunteering for the carnival, please email Mary Myers: [swenson1time@gmail.com](mailto:swenson1time@gmail.com)

If you have any questions about pre-orders or the event itself, please email Megan Cicero: [megancicero@att.net](mailto:megancicero@att.net)

This event is not possible without the help of our wonderful parent and family volunteers. Thank you for your support!

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## Join Us for Open House

Don't miss the all school Open House on Thursday, April 27 from 6:00-7:30pm. Visit your child's classroom to see recent work, plus check out art and projects from students from all grade levels. Be sure to shop the Used Book Fair and visit the table in the front hallway for our Money and Materials for Maker Space drive!

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## 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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## Purchase Your School Supply Kits for Next Year

Your child is bringing home a color flier about how to purchase school supply kits for the 2017-18 school year. These kits include every school supply your child needs for the upcoming year. It's by far the easiest way to wrangle all of the specific items on the list! The kits are delivered to the school in August. Plus, some of the money comes back to support our PTA.

Complete and return your flier by May 11 or shop online by May 19 at [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com).

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## 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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