

Briarwood Newsletter

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Volunteer at the Carnival!



We are desperate for volunteers at the Carnival! **We are in danger of not being able to operate all of your favorite games and activities if we don't get more help.**

Please sign up for a shift here: <http://signup.com/go/UaZ6sM>
Teenagers? Grandparents? Yes, we'd love their help too!

Join Us at the Carnival on Thursday, May 4!

All of your favorites are back on Thursday, May 4 from 5:30-8:00pm! Don't miss the games, inflatables, candy walk, face painting, photo booth and cotton candy. Plus, this year there is free ice cream, generously donated by Shatto Milk! Wristbands are available for purchase at the carnival for \$5 per child.

Donate Candy for the Carnival

The popular candy walk is back at the carnival. Please send full size candy bars or individually wrapped candy to school with your students through Thursday, May 4. Candy will be collected from each classroom every morning. Thanks for supporting the Carnival!

Important Upcoming Dates

- Tues. May 2:
6th grade class pic – 2:15pm
- Thurs. May 4:
 - **Early Dismissal – 12:30pm**
 - **Carnival – 5:30pm**
- Fri. May 5:
No School for Staff Development
- Tues. May 9:
 - **Field Day – 4th and 5th grades – 8:45-11am**
 - **6th grade musical – 7pm**
- Wed. May 10:
 - **Field Day – K and 1st grade – 8:45-11am**
 - **Field Day – 2nd and 3rd grades – 12:15-2:30pm**
 - **Preschool Story Time – 12:30pm**
- Wed. May 17:
 - **6th grade celebration – 7pm**
 - **Jalepenos dining partner night 4pm to close**
- Thurs. May 18:
Talent Show – 8:30am
- Fri. May 19:
Last day of school – early dismissal at 12:30

Message From Mr. Lash – Open House

It was awesome to see the new Briarwood full of student work! We had a packed house as students, parents, and family members visited the classrooms and shopped at the PTA Used Book Fair. You could feel the excitement and positive energy in the hallways as students proudly showed their family members their classwork, projects, and art work out on display! I want to thank our amazing teachers and amazing students for all the time and effort they put forth to make this possible. To learn more about the third-grade Washington DC project and to check out the 6th grade Genius Project Presentations click on the links below.

- Washington DC Projects
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWr0sSjPZgc>
- 6th Grade Genius Projects
 - <https://twitter.com/jonathanferrell/status/857774819651313669/video/1>

Working together, (amazing students, amazing staff members, amazing parents) our students continue to flourish and excel socially and academically! Thanks for your continued support at home!



Mensaje del Sr. Lash – Casa Abierta

Fue algo increíble ver la nueva Briarwood llena del trabajo de los estudiantes! Tuvimos una casa llena de estudiantes, padres, y miembros de familia que visitaron nuestros salones de clase y compraron en la Feria Del Libro Usado de PTA. Usted podía sentir la emoción en los pasillos y energía positiva cuando los estudiantes orgullosamente mostraban a su familia los trabajos del salón de clases, proyectos, y obras de arte en exhibición! Yo quiero darles las gracias a nuestros extraordinarios maestros y extraordinarios estudiantes por todo su tiempo y esfuerzo que dedicaron para que esto fuera posible. Para saber más sobre el proyecto del tercer grado de Washington DC y chequear las presentaciones del Genius Project del sexto grado haga clic en los sitios de web de abajo,

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 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWr0sSjPZgc>
- 6^{to} Grado Genius Projects
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Trabajando juntos (estudiantes extraordinarios, personal extraordinario, padres extraordinarios) nuestros estudiantes continúan prosperando y sobresaliendo socialmente y académicamente! Muchas gracias por su continuo apoyo en casa!

Purchase Your School Supply Kits for Next Year

Your child brought home a color flier about how to purchase school supply kits for the 2017-18 school year. You can also purchase online at www.shopttkits.com.

There is NO mark up on these supplies. The kit contains the SAME items that are on the supply lists at retail stores.

They are SAME prices you would pay if you chose to brave the crowds and manage the lists on your own.

There are several advantages when ordering your supplies from SchoolKidz

1. SchoolKidz gives a generous 10% of all kit sales back to the PTA. This money significantly helps fund many Briarwood initiatives!
2. Your child will have exactly the same school supplies as his/her classmates
3. You will be assured that your child will have exactly what their teacher has requested!
4. You will save yourself the headache of braving the back to school crowds and managing the supply lists, and all that is needed.

Briarwood's number to purchase online: 85662

Complete and return your flier by May 11 or shop online by May 19 at www.shopttkits.com.

Support Briarwood and Celebrate the End of School at Jalapenos

Come and celebrate the last days of the 2016/2017 school year at our last **Briarwood dining partner night Wednesday May 17th at **Jalapenos** in Brookside. **Jalapenos** is operated by a Briarwood family so let's show them the love as they support the school**

Please bring this flyer with you!

Date: Wednesday May 17th

Time: 4 – close

Location: Jalapenos 6318 Brookside Plaza,
Kansas City, MO 64113



Notes from the Nurse

Health Tip: See the info shared by our DARE office, Officer Brian Wolf, about gun safety in article below.

Current Illnesses: Strep throat; respiratory viruses; stomach viruses; allergies; head lice- we encourage all Briarwood families to do weekly head checks.

Medication left in the nurse's office: I will be sending home non-emergent medication with students beginning the week of May 8. If your student has an EPI pen, an inhaler, or a controlled medication here, please email me with instructions on when you want to pick it up or have it sent home with your student. I will need all medication picked up by 1 pm on Friday, May 19 or it will need to be disposed.

Have a healthy, happy summer with your family. I wish you wonder and awe!
Nurse Kay

GUN SAFETY DISCUSSION WITH OUR CHILDREN

Since accidents can happen anytime during the school year, I feel it is extremely important for parents to have a conversation with their children about gun safety. I speak to students every day and usually the subject of sleepovers or play dates come up. With that, it's important for parents to ask one another about safety in the home and if there are firearms present when sleepovers / play dates are scheduled. Even if you do not own a firearm, that simple two minute conversation can make all the difference.

In D.A.R.E. Class, I address safety and challenge the students with "what if" scenarios but honestly gun safety can never be talked about enough... especially at home. Too many preventable accidents occur each year.

That being said, I urge you to have a discussion with your son or daughter about gun safety and what to do if they are put in that situation. As a possible aid with this conversation, I've attached a 20/20 Video that is quite eye-opening regarding this topic and children's natural curiosity.

<http://abcnews.go.com/2020/video/young-kids-guns-parents-22325589>

If you have any questions or need help, please feel free to contact me.

Officer Wolf #159

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CHARLA CON NUESTROS HIJOS SOBRE LA SEGURIDAD DE ARMAS DE FUEGO

Debido a los accidentes que pueden pasar en cualquier momento durante el año escolar, siento que es extremadamente importante que los padres tengan una conversación con sus hijos acerca de la seguridad de armas de fuego. Yo hablo con los estudiantes todos los días y usualmente el tema de las pijamadas o reuniones para ir a jugar sale a flote. Dicho esto, es importante que los padres se pregunten el uno al otro acerca de la seguridad en casa y si hay armas de fuego presentes cuando hay alguna pijamada / o día de juego programado. Aun si no tienen un arma de fuego propia, esa conversación simple de dos minutos puede hacer toda la diferencia.

En la clase de D.A.R.E., yo hablo sobre la seguridad y reto a los estudiantes con escenarios de "qué pasaría sí" pero honestamente nunca es suficiente cuando se habla de la seguridad de armas de fuego... especialmente en casa. Cada año ocurren muchos accidentes prevenibles.

Dicho eso, insisto que tengan una plática con su hijo o hija acerca de la seguridad de armas de fuego y qué hacer si se presenta una situación. Como una posible ayuda con esta conversación, he incluido un video 20/20 que es bastante revelador respecto al tema y a la curiosidad natural de los niños.

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Si tienen alguna pregunta o necesitan ayuda, por favor tenga la libertad de contactarme.

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Thank You to All for a Great Staff Appreciation Week

Our Briarwood teachers and staff felt the love last week! We are so lucky to have such an amazing staff. We appreciate you showering them with gifts and thanks.

We owe an extra special thanks to our Staff Appreciation Chair, Charity Marrone, and her committee. Below are some highlights of what this PTA funded committee did to celebrate our staff last week.



Monday: Distributed breakfast bags that were donated and assembled by Hillcrest Church and placed the new Keurig coffee maker in the staff lounge

Tuesday: Delivered fortune cookies and a ramen treat

Wednesday: Hosted a nacho lunch buffet with chips and salsa generously donated by Jalapenos

Thursday: Created handmade post-it note clipboards



Friday: Gifted each staff member a custom Bulldog coaster made by a local artist

Send In Your Box Tops Before Summer

Last year Briarwood raised over \$1,000 for the PTA from Box Tops! Turn them in at the office now. Please save yours over the summer and turn them in when school resumes in August.





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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