

Briarwood Newsletter

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Message from Mr. Lash

United Way Campaign October 18-20, What will be Mr. Lash's Halloween Costume?

Beginning October 18th we will start raising money for the United Way. Last year, Shawnee Mission students and staff members pledged over \$40,000. At Briarwood, students raised almost \$800. This year, the grade level that donates the most money will get to pick my costume and dress me up for Halloween. The grade level that comes in second will earn an extra recess. Students can bring money and change each day.

Grade Cards & Growth Mindset

First-quarter grade cards will be posted on your child's Skyward account on Friday, October 20th. I encourage you to review the report card with your child and set goals for the second-quarter. Focus on what your child can do and how their effort determines their success.

I have attached a link to a powerful video on the importance of praising children based on their effort versus their intelligence. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWv1VdDeoRY>

Also, when setting goals with your child focus on specific academic skills that your child can practice and measure the results of their effort. The more they can see the correlation between their effort and achievement the more they will succeed. I have attached to the email the growth mindset poster we have displayed in each classroom at Briarwood. We intentionally teach students the importance of learning from your mistakes and always giving your best effort. I encourage you to review the poster with your child and use it as a resource.

Mensaje del Sr. Lash

La Campaña de United Way Octubre 18-20, De que se vestirá Mr. Lash para el día de Halloween?

Comenzando Octubre 18 nosotros empezaremos a recaudar fondos para United Way. El año pasado, estudiantes y personal escolar de Shawnee Mission recaudaron más de \$40,000. Los estudiantes de Briarwood, recaudaron casi \$800. Este año, el nivel de grado que recaude la donación más grande de dinero, serán los que escogerán el traje que me pondré para Halloween. El nivel de grado que quede en segundo lugar ganara un recreo extra. Estudiantes pueden traer dinero y monedas cada día.

Important Upcoming Dates

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- Mon. Oct. 16:
Last Day to Shop the Tea Collection Fundraiser
- Wed. Oct. 18:
Dining Partner's at Papa Keno's
- Tues. Oct. 31:
Halloween Parade
- Wed. Nov. 1-Fri. Nov. 3:
Scholastic Book Fair
- Thurs. Nov. 2:
Dads & Donuts – 7–8 am
- Sat. Nov. 4:
Grade-level Party: Third Grade
- Mon. Nov. 6:
PTA Presents on Internet Safety – 7 pm
- Tues. Nov. 7:
Picture Retakes
- Sat. Nov. 11:
Grade-level Party: Fifth Grade

Tarjeta de Notas & Crecimiento de Actitud

Las notas del primer cuarto de año serán puestas en la cuenta de Skyward de su hijo/a el viernes, 20 de octubre. Le animo a usted a que revise el reporte de notas con su hijo/a y establezca metas para el segundo cuarto de año. Enfóquese en lo que su hijo/a puede hacer y como su esfuerzo determina su éxito.

Yo le adjunto un enlace de internet para un video muy poderoso en la importancia de elogiar a los niños/as basado en su esfuerzo en vez de su inteligencia.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWv1VdDeoRY>

También, cuando establezca metas con su hijo/a enfóquese en habilidades académicas específicas en las cuales su hijo/a pueda practicar y medir los resultados de su esfuerzo. Cuanto más su niño pueda ver la correlación entre su esfuerzo y su logro, su éxito será mayor. Le adjunto el poster de crecimiento de actitud que nosotros tenemos expuesto en cada salón de clases en Briarwood. Nosotros intencionalmente les enseñamos a nuestros estudiantes la importancia de aprender de nuestros errores y siempre hacer su mejor esfuerzo. Le animo a usted a que revise el poster con su hijo/a y lo use como un recurso.

Update on Grade Level Parties

We have had two parent parties so far. Thank you so much to the Kindergarten hosts – Kelsey and Andrew Nazar, Rebecca and Scott Martin, Jenny and Colby Sullivan, Dannielle Ridge Harrison, Britton and Chris Briley, and Krissie and Matt Kiehne. Their party raised \$2,865.00. Great job!!

Thank you so much to the sixth grade hosts – Katie and Chris Muehlberger, Dana and Rob Bykowski, Kara and Rob Hendon, Shari and Tyler Brundige, Leslie and Scott Blair, and Mo and Drew Sullivan. Their party raised \$1,645.00. Wow!

This past weekend, the first and second grade parents attended their grade-level parties. Stay tuned for results in the next newsletter!

Looking forward to our upcoming parties:

- Third Grade: Saturday, November 4th
- Fourth Grade: Saturday, February 10th
- Fifth Grade: Saturday, November 11th



Last Day to Shop Tea Collection! October 16th is the last day to shop Tea Collection online and get 15% off and free shipping! Plus 15% of our sales will be donated back to Briarwood!

Enter promo code, SDF17BRIARWOOD, at checkout.

Shop Briarwood Spirit Wear Until October 20th!

If you missed out on the opportunity to purchase Briarwood Spirit Wear...Good News! Briarwood Spirit Wear sales are open again!

*Spirit wear options now include winter hats! And we still have those socks that were a last minute addition close to the first deadline!

It's the perfect time to grab those sweatshirts now that cooler weather is here. While you are shopping, think ahead to holiday gifts. Don't miss out on this added opportunity to grab some new threads and show your school spirit!

Use this link (<https://briarwoodspirit17.itemorder.com/sale>)

All proceeds benefit the Briarwood PTA. Orders will be processed and delivered to school once complete.

Choose Dinner at Papa Keno's on Oct. 18



Help raise funds for Briarwood Elementary while getting together with friends and family for a Briarwood dining partner night! The third dining partner night will be on **Wednesday, October 18 from 5-9 pm at Papa Kenos on 7901 Santa Fe Dr., Overland Park, KS.**

Mark your Calendar for the Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Briarwood from **November 1st, 2nd and 3rd!**



*Avoid high prices at the book store and shipping costs from shopping online...add to your home library and get a head start on your holiday shopping right here at Briarwood!

*Help the PTA raise money for our school - Briarwood earns 25% of all book fair sales!

*Add to your classroom's library by purchasing a book from your teacher's wish list!

*The Book Fair will be held in the school gym and will hold the following hours:

- Wednesday, November 1 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
- Thursday, November 2 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Friday, November 3 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Save-the-Date: Special Presentation on Internet Safety

Monday, November 6th at 7PM: PTA Presents on Internet Safety

Please join the Briarwood PTA for its second PTA meeting of the year, which will include a social media presentation from Briarwood DARE Office, Brian Wolf. The Social Media Presentation will discuss methods to keep your students safe while using various apps. It will also give parents information on the current, most popular apps students are now using and the risks associated with them. Meeting location will be the flex space by the 6th grade classrooms.

National PTA Reflections Context

A nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity

This is a National Contest in the Arts. All students (K - 6) may enter the Reflections Contest. The categories include dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. This is a great opportunity for students who show interests in the arts.

This year's contest theme is: Within Reach. **The deadline for entry is Monday, November 27th.**

For more information, please contact Katie Barnett @ jtktbarnett@hotmail.com or 913-908-5713 and visit <https://www.pta.org/REFLECTIONS>.

Notes from the Nurse

Health Tip: Did you know that your smoke detector SENSORS (not the batteries) are only good for 10 years? There is an expiration date on your smoke detector and the Overland Park Fire Department urges us to replace our detectors when they expire. Detectors with expired sensors may still respond to the battery check which does not check the sensor. My son's apartment smoke detector expired in 2014. The management didn't seem to be aware of the need to check and replace smoke detectors. Please check your smoke detectors' expiration date BEFORE replacing the batteries on November 4 (the day we turn our clocks back for Daylight Saving Time).

Current Illnesses/Conditions: Strep throat (without fever), Virus (with headache, fever, stomach pain), Stomach viruses, Allergies, Head lice (please continue weekly head checks). While we have not had a confirmed case of influenza yet, please remember that influenza is a RESPIRATORY virus not a stomach virus. Symptoms include high fever, cough, headache, aching muscles, sore throat and fatigue.

Health Education: Nurse Alicia (from UCM) has been reviewing tips for staying healthy: coughing/sneezing into our sleeves and good hand washing. Did you know that you need to scrub your hands for 30 seconds (time to sing the ABC song) in order to thoroughly wash your hands? Did you know that hand sanitizer does not protect against Norovirus, a stomach virus?

Hearing Protection: We are also starting our classroom sessions on hearing protection. We are talking about turning down the volume when listening with ear buds or head phones. Permanent hearing damage can occur after only 7 minutes of loud music via headphones.

Did you know our ears (with the wax) are self-cleaning if we do not use q-tips in our ears? Using q-tips pushes the wax up against the eardrum making it difficult to come out on its own and can impact hearing. Using a warm washcloth is best.

Thanks to all who update their emergency contact numbers with the office so we can reach you in an emergency!

And don't forget to eat more vegetables on October 31!

Please call with any questions or concerns. Thanks!
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