

Briarwood Newsletter

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Briarwoodpta.org

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THANK YOU, BRIARWOOD!



To those who volunteered their time, to those who made donations and to the over 340 parents and staff members who came to the auction...we *THANK YOU!* We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

Remember, you can still purchase remaining items online at <https://casbid.com/index.php>!

Many thanks!
Amy Person, Laurie Morrissey & Amy Prendiville
2017 Auction Chairs



To our fabulous team of Auction Chairs, Amy, Amy and Laurie, the Briarwood community thanks you for all of your hard work and dedication. It was a fantastic night and our kids will benefit from it for years to come!

Important Upcoming Dates

- Wed. March 8:
Preschool Story Time
Planet Sub Dining Partner
- Fri. March 10 – Fri. March 17:
No School for Spring Break
- Mon. March 20
School Resumes
- Thurs. April 6:
Skating Party - 4-6pm
Culver's Dining Partner
- 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
- Thurs. May 4:
Early Dismissal – 12:30pm
Carnival – 5:30pm
- Fri. May 5:
No School for Staff Development

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 or 816.516.0908 to purchase your sign.

Treat the Whole Family to Planet Sub on Wed., March 8

Planet Sub
THE OVEN BAKED ORIGINAL.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2017

20% OF SALES GO BACK TO
**BRIARWOOD
ELEMENTARY**

9410 MISSION RD

913-341-0033

JUST MENTION YOU ARE WITH
BRIARWOOD ELEMENTARY SO YOUR
SALES GET COUNTED!

Message From Mr. Lash – Safety Guidelines

With warmer weather already here and longer days ahead, children will be playing outdoors in the neighborhood more during non-school hours. Please review all of the safety guidelines associated with playing unsupervised outside. I recommend doing some role playing by asking your child the following questions:

- What would you do if someone you were playing with was injured? (cut, fell and hit head, etc...)
- What would you do if a stranger in a car came by and started asking you questions?
- What would you do if a stranger was walking down the street and approached you and your friends?
- What would you do if you went over to a friend's house and his/her parents were not home?

These types of questions provide opportunities for the exchange of valuable information. It can reassure the parent that their child has a good handle of what to do in a potential emergency situation and can provide a chance to do some teaching or re-teaching if needed.

Mensaje del Sr. Lash – Normas de Seguridad

Con el clima más caliente y los días más largos por delante, los niños estarán jugando más tiempo afuera por el vecindario durante el horario que no hay clases. Por favor repase todas las normas de seguridad asociadas con jugar afuera sin supervisión. Yo recomiendo practicarlas jugando haciéndole a su hijo/a las siguientes preguntas:

- ¿Qué harías si alguien con quien estás jugando se lastima? (Se corta, se cae y se pega en la cabeza, etc...)
- ¿Qué harías si un desconocido en un carro viene y te empieza a preguntar preguntas?
- ¿Qué harías si un desconocido estuviera caminando por la calle y comenzara hacerte preguntas?
- ¿Qué harías si fueras a la casa de un amigo y sus padres no están en casa?

Estos tipos de preguntas proveen oportunidades para el intercambio de información valiosa. Puede reasegurar al padre que su hijo/a tiene un buen manejo de que hacer en una situación de emergencia potencial y puede proveer una oportunidad de enseñarle o recordarle lo aprendido si es necesario.

Read Up On Student Transfers for 2017-2018 from SMSD

Student Transfers 2017-2018

- Sixth grade students wanting to transfer to a middle school other than the school in their home attendance area must complete an online transfer. Students must complete a transfer request when moving from elementary to middle school and from middle to high school.
- K-5 students who are currently attending Briarwood on an approved transfer should *NOT* submit another transfer request for 2017-2018. Elementary students do not need to reapply annually.
- All transfer applications are submitted electronically from the district webpage. The online application opens March 1 at 8:00 am and closes April 30 at 5:00 pm.

- No allowance is made for transportation to/from school for transfer students. It must be provided by the students' family.
- Barring unforeseen circumstances, transfer decisions will be communicated to parents by the District office no later than June 15.
- Having a sibling in a building as an approved transfer student does not guarantee a transfer request will be approved for all students within the same family. This applies to both in district and out of district requests.

Check the Lost and Found!



Within a week of moving in to our new building, we had a 50-gallon trash can full of unclaimed coats, jackets, sweatshirts, mittens, stocking caps, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. A search through this mountain of clothing and lunch paraphernalia yielded no names on the items so they could be delivered to their owners. If you want your child's nice new North Face coat or their Vera Bradley lunch bag returned to them, please put their name **INSIDE** so that if lost it can be returned to them. The Lost & Found items are currently located on tables in the cafeteria. Please stop to check for your missing items next time you're at school!

Collect Box Tops for Briarwood



Did you know that Box Tops for Education brings in actual money to Briarwood PTA each year? Last year the Box Tops you collected and turned in amounted to almost \$1,000.

Please continue supporting this important program. Look for the Box Tops for Education symbol on packaging, cut it off and collect it in a baggie, then bring it to the drop-off spot in the Briarwood office. It's simple and every little bit helps!

Second Grade Families – Save the Date for the Bike Rodeo

2ND GRADE BIKE RODEO

When: Friday, April 28 (rainout day May 1)

Where: Briarwood playground

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Practice bike safety, maneuver around a cool obstacle course and get tips from Officer Brian Wolf of the PV Police Department

IMPORTANT

Each student must have his/her own working bike and helmet in order to participate.

More info? Call Sara, 913-209-3255

email ssrieke@yahoo.com



ALSO IMPORTANT

Parents may drop bikes off early at school behind gated playground area Friday.

Please no later than 7:40 a.m.

(We cannot promise kids will fly. We can promise they'll have fun!)

Be on the lookout for more information to come home about the bike rodeo. Get excited about this great program that is now during the school day so that all 2nd graders can participate!

Calling All Sixth Grade Parents!

If you have a 6th grade student, we are talking to you! We still have many families who have not contributed to the 6th grade activities fund. As a reminder - we are asking all 6th grade parents to contribute **\$50** towards the 6th grade activities. This money covers the 6th grade t-shirt that your student has already received, plus covers the cost for all of the end of year graduation activities - Round Hill swim party, graduation celebration, last day of school pizza party and games - so many fun activities for our kiddos! But we need your help. **Please send \$50** to Shannan McKee at 8600 Linden Drive, PV, KS 66207 or give your money to your child's teacher. Checks should be made out to **Briarwood PTA** and *please write your child's name in the memo line.*

If you are interested in volunteering on the 6th grade activities committee, please email Shannan McKee at shannanmckee@me.com. It's a great year to be a 6th grade Bulldog!

Spread the Word About Kindergarten Enrollment

Kindergarten Enrollment night will be Tuesday, April 18. Please call the office to put your child's name on the e-mail invitation list. Incoming Kindergarten students need to be 5 on or before August 31, 2017 to enroll for the coming school year. If you know of someone in the neighborhood that has a child that is turning 5, please pass this information to them.

Help Keep Kids Safe

Please volunteer for crosswalk duty at 86th & Juniper. There are still many dates we need help. Thank you! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4badae229-crossing>

Notes from The Nurse

Health Tip: March is Nutrition Month. We encourage students to have a high protein breakfast each day to help their brains work best. High protein foods include eggs, meat, beans (tofu and hummus are bean foods), dairy products (milk, cheese, yogurt) and nuts. Think outside the breakfast food box and consider a peanut butter or cheese sandwich, last night's hamburger or pizza, smoothie with yogurt and fruit or milk with Carnation Instant Breakfast, etc. If you are in a hurry in the mornings, a big spoon (2 Tablespoons) of peanut butter, a big glass of milk, 2 cold hard-boiled eggs or a big handful of nuts can be a fast source of protein. Drinking lots of water (half your body weight in ounces of fluids per day) helps brains work best as well.

Current Illnesses: We have had a few cases of diagnosed Influenza – a respiratory illness with cough, fever, chills, sore throat, headache, and fatigue. Strep throat is always present without classic symptoms anymore. Please consider a throat culture for a sore throat lasting more than 2 days. We have stomach and respiratory viruses. We always encourage weekly head checks for head lice. Please call if any questions.

Growth and Development Curriculum for Grades 4,5 and 6.

The District's Growth and Development curriculum is very basic and consists of only 1 session in each grade (4,5,6). The sessions are separated by gender, include a short DVD and only written questions that relate to that grade level's curriculum are answered in class. Parents are the most important sexuality education educators. We encourage parents to begin early (preschool), use correct terms and accurate information and discuss family expectations often with their children. Resources for parents include your physician, faith community, the public library and the Johnson County Health Department. Be an "askable" parent. Start Early! Talk Often!

Sessions will be held: Grade 4 – March 1
Grade 5 – March 9
Grade 6 – March 7

Please talk with your child's teacher if you have questions. He/she should be sending home a parent permission form soon.

Thanks!

Nurse Kay

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bwheley@smsd.org



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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