

# Briarwood Newsletter

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Newsletter

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## We Need You in the PTA!

We appreciate your support of the Briarwood PTA. If you joined the PTA in previous years, but haven't yet done so this year...we miss you! Your contribution helps to ensure we can continue to support our Briarwood community through a variety of school events (like the all-school Carnival!), teacher appreciation days, and funding of our math specialist. If you have not joined in the past, we need you! Every membership is so very important to our mission.

Please click here to join:

<https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/cart-new.a5w?cart=BriarwoodElementary65654>

## Get Ready to Move to Briarwood!

The countdown is on and our days at Broadmoor are numbered. Here are some important dates regarding our move into our new building:

- Tuesday, December 20 – Last day at Broadmoor building
- Wednesday, December 21 through Wednesday January, 4 – NO SCHOOL for Winter Break
  - \*Wed., Dec. 21 and Wed., Jan. 4 are two extra days of break for Briarwood students for teacher move days
- Thursday, January 5 – First day at Briarwood in our new building – 5300 W. 86<sup>th</sup> St.
- Stay tuned for more information on the move and seeing the new school!

## Important Upcoming Dates

- Wed. Dec. 7:  
**Firehouse Subs Dining Partner**
- Thurs. Dec. 8:  
**Spinach Home shopping night**
- Mon. Dec. 19:  
**Winter Classroom Parties – 2:30pm**
- Tues. Dec. 20:  
**End of semester – Last day at Broadmoor**
- Wed. Dec. 21 - Wed. Jan. 4:  
**No School for Winter Break**
- Thurs. Jan. 5:  
**First day back at Briarwood – in new building 5300 W. 86<sup>th</sup> St.**
- Wed. Jan. 11:  
**Preschool Story Time – 12:30pm**
- Fri. Jan. 13:  
**No School – Teacher Work Day**
- Mon. Jan. 16:  
**No School – MLK Day**
- Wed. Jan. 18:  
**Johnny's Dining Partner**
- Tues. Jan. 24:  
**Skating Party – 4-6pm**
- Fri. Jan. 27:  
**No School – Teacher Work Day**
- Tues. Jan. 31:  
**Class/Group Picture Day**
- Fri. Feb. 3:  
**No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- Tues. Feb. 7:  
**Science Night**
- Tues. Feb. 14:  
**Valentine's Classroom Parties – 2:30pm**
- Fri. Feb. 17:  
**No School for Staff Development**
- Mon. Feb. 20:  
**No School for President's Day**
- Sat. Feb. 25:  
**Briarwood Auction**

## Message From Mr. Lash – Thanks Living

With the holiday season upon us and a new year quickly approaching, I think it is important to stop and take the time to reflect on the past year and think about all of the things that we are grateful for and appreciative of. At Thanksgiving dinner at my father-in-law's house we begin by going around the table and saying a few things that we are thankful for. When I first started this tradition with my new family members, I found it uncomfortable because I was not used to saying what I was thankful for aloud for others to hear. Now, I look forward to hearing what my in-laws are thankful for and look forward to sharing, as well. As a family, I encourage you to sit down with your children and go around and list 3 things you are thankful for. At first, the adults will probably need to model how this looks and sounds for their kids, but it will not take long before they catch on. I think you will be amazed at the positive energy this can create and how it can help to bring the family closer together!

During the holiday season we are often reminded to give thanks and reflect on another year passed. However, I think it is important to build this type of activity into your daily/weekly routine. I believe it is important to “enjoy each day” and reflect back on the highlights, the challenges you face, and your plans for tomorrow. At dinner each night, I usually ask my wife and 3 children what the highlights of their day were and we discuss each of our days (the highlights and challenges) and what we have going on the next day. When challenges arise we listen and support each other as we face our challenges head on with a plan of action. I believe if you model this for your child they will appreciate all of the great things they have, learn to overcome challenges, and achieve more in life!

Here at Briarwood we all have much to be thankful for. I am grateful and appreciative of the supportive PTA and parent volunteers who help make our school shine bright! I am grateful and appreciative of our dedicated, compassionate, and professional educators who go above and beyond each and every day to meet the needs of ALL our students. I am grateful and appreciative of the energetic and respectful student body that fills our classrooms and hallways with positive energy and an eagerness to learn! I am thankful for the opportunity to open the New Briarwood with our amazing community! Working together, we have created a positive school culture that allows our students to flourish and excel!

### Calendar Reminder

- Briarwood students will not have school on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Mensaje del Sr. Lash – Gracias A La Vida

Con la época de vacaciones sobre nosotros y el nuevo año que se acerca rápidamente, yo pienso que es importante detenerse y tomarse el tiempo de reflexionar sobre el año que está terminando y pensar sobre todas las cosas que nosotros estamos agradecidos y apreciamos. Para la Cena de Acción De Gracias en casa de mi suegro nosotros comenzamos alrededor de la mesa hablando sobre algunas cosas por las que nosotros damos gracias. Cuando yo empecé con esta nueva tradición con los nuevos miembros de mi familia, me sentía un poco incómodo porque yo no estaba acostumbrado a decir en voz alta por lo que yo estaba agradecido y que otros escucharan. Ahora, yo tengo muchas ganas de escuchar porque mis suegros están agradecidos y también tengo ganas de compartir lo mío. Como familia, yo le animo a que se siente con sus hijos y vaya alrededor y digan tres cosas por las cuales estén agradecidos. Primero, los adultos probablemente necesitaran modelar como esto se hace y se escucha para sus hijos, pero no se tomara mucho para que ellos comprendan de qué se trata. Yo creo que usted estará sorprendido de la energía positiva que esto crea y como puede ayudar a que la familia este más unida!

Durante la época de celebraciones nosotros a menudo somos recordados para dar gracias y reflexionar en otro año más que pasa. Sin embargo, yo pienso que es importante construir esta clase de actividad en nuestra rutina diaria/semanal. Yo creo que es importante “disfrutar cada día” y reflexionar en los desafíos que se enfrenta y los planes de mañana. Cada noche en la cena, yo usualmente le pregunto a mi esposa y mis tres niños cuales fueron los aspectos destacados de su día y discutimos cada uno de nuestros días (los aspectos destacados y desafíos) y que es lo que vamos a hacer el siguiente día. Cuando surgen desafíos nosotros nos escuchamos y nos apoyamos mutuamente con un plan de acción. Yo creo que si usted modela esto para sus hijos ellos apreciarán todas las cosas grandiosas que tienen, aprenderán a sobrellevar los desafíos, y lograr más en la vida!

Aquí en Briarwood todos nosotros tenemos mucho por lo que estar agradecidos. Yo aprecio y estoy muy agradecido por el apoyo de PTA y padres voluntarios quienes ayudan a que nuestra escuela brille luminosamente! Yo estoy muy agradecido y apreciativo de nuestro dedicado, compasivo, y educadores profesionales quienes van por encima y más allá cada día para satisfacer las necesidades de TODOS nuestros estudiantes. Yo estoy muy agradecido y apreciativo del cuerpo energético y respetuoso de nuestros estudiantes que llenan nuestros salones de clase y corredores con energía positiva y deseos de aprender! Yo estoy agradecido por la oportunidad de abrir la Nueva Briarwood con nuestra increíble comunidad! Trabajando juntos, hemos creado una escuela positiva que les permite a los estudiantes prosperar y sobresalir!

### Calendario Recordatorio

- Estudiantes de Briarwood no tendrán clases el miércoles 21 de diciembre y el miércoles 4 de enero.

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## Auction Items Needed and Time Capsule Information



We are still taking items for our auction! Are you a creator – a chef, photographer, or artist? Put together an experience we can include in the auction. Restaurant gift cards, sporting items, jewelry, goods and services of all kinds are encouraged! Please email Laurie Morrissey at [lmorrissey13@gmail.com](mailto:lmorrissey13@gmail.com) if you have donations.

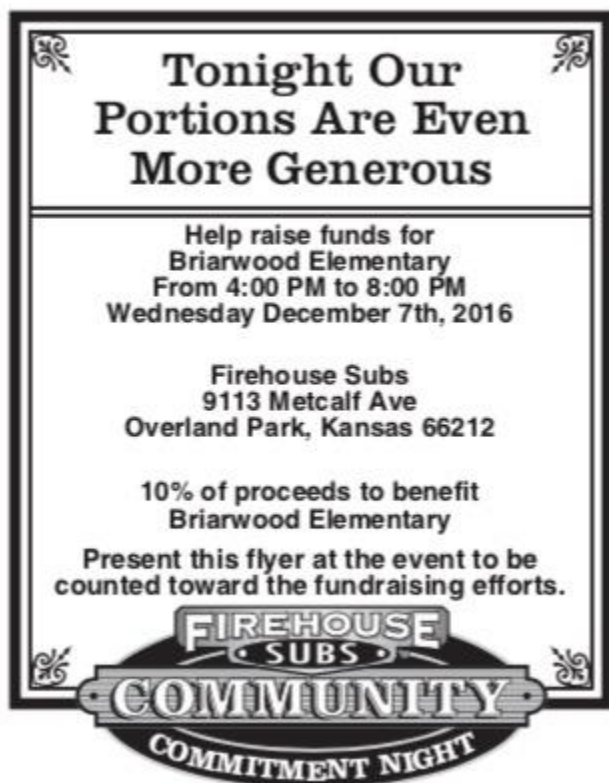
In the spring we will be making a Briarwood time capsule to benefit the Briarwood Auction! Each student will be part of the time capsule as every class will be putting something in the time capsule. But this is *your* chance as parents to put something in as well. Now is your chance to buy an envelope and include letters, photos, etc., that your child will see when the time capsule is opened in 20 years. Each envelope is \$25 – you can buy multiple if you have multiple kids.

To purchase time capsule envelopes send payment of \$25 (per envelope) to Amy Prendiville at 4433 W. 90<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Prairie Village, KS 66207 or send to school “Attention Amy Prendiville”. **Checks should be made payable to Briarwood PTA.**

Payments for time capsule envelopes are due by December 19.

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## Grab a Sub to Help Briarwood!



December is crazy, so make it easier on yourself and grab dinner for your crew at Firehouse Subs on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Show this flyer from 4pm to 8pm and 10% of proceeds will come back to Briarwood!

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## Notes From The Nurse

**Health Tip:** Kindness is good for your health! According to Dr. David R. Hamilton, “acts of kindness create an emotional warmth, which releases a hormone known as oxytocin. Oxytocin causes the release of a chemical called nitric oxide, which dilates the blood vessels. This reduces blood pressure and, therefore, oxytocin is known as a “cardioprotective” hormone. It protects the heart by lowering blood pressure.” We’ve been encouraging lots of kindness at Briarwood so appreciate your efforts at home.

**Current Illnesses/Conditions:** Respiratory illnesses including “walking pneumonia”; stomach viruses (vomiting and/or diarrhea); headache/fever virus; strep throat (most without fever or classic symptoms); head lice (please do weekly head checks and call the nurse with questions).

Influenza: While we have not had any confirmed cases, I want to refresh everyone’s knowledge that influenza is a **respiratory** virus usually accompanied by fever, cough, headache, achy muscles, fatigue and sometimes a sore throat. You hear talk about “stomach flu” and “flu” with vomiting or diarrhea – those illnesses are stomach viruses, not influenza.

**Returning an ill child to school:** The Health Department’s guidelines are that children stay home for 24 hours without vomiting, diarrhea, fever 100 degrees or higher (without fever-reducing medication like tylenol or ibuprofen) or persistent cough as they are still contagious. Thanks for your help in keeping our school healthy!

**Ways to stay healthy this winter:** Good handwashing! Try not to touch face, eyes, or nose. Drink lots of water (flush out all those viruses and bacteria)! Get plenty of sleep (grade school children need 10-11 hours of sleep each night). Cough into your sleeve/arm to lower the spread of germs.

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## Shop for Briarwood at Spinach Home

Join us to support the Briarwood Foundation while we shop for the holidays! Shop at new store Spinach Home on Thursday, Dec. 8 during the exclusive Briarwood shopping event from 5:30 to 7:00pm. During that event 10% of all sales go to the Briarwood Foundation.

Can't make it that evening? Shop that day from 10am to 5:30pm and mention Briarwood and 10% of the sale will be donated back to the BWF.

You Are Invited To:

A Shopping Event at Spinach Home  
to Benefit the Briarwood Foundation

on December 8, 2016 at

Spinach Home  
9005 Roe Ave  
Prairie Village, KS 66027  
[www.spinachhome.com](http://www.spinachhome.com)

Shopping Hours:

Exclusive Briarwood Foundation Event - 5:30pm - 7:00 pm  
Our Store Hours - 10am - 5:30pm

Spinach Home will donate 10% of sales during our exclusive Briarwood Event and 10% of sales during our store hours when shoppers mention the event.

Snacks and Beverages will be served.

Spinach Home offers home trappings that go beyond passing trends. We invite you to explore our collection of home wares, holiday spirits, furniture and found objects.



## 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!

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