



Ready for Brownell?

Hello, fifth-grade families! **The Brownell Parent Club** is ready to welcome your family to middle school.

We understand this is a big transition for many of you so we'd like give you some tips and ease some nerves. We're looking forward to welcoming a new class of Bruins this fall.

<p>BINDERS/SCHOOL SUPPLIES</p> <p>Requirement: Students are required to carry 3-inch binders and a specific set of school supplies. Binder checks happen throughout the year from any teacher, even P.E. Students receive stickers for successful binder checks, which count toward events throughout the year.</p> <p>Cost: Brownell supplies a binder and supplies to all students at the beginning of the year. You can make a suggested donation of \$15.</p>	<p>ORIENTATION & SCHEDULES</p> <p>Student orientation will be a week or so before school starts in August. That's when students receive their class schedules and hear from administrators.</p> <p>You will get orientation details in the mail during summer break.</p> <p>Note: GATE students have another orientation in the spring of their fifth-grade year.</p>	<p>SCHOOL CALENDAR</p> <p>Keep an eye on the district school calendar. The middle school calendar doesn't always sync with the elementary school one. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Brownell students don't have short days on Wednesdays, like elementary students do.● Brownell is off some days that elementary is in session, and vice versa.
<p>EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Several clubs are on campus, including band, choir, mural/art club, gaming. Some are after school. Others are incorporated into zero period, like band, which meets every day at 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Also, school dances are held throughout the year. Info about dance times, prices, rules are communicated to kids at school and to families via Schoolloop.</p> <p>Note: Brownell's robotics club has the equipment to get going -- but needs an adviser. Do you have some extra time and engineering skills to share? Contact school administrators for more info.</p>	<p>SCHOOLLOOP</p> <p>The Brownell website is on Schoolloop but it has more features than what you may have seen on your elementary school site.</p> <p>It has a whole component for parents and students behind a secure login on a web browser or mobile app. School communication, grades/progress reports as well as email access to faculty and administration is available after you login. Updates are posted daily.</p> <p>Note: This is the main way you'll receive info from Brownell; we encourage you to register ASAP once school starts.</p>	<p>SCIENCE CAMP & D.C. TRIP</p> <p>Parent club facilitates two big spring trips for interested students:</p> <p>Science camp is a multi-day sleepaway camp for sixth-graders (seventh-graders can go, too, if spots are available). The cost is about \$330 per student.</p> <p>D.C./NYC trip is for eighth-graders. The trip is nearly \$3,000 per student, so families are encouraged to organize as soon as possible.</p> <p>The school does not plan these trips. Parent club volunteers are in charge, from organizing the details, planning meetings and fundraisers.</p>
<p>P.E.</p> <p>Requirements: Students have P.E. every day. They are required to dress in P.E. uniforms, which are stored in lockers during the school week.</p> <p>Students aren't required to dress out the first two weeks or so the year. More details are sent home the first few days of school.</p> <p>Cost: \$15 for t-shirt; \$15 for shorts from Brownell. You provide a combination lock for your child's P.E. locker.</p>	<p>SPORTS</p> <p>Sports include cross country, basketball, wrestling, volleyball, soccer, track and field, softball. Some teams have tryouts; some are no-cut. See the Brownell website for list of sports, seasons and more details.</p> <p>Note: Brownell doesn't provide transportation to games or meets. Athletes (and their families) are responsible for finding rides to events.</p>	<p>PARENT CLUB</p> <p>Parent club raises money to help fund projects at school. This year, those funds bought sports uniforms, textbooks, a P.A. system.</p> <p>The group meets once a month and has its own Facebook group to keep you informed. (The group is Brownell Middle School Parent Club; it's a private group that you have to request to join.)</p> <p>Learn more about the parent club and its activities at brownell.schoolloop.com/parentclub.</p>

Visit the Brownell website (brownell.schoolloop.com) for calendars and school information