

Briarwood Newsletter

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Newsletter

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November 5, 2018

Message from Mr. Lash

Board of Education Meeting

Thank you to Lisa Berbiglia for preparing our Pre-K students to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018. The students did an amazing job and we are all proud of them!



S.M. East Area Elementary Band Concert

Thank you to Kent Setty for preparing our 5th & 6th grade students for the S.M. East Area Elementary Band Concert. The students sounded great and have made a lot of progress since the beginning of the school year!



Important Upcoming Dates

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- Tuesday, November 6:
Picture retake day
- Wednesday, November 7:
General PTA Meeting 7:00 pm
- Friday, November 9:
Veterans/Grandparents Day 9:00 am
- Tuesday, November 13:
Dining Partners – Burg and Barrel
- Wednesday, November 14:
Dad's Happy Hour 5:30 pm @Johnny's in Corinth
- Monday, November 19 – Friday, November 23 **NO SCHOOL**
- Wednesday, November 28 – Friday, November 30:
Book Fair

S.M. East Area Choral Concert

Thank you to Gina Sapp for preparing our 6th grade choir students for the East Area Choral Concert. It was great to hear elementary, middle, and high school students singing together! The students sounded beautiful and put on an outstanding show.



S.M. East Area Strings Concert

Thank you to Alexis Biehl for preparing our 5th and 6th grade students for the S.M. East Area Strings Concert. The students sounded amazing and it was awesome to see a packed gymnasium full of young musicians.



Junta con la Mesa de Educación

Gracias a Lisa Berbiglia por preparar a nuestros estudiantes de Pre-K para conducir el Pledge of Allegiance (La Promesa de Alianza) en la junta con la mesa de Educación el día Lunes, 22 de Octubre, 2018. Los estudiantes hicieron un fantástico trabajo y todos estamos orgullosos de ellos!

Concierto de Banda en el area de S.M. East

Gracias a Kent Setty Por preparar a nuestros estudiantes de 5to & 6to grado para el concierto de Banda de S.M. East Area. Los estudiantes sonaron fabuloso y han tenido un gran progreso desde el principio del año escolar!

Concierto de Coro de S.M. East Area

Gracias a Gina Sapp por preparar a nuestros estudiantes de coro de 6to grado para el concierto de coro del área Este. Fue fantástico escuchar a las escuela elemental, media y preparatoria cantando juntos! Se escucharon divinamente y dieron un gran show.

Concierto de Instrumentos de Cuerda S.M. East Area

Gracias a Alexis Biehl por preparar a nuestros estudiantes de 5to y 6to grado para el concierto de cuerda. Los estudiantes se escucharon maravillosamente y fue fenomenal ver lleno el gimnasio lleno de músicos jóvenes.

PTA General Meeting



Did you know our PTA is funding a part-time social worker this year so that we have coverage at Briarwood all week? **Join us for a General PTA Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7pm to learn from our two fantastic Social Workers.** Caren Howes and Margot Sutherland will discuss how they're working with all students at Briarwood this year. Experience a "Calm Classroom" technique and learn about how it's being successfully used. Hear about the social emotional curriculums for classrooms, including 2nd Step and SENTIS. Understand ways to discuss suicide prevention with your child. We hope this will be an interactive evening with time for questions about ways we can use these techniques and continue conversations at home.

Briarwood Makerspace

<http://www.briarwoodpta.org/learn-more-about-makerspace/>

Did you know that Briarwood has a dedicated Makerspace for all grades?? You might be asking....."What exactly is a Makerspace? What does this mean for my kid(s)?"

A makerspace is simply a space designed and dedicated to hands-on creativity and the key is that the students are making something. Creativity is sometimes idea generation, it's sometimes problem-solving. But in a makerspace, the students create some kind of product. It could be a digital product. It could be a physical product. The Makerspace is a place to explore, be creative, expand imaginations, use technology, learn to do something new and challenge self.

The Briarwood Makerspace has been stocked with many resources - from your basic craft supplies but also more sophisticated tools:

- Sphero - An app-controlled robotic ball that can be programmed. The SPRK Lighting Lab app empowers anyone to program their robot. The visual block-based building interface makes learning the basics of programming easy and fun.
- Dot & Dash – These are real robots that teach kids programming while they play. Make the robots sing, dance and navigate obstacles using the free apps via a tablet or smartphone.
- Keva Planks – Wooden planks designed to allow students to design and build structures such as towers, bridges, catapults and more. Keva planks are a great solo or teamwork STEAM activity and help to encourage critical thinking skills.
- Makey Makey – It's a simple invention kit for beginners and experts doing art, engineering, and everything in between. Turn everyday objects into touchpads and combine them with the internet.
- little Bits - littleBits invented the electronic building block! Magnetic “Bits” snap together to turn ideas into inventions, transforming the way kids learn.
- Green screen equipment - screens, stands lights - currently used to produce the school announcements.
- 3D printers
- Drones
- Sewing Machine

In addition, the following are a few additional items that have just been approved for purchase this year!

- LEGO WeDo kits - A robotics hardware and software platform
- Osmo Coding Awbie and Jam - Coding Awbie is an easy way to introduce coding to a child. Jam introduces them to making music.
- Peel and stick LEGO plates
- Star Wars Droid Inventor Kit - Students can create their own Droid and bring it to life using littleBits electronic blocks.
- Keva Plank Idea Cards and Connectors

As you can imagine, it takes a lot of supplies to keep our Makerspace stocked. Throughout the year, we will ask for simple donations when we are running low on supplies. At this time, we are asking for specialized volunteers to help with these more advanced tools. As you can imagine, it is difficult for one teacher to assist 20+ kids in learning how to use the 3D printer or sewing machine!!

If you would like to volunteer with 3D printers, sewing, or coding, the staff would love to use your skills! Please contact Denise Wheeler, denisetompkins@mac.com or 913.481.1572 for more information.



Picture Retakes

Retake Day is Tuesday, November 6th. Please let your teacher know if you plan to participate on retake day!

Don't love your picture? Simply return your original package on retake day and your child can retake their portrait.

Absent on picture day and already purchased a print package?

Just let your teacher know you plan to participate on retake day!

Absent on picture day and still want to purchase a print package?

Order forms are available in the front office or purchase online at: Inter-State.com/order (Order code: 3422QA)

All students need to be photographed for the yearbook, regardless of ordering a print package.

Questions? Contact Michelle Ingram: mich_ingram1@hotmail.com

Veterans Day/Grandparents Day

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

Schedule of Events:

- 9:00 am Reception for Veterans/ Grandparents in cafeteria
- 9:30 am Veterans and Grandparents invited to an outdoor ceremony
(in case of bad weather, ceremony will take place in gymnasium)
- 10-10:30 am Grandparents proceed to grandchildren's classroom(s) for a visit
Veterans invited to cafeteria

QUESTIONS: Contact Katie Enger katieenger@hotmail.com -- or --
Vanessa Watkins vanessa.sincoc@gmail.com

The Book Fair is coming – Volunteers Needed!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Briarwood November 28, 29 & 30!

Plans are coming along for our annual bookfair and we need your help to ensure a successful event! Please sign up for a shift in the link below if you have the availability to help. As always, we appreciate the help and support of our wonderful Briarwood community!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a9ab23aafc1-scholastic>



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Vote! Tomorrow!! We mean you!!!

Tuesday, November 6 is Election Day. Please make sure you vote!!!



Lost and Found items being donated on November 17

The Lost and Found Table at Briarwood continues to be replenished daily. Please check to see if any of these items belong in your house. Many of the items appear to have been worn only once! **Clothing left after Friday, November 16 will be donated to the SMSD Clothing Center.**



November Dining Partners



BRIARWOOD

NOVEMBER DINING PARTNERS

WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

TIME: 5PM-9PM

WHERE: BURG & BARREL-OP

7042 W 76TH STREET

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66204

**PRESENT THIS FLYER AND HAVE A PERCENTAGE OF THE
EVENING'S SALES
DONATED BACK TO THE BRIARWOOD PTA!**

Calling all Bulldog Dads!

Stop by the side room at Johnny's in Corinth on Wednesday 11/14 from 5:30-8:00pm to join Erik Lund and Jeff Enger in brainstorming for the benefit of our Bulldogs. Do you work for a business that would consider sponsoring the Briarwood auction? Do you know a business that would consider donating goods or services to the auction? Do you want to have fun on a Wednesday night?

Don't worry, you aren't joining a committee! We had a great Kick Off party and need your ideas to keep the momentum rolling!

Questions?

Erik Lund erikhlund@yahoo.com or Jeff Enger engerjb@hotmail.com



Spirit Wear

Hurry! You have one more chance to order spirit wear and there are lots of new styles!

Briarwood spirit wear makes a fun holiday gift for your kiddos - place an order now and you'll receive it before the holidays. Please check the "gift" box so we know not to deliver to your child's classroom!

The order deadline is November 16. To order, go to <http://twSPORTSWEAR.com/> and then click Briarwood.



Food Service Updates

Did you know all students will receive a full breakfast and a full lunch regardless of the money they have in their account effective November 1, 2018?

- School Café is the parent portal for Shawnee Mission School District food service. The link to instructions for using School Café <https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/food-service>. Parents can:
- View their children's account balance and purchases
- Set restrictions for ala carte purchases
- Submit free and reduced meal applications
- Set reminders for low account balances
- If a parent does not want their child to purchase anything from food service, they need to contact the food services office.
- Students will not be permitted to purchase ala carte items if their account is negative.
- Parents or guardians of all students will receive low account notifications via email or phone call if their students account is at \$8.00 or less for full price and \$2.00 or less for reduced price.
- Negative account notifications will be made to all students via parents or guardians email or phone call.
- All negative account balances will follow the student throughout the year.
- If the debt is not repaid, all negative account balances will be sent to the collection agency at the end of the school year.

Don't forget – if your child receives free or reduced meals, they are eligible for one breakfast and one lunch per day as part of this benefit. All breakfast and lunch meal choices are available for all students regardless of eligibility status. **The school breakfast menus, lunch menus, and other nutrition information are available on the district's website at <http://foodservices.smsd.org>**

Student Council Canned Food Drive

Student Council is sponsoring a "We Care, I Can" food drive this week. Students can bring in non-perishable items and at the end of the week, all canned goods collected will be donated to the Johnson County Christmas Bureau.



2018-19 PTA Executive Committee

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