

Briarwood Newsletter

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Message from Mr. Lash

Briarwood Auction Saturday, March 2

I want to thank the PTA and the PTA Auction Committee for all the time and effort they have put in preparing for this fun and important event. In less than two weeks, the auction will be here! This is by far our biggest fundraiser and the money raised at this event will fund our PTA budget for two years. There is more information about the auction in the newsletter and I am looking forward to a great night. Thank you to all our patrons for all you do each and every day to support our students and staff at Briarwood! We appreciate all the ways you support us and feel fortunate to teach at such an amazing school! Go TEAM Briarwood! Go Bulldogs!

Pre-K Enrollment Tuesday, February 19

The Shawnee Mission School District will begin accepting enrollment applications on February 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at each of our Pre-K sites. If you or anyone you know has a child who will be four on or before August 31 and are interested in the Pre-K program, you can learn more here:

<https://www.smsd.org/academics/early-childhood/pre-kindergarten>

Briarwood is projected to have one Pre-K classroom (one am and one pm session) and one wrap-around extended care room provided by JCPRD (Johnson County Parks & Recreation).

Pre-K enrollment application packets are available online or may be picked up from the Briarwood office. To enroll your child, parents should complete all forms in the packet and bring the requested documents with them on February 19 between the hours of 8:00 and 3:30 pm. To save yourself time, please follow the directions on the "Pre-K Enrollment Checklist" very carefully. Enrollment forms will be time and date stamped when **complete**. Pre-kindergarten students must accompany their parent to enroll. Mary Stewart, site manager for JCPRD, will be available to answer questions and help with enrollment in wrap-around extended care.

Important Upcoming Dates

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- Monday, February 18: **NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday, February 19: **NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday, February 19: **GagaBall Tournament**
Briarwood
- Monday, February 25 –
Friday, March 1: **Read-a-
Thon**: Briarwood
- Tuesday, February 26:
**Dining Partners -
Chipotle**: 5:00-9:00 pm
- Saturday, March 2:
Briarwood Auction:
Johnson County Arts and
Heritage Center 6:30 pm

Subasta de Briarwood Sábado 2 de Marzo

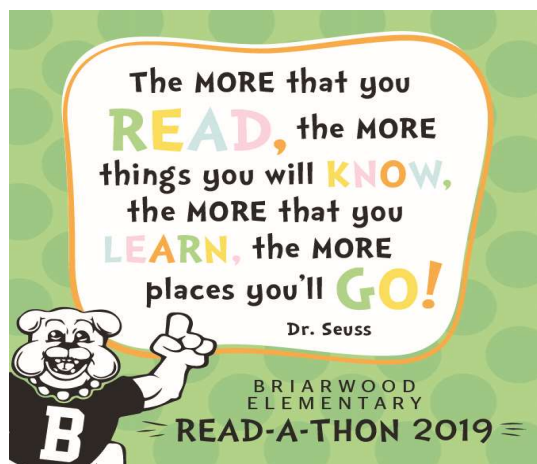
Quiero agradecer a la PTA y al Comité de Subastas de la PTA por todo el tiempo y el esfuerzo que han puesto en la preparación de este evento divertido e importante. ¡En menos de dos semanas, la subasta estará aquí! Este es, de lejos, nuestro mayor recaudador de fondos y el dinero recaudado en este evento financiará el presupuesto de nuestro PTA durante dos años. Hay más información sobre la subasta en el boletín y estoy esperando una gran noche. ¡Gracias a todos nuestros usuarios por todo lo que hacen todos los días para apoyar a nuestros estudiantes y al personal de Briarwood! ¡Apreciamos todas las maneras en que nos apoyas y te sientes afortunado de enseñar en una escuela tan increíble! Vaya EQUIPO Briarwood! ¡Van los Bulldogs!

Matriculación Pre-K martes 19 de Febrer

El Distrito Escolar de Shawnee Mission comenzará a aceptar solicitudes de inscripción el 19 de febrero de 8:00 a.m. a 3:30 p.m. en cada uno de nuestros sitios de Pre-K. Si usted o alguien que conoce tiene un hijo que cumplirá cuatro años antes del 31 de agosto y está interesado en el programa de Pre-K, puede obtener más información aquí: <https://www.smsd.org/academics/early-childhood/pre-kindergarten>

Se proyecta que Briarwood tenga un salón de clases de Pre-K (una sesión de la mañana y una de la tarde) y una sala de cuidados prolongados completa proporcionada por JCPRD (Johnson County Parks & Recreation). Los paquetes de solicitud de inscripción de Pre-K están disponibles en línea o se pueden recoger en la oficina de Briarwood. Para inscribir a su hijo, los padres deben completar todos los formularios en el paquete y traer los documentos solicitados el 19 de febrero entre las 8:00 y las 3:30 p. M. Para ahorrar tiempo, siga las instrucciones en la "Lista de verificación de inscripción de Pre-K" con mucho cuidado. Los formularios de inscripción se sellarán en la fecha y la hora cuando estén completos. Los estudiantes de pre-kindergarten deben acompañar a sus padres para inscribirse. Mary Stewart, gerente del sitio de JCPRD, estará disponible para responder preguntas y ayudar con la inscripción en la atención extendida general.

Second Annual Briarwood Read-A-Thon

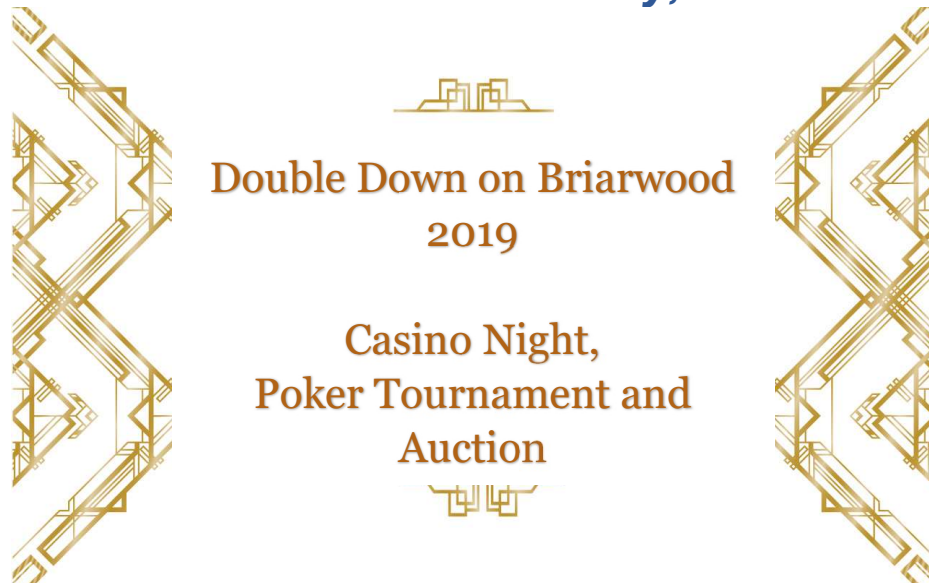


Read-a-Thon is almost here! The Second Annual Briarwood Read-a-Thon will take place during Read Across America Week, February 25th - March 1st. Please watch your child's backpack for a neon flyer and donation envelope that will come home next week.

We are asking for donations from grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and friends to support our Briarwood Readers in meeting their classroom reading goal for the week. You do not need to track anything at home - every student will receive a bookmark and we will track reading minutes at school, then celebrate together on Friday for Dr. Seuss's birthday! Your student may wish to dress up on Friday, March 1st in honor of Dr. Seuss - bright colors or something inspired by their favorite book!

All money raised supports the Briarwood PTA and reading-related initiatives, such as the author visit with Daniel Miyares. The top fundraiser will win a \$100 gift card to Half Price Books and each student who fundraises will be entered in the Book Raffle with over 60 prizes!

Double Down on Briarwood – Saturday, March 2



The much-anticipated auction is almost here! With proceeds being utilized to fund the continued subsidization of our school social worker, please join us for a night of giving to build the best future for our children! Here are a few important details:

- The auction will be held at the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center on Saturday, March 2 at 6:30 pm.
- The festivities begin at 6:30 pm with the Poker Tournament kicking off at 7. We will end with a live auction at 10:00 pm. There will be a cash bar and the attire is dressy casual.
- Tickets include entry to the event, plenty of tasty food and casino chips. Purchase your tickets here: [https://one.bidpal.net/briarwoodauction/ticketing\(details:ticketing-summary\)](https://one.bidpal.net/briarwoodauction/ticketing(details:ticketing-summary))
- You can also buy a seat in the poker tournament (seats are limited and are filled on a first come first served basis). To purchase a seat in the poker tournament, add your auction tickets to your cart first, then “add on” the poker tournament option.
- Check out <https://www.briarwoodauction.com> for more details.

BUY YOUR TICKETS BY 2/25!

Don't miss the Auction After-Party!



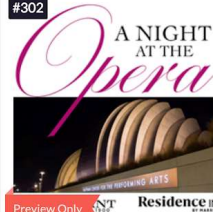





The fun never stops! Don't miss the epic "after party" immediately following the Double Down on Briarwood event. This party is the perfect ending to a night of giving and fun. Thanks to Rich and Tracey Meyer for hosting this long-standing tradition. Grab your tickets here :

[https://one.bidpal.net/briarwoodauction/ticketing\(details:ticketing-summary\)](https://one.bidpal.net/briarwoodauction/ticketing(details:ticketing-summary))



Auction Sneak Peak

Did you know we have over 200 items for bid at this year's auction? Besides our fabulous kid and adult parties--we have date nights, vacation packages and one-of-a-kind experiences for our Briarwood families to bid on! Get your gang together and agree on your preferred items before you get there. Check them all out at <https://one.bidpal.net/briarwoodauction/browse/all>

<p>#300</p>  <p>Preview Only</p> <p>Date Night - Hotel, Dinner, and Theater Tickets!</p> <p>\$10 Starting Bid</p>	<p>#301</p>  <p>Preview Only</p> <p>The Birthday Bonanza Bundle!</p> <p>\$10 Starting Bid</p>	<p>#302</p>  <p>Preview Only</p> <p>Night at the Opera - May 3rd, 2019</p> <p>\$10 Starting Bid</p>	<p>#303</p>  <p>Preview Only</p> <p>2 Tickets to Weezer in Executive Suite - Sprint Center</p> <p>\$250 Starting Bid</p>
<p>#304</p>  <p>Preview Only</p> <p>Friday Night Fire and Flix with Mrs. Judy</p> <p>\$200 Starting Bid</p>	<p>#305</p>  <p>Preview Only</p> <p>Tour for 20 - Mission Road Animal Clinic</p> <p>\$100 Starting Bid</p>	<p>#306</p>  <p>Preview Only</p> <p>1 Hour Guest DJ for KKFI 90.1 FM</p> <p>\$130 Starting Bid</p>	<p>#307</p>  <p>Preview Only</p> <p>Junior Firefighter Experience for 2</p> <p>\$100 Starting Bid</p>

The Importance of Conversations



We talk to our kids all the time, don't we?

When you stop and think about it, a majority of our conversations with our kids revolve around getting ready to leave the house, helping with chores, asking about homework etc. We live pretty busy lives and often forget to just have a conversation. No directives, no expectations, just a conversation. Setting the groundwork now for really talking with your child opens the door for the future. As life becomes more complex and emotions, hormones and stressors start to build, we can already have a foundation of having meaningful conversations with our children. This can create a greater likelihood that they will come to us when they get older. As a mom to four kids, I found the best times were riding in the car, boy my kids would open up more in the car than anywhere else! We would also talk at dinner, sometimes we did "worst and best" part of the day, this gave me great insight into what was going on in their world. Check out the list of conversation starters from "Aha! Parenting" below. Happy chatting!

Caren Howes, LMSW

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Getting to Know Your Child

- What are the three most interesting things about you?
- Name five reasons you're glad to be alive.
- If you could have any super power, what would it be and why?
- If you had a time machine for a day, what would you do with it?
- What's your favorite song? Why?
- What do you want to be when you grow up? Why?
- What's your favorite movie? Why?
- Why do you think kids put rings in their eyebrows and noses and bellybuttons?
- How about tattoos?
- Do you think you would ever want to do that? Why or why not?
- If we could go anywhere you wanted on vacation, where would you choose? Why?
- If you could have a conversation with anyone in history, who would it be?
- What would you want to ask them?
- What is your earliest memory?
- What are you most proud of?
- If you could change one thing about your appearance, what would it be?
- If you had to choose only three words to describe yourself, what would you say?
- Is there anything about you that inspires other people in any way?
- What is your idea of an ideal day?
- Would you rather live in a castle, on a boat, or on a cloud?
- If you were invisible where would you go and what would you do?
- What is a quality you wish you could have more of?
- If you could ask anyone for help, who would it be and why?
- What scares you the most and why?
- What's the most embarrassing thing that ever happened to you?

- What makes you feel better?
- What do you worry about the most?
- What is your biggest goal this year?
- When do you feel the most proud of who you are?

February Dining Partners - Chipotle



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Briarwood Elementary School. Just come in to the Chipotle at **6879 W. 91st Street** in Overland Park on **Tuesday, February 26th** from **5:00pm to 9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Briarwood Elementary School.

Haz que la cena sea un acto generoso uniéndote a nosotros en un evento de recaudación de fondos para apoyar a Briarwood Elementary School. Acude al Chipotle en **6879 W. 91st Street** el **Tuesday, February 26th**, entre las **5:00pm** y las **9:00pm**. Trae este volante, preséntalo en tu teléfono o dile al cajero que estás apoyando la causa con el fin de asegurar que el 33% de los ingresos se done a Briarwood Elementary School.

Progressive Dinner – Save the Date!

*Save
the Date*

April 27, 2019

It's time for Briarwood's annual

Progressive Dinner

Dinner hosts, we need YOU! Shove the toys in the basement and let's put that formal dining room to use!

Want to show off that new kitchen remodel? Have an amazing meal that will have the school talking?

Sign up now, it's for the kids!

Questions? Contact Deana Curtin dmlogan77@yahoo.com

and Courtney McFadden cmcfadden01@yahoo.com

Sign-up and details to follow

Notes from Nurse Blizzard



Influenza Info:

- SMSD adheres to the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment exclusion guidelines for influenza which state that physician diagnosed influenza should stay home for 7 days following the onset of symptoms. Please make sure to report to Nurse Blizzard if your child has been diagnosed with the flu, we report the cases to the Health Department to help with tracking purposes.
- The CDC states that people with the flu are most contagious in the first 3-4 days after their illness begins but may be able to infect others 1 day before symptoms develop and 5-7 days after becoming sick.
- Babies, the elderly, and those who are immunocompromised due to cancer treatments, etc. may not be able to receive the flu vaccine and therefore rely on us to keep them healthy. We can do our part by:
 - ✓ Getting a flu vaccine.
 - ✓ Washing hands frequently.
 - ✓ Covering coughs/sneezes.
 - ✓ Wiping highly touched surfaces with approved disinfectant.
 - ✓ Staying away from sick people.
 - ✓ Staying home when we are ill.

School-Based Clinic at Merriam Park Elementary

To better serve the medical, dental and behavioral health needs of Shawnee Mission School District students, Health Partnership Clinic has modified the delivery of services at the Merriam Park clinic.

Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. (Walk-In Health, Behavioral Health and Dental Services)

Wednesdays, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Behavioral Medicine Management Only)

- Students may now access Walk-In Health, Behavioral Health and Dental Services.
 - On-demand behavioral health services include mental health assessments, ADHD testing and evaluation for school performance and behavioral problems. Behavioral health appointments are also available as requested.
 - Walk-In Health Services include sick child visits, annual well child/sports physicals, diagnosis/treatment of illness/injury, immunizations, strep screen and asthma care.
 - Dental services include screenings and preventative care. Dental appointments are also available as requested.
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GaGa Ball Tournament – Tuesday, February 19



WHO:

Briarwood Bulldogs

WHERE:

Briarwood Gym. Please enter through the gym doors.

WHEN:

Tuesday, February 19

COST:

Suggested donation of \$10/child. All money raised will be used to support the Briarwood Foundation.

GaGa Ball Tournament

Another day off?? Do your kiddos need to burn some energy? If so, please join us for a GaGa Ball Tournament on Tuesday, February 19!

The Plan:

9:00 – 10:00 K and 1st Grade - Variety of activities in the gym

9:00 – 10:00 2nd & 3rd Grades

10:00 – 11:00 4th & 5th Grades

11:00 – 11:45 6th Grade

No need to sign up – just show up!

Brought to you by the Briarwood Foundation. Please visit our website at briarwoodfoundation.org.

Due to the number of children participating, we would appreciate it if you could drop-off and pickup promptly and adhere to the times designated for your child's grade.



Prep now for the Used Book Fair

Please start saving your old books for the annual Used Book Fair coming up Wednesday, April 24 - Friday, April 26.



IXL Testimonies

IXL is a diagnostic resource that adapts to meet the needs of each student. Because at Briarwood, we value personalized instruction for all students. We are using it to fill in gaps in learning as well as enrich in areas of strength. Teachers use IXL to supplement core instruction where they are lacking resources. Because classroom teachers are only given grade level content, they need IXL to help meet students' needs that extend beyond the grade level curriculum. This gives students support in areas they may need remediation and enrichment in areas they need extension.

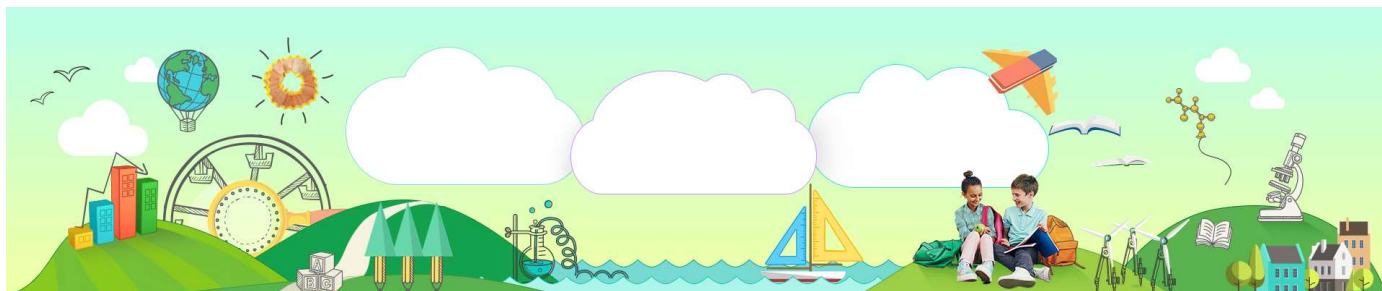
Here's what a few of our teachers say about this PTA funded benefit:

- "I love it! I use it for extra practice on skills that we are learning in class. It gives students a lot of repetition, so that they master the skills. I also use it to differentiate instruction. I can put students that need to be at higher levels in the 3rd and 4th grade arenas. IXL is awesome!" Susan Cunningham
- "Great for individualizing instruction!" Maribel Gallegos
- "Sixth grade buddies come down and log into their IXL account and go to Kindergarten and First grade to do the activities with my Kindergarteners and it's great! The kids love it! It's great for all kids but especially for those who need enrichment. It really does meet kids at their individual level." - Erin Wiegel
- "IXL has been a huge resource to help drive differentiated instruction in my classroom for the past 10 years. By using the Diagnostic Arena weekly; students are able to drive their own learning based on their ability level; for each priority standard. The tool helps "fill the gaps" on concepts that students need added practice; while pushing higher level students to help meet their needs.

IXL also helps correlate exactly what I'm teaching in EngageNY, for each module, to help with added resources. Matching IXL skills up for each lesson is great way to show proficiency for every lesson as an exit ticket.

IXL allows a real time view that is great teacher tool for whole group instruction that can immediate turn into small group instruction based on performances. This becomes a huge hit when we do class IXL challenges; team collaboration challenge as an extra motivational piece! The room is often filled with great chaos as students are working to better themselves.

Being able to present at our faculty meeting and Corinth's; I've been able to help teachers use the data resources in IXL to help guide student achievement; student needs; and how to help enhance student learning. IXL is by far the best program out there for ALL students." - Josh Cavender



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