

Briarwood Newsletter

Briarwood Family
Newsletter

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2019

Message from Mr. Lash

Attendance a Key to your Student's Success

Schools can't do their job of teaching your child if they are absent. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning. Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on standardized assessments. Studies also show that kids who are absent more often score lower on standardized assessments. Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year. Children can copy notes or make up assignments, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussion, the questions, the explanations by the teacher, and the thinking that makes learning come alive! Here is a list of things you can do to help improve your child's school attendance:

- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly.
- Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
- Help your child stay healthy by providing nutritious food and promoting exercise and a regular sleep schedule.
- Discuss with your child what happened at school each day.
- Lead by example.

Asistencia una llave para el éxito de su estudiante

Las escuelas no pueden hacer su trabajo de enseñarles a sus hijos/as si ellos están ausentes. El aprendizaje se construye día a día. Un niño que pierde un día de escuela pierde un día de aprendizaje. Investigaciones demuestran que los niños que están en la escuela la mayoría del tiempo hacen un mejor trabajo en los exámenes del estado. Estudios además nos demuestran que los niños que están ausentes más a menudo tienen menor puntuación en los exámenes del estado. Llegando tarde a la escuela también daña el aprendizaje del niño/a. Un estudiante que llegue tarde 10 minutos cada día perderá 30 horas de instrucción durante el año. Niños pueden copiar notas y hacer la tarea atrasada, pero ellos jamás podrán regresar atrás para agarrar lo más importante: la

Important Dates

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- Tuesday, September 10: **MVP training at Briarwood, 9:00am**
- Friday, September 13: **Professional Learning Day, Early dismissal 12:30pm**
- Saturday, September 21: **Garden workday at Briarwood, 9a-11a**
- Wednesday, September 25: **Student Picture Day**
- Wednesday, September 25: **Speak Up Event at Corinth Elementary, 6p**
- Thursday, September 26: **Dining Partners with Culver's**
- Thursday, October 3: **Skate Party, 4-6pm**
- Saturday, October 5: **Bulldog Jog**
- Thursday, October 10: **End of 1st quarter, Early dismissal 12:30pm**
- Friday, October 11: **NO SCHOOL**
- October 16-18: **Scholastic Book Fair**

discusión, las preguntas, las explicaciones del maestro, y el pensamiento que hace que el aprendizaje tome vida! Aquí hay una lista de cosas que le pueden ayudar a usted a mejorar la asistencia de su hijo a la escuela:

- Hable con su hijo sobre la importancia de asistir a la escuela a diario.
- Evite hacer paseos familiares o citas de doctor durante horas de escuela.
- Ayude a su hijo a mantenerse saludable con proveer comida saludable, promover el ejercicio y un horario regular de dormir.
- Hable con su hijo/a sobre lo que paso en la escuela cada día.
- Guiar con el ejemplo.

Picture Day



is
**Wednesday
September 25th**

Order online at: inter-state.com/order

Code: 40542YA

or watch for order forms coming home soon!

Grade Level Parties – Hosts Needed!

Be a part of Briarwood's biennial fundraiser by hosting / co-hosting a party this fall for the parents/guardians in your grade level. Collaborate with a few families to plan the theme, party and fun!

Interested in hosting or co-hosting? Contact Mary Boomer, maryseltzerboomer@gmail.com or

(415) 637-5776.



Why Join the Briarwood PTA?

Why Join the Briarwood PTA? It's a good question. We hope you can look around the world of Briarwood and recognize the many events, opportunities, surroundings, and relationships that are made possible largely from the sponsorship of the PTA. Briarwood students, its extraordinary teachers and staff, and your fellow Briarwood families all feel the rewards of your support of the PTA. Some events and programs the PTA sponsors include:

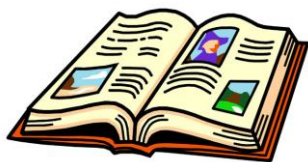
• **Social Worker • Accelerated Reader • IXL Math and ELA • Chat & Chew • Field Trips • Library • Maker Space • Cultural Arts Programs • Progressive Dinner • Skate Parties • Trivia Night • Carnival**

Individual (\$12) and Family (\$24) Membership levels are available. Back to school time and the many sign-ups and forms that come along with it can be overwhelming. If you are not sure if you joined the PTA while confirming your family information in the Briarwood PTA Parent Portal (now hosted through Membership Toolkit) or have any questions about PTA Membership, please contact Leta Anderson (Lmander1973@gmail.com or 816-213-0981). The Briarwood PTA thanks you for your support!

Speaking of PTA Hip Hop Assembly Tomorrow!

September 10th grades 4-6 will experience an inspirational Hip Hop Assembly, **Lit-Hop, Ink.** Exploring the roots of bullying and its destructive power, students will discover they are unique contributors to the school culture, as well as the true roots of learning, friendship, and respect. Filled with beats and lyrics that promote positive self-image, kindness and friendship, students will be engaged in music while developing an appreciation of their own unique strengths. *This program is provided by PTA's Cultural Arts and is guaranteed to start the year on a high note!*

Calling All Photographers!



Send the yearbook and social media teams your photos!

Briarwood families - we need your photos! Please send us pictures from school-specific events. We love field trips, class parties, and anything that is a part of your Bulldog's school day. The best pictures are action shots, but we'll take all of your favorite pics!

The upload process is way easier this year than it's ever been before. You can scan this code and it will take you directly to the upload page, or you can go to plicbooks.com/go/imSjR

All of the photos you send us could get used in the yearbook and/or on Briarwood' PTA's social media accounts or website. Please help us showcase our awesome school!



Bulldog Jog



COME RUN WITH ME DOG!!!

Join your fellow Briarwood friends and family on Saturday morning, October 5th, on a stroll or jog for the 2019 BULLDOG JOG. Arrive @ 7:40am to the east side parking lot of Briarwood for an 8:00am start for the 1-mile Fun Run through the neighborhood. The 5K run will start immediately following and will loop you around Franklin Park and back to the school.

Class participation prize is up for grabs again! Tickets available for purchase through the Store in Membership Toolkit. Entry form should be printed and returned to the office.

<http://www.briarwoodpta.org/bulldog-jog/>

Call, or email with any questions: Brian Hughes, bkh09@yahoo.com, (816) 914-3399.

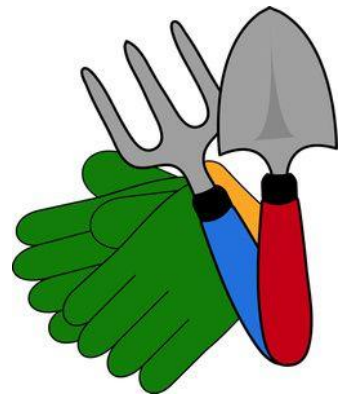
Butterfly Garden Workday

September 21st (9:00am to 11:00am)

Join us for a Butterfly Garden Workday on September 21st from 9:00am to 11:00am. We will be taking care of our Butterfly Gardens and Native Gardens in the back of the school. Please bring shovels, hoes, and gloves. We will be weeding, edging and laying down mulch.

Adults and kids welcome to help.

(In the case of inclement weather, we will meet on September 27th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm)



Crossing Guards Needed!



Let's keep our kids safe! We need your help -
Please sign up for crosswalk duty at 86th and
Juniper. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4EA5AE2BA13-crossing>



Note from Nurse Blizzard

Briarwood participates in a great program called **Giving the Basics**. It is intended to help families facing financial difficulties by providing items they may need at home to maintain basic hygiene needs. Items include: bar soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, lotion, laundry soap, and toilet paper. Please contact Beth Blizzard at **913-993-2202** if you are needing any of these items. You can also email her at: elizabethblizzard@smsd.org.

Please let Nurse Blizzard know if you have any additional questions/concerns.

Existe un gran programa en el cual Briarwood participa que se llama “**Giving the Basics**” (Dar lo básico). El programa intenta ayudar a las familias con dificultades financieras para asegurarse de que cuentan con los ítems necesarios en el hogar para mantener los requisitos de la higiene básica. Los ítems incluyen: jabón en barra, desodorante, champú/ acondicionador, cepillos y pasta dental, productos para la higiene femenina, detergente para la ropa, crema y maquinillas de afeitar. La enfermera tiene estos ítems a mano en su oficina. Por favor siéntase libre de comunicarse a la oficina de la enfermera al **913-993-2202** si usted necesita cualquiera de estos ítems.

Por favor hágamelo saber si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud.

Notes from the Social Workers

The 2019-2020 school year, both Caren Howes and Margot Sutherland are back as your Briarwood social workers. Ms. Howes is in the building Monday, Tuesday, and Friday mornings, while Ms. Sutherland is in the building Tuesday morning, Wednesday, and Thursday. Our role is to encourage students to be successful in the school setting. This means we are available to students and families individually, in small groups, as well as whole classroom environments as needed.

This school year, every teacher will be implementing Calm Classroom and teaching Second Step in their classrooms. Calm Classroom are mindfulness techniques that are taught and modeled to students on a daily basis. Second Step is a social emotional curriculum taught weekly to expose students to different emotions and how to appropriately deal with these. As social workers, we are supporting the teachers in their implementation of these programs.

Please let us know if we can help you and your student! Our phone number is (913) 993-2230 and email is CarenHowes@smsd.org and MargotSutherland@smsd.org

Dining Partners



SAVE THE DATE!

Donate while you dine on **Thursday, September 26** at Culver's on State Line Rd. Join us for dinner and dessert and a percentage of all sales will go back to Briarwood! More info and flyers will be coming home with your student in the next few weeks!

The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

Please join us October 16, 17, & 18 for the always amazing Book Fair! This year's theme is "Arctic Adventure," and we know that you don't want to be left out in the cold when it comes to getting new and exciting books for your kiddos! Whether they are reluctant readers or book worms, the Book Fair has titles for everyone. We also love that on top of encouraging our students to read, up to 55% of the profits will come back to Briarwood!



Please visit our Book Fair homepage at

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/briarwoodelementaryschool8> for more information, including the new ewallet option that will allow you to give your child money to choose a book when they visit the fair without having to send cash to school!

We are also excited to invite all grownups to join us for "Donut with a Grownup" this year and have a chance to take your child to the fair yourself while enjoying a delicious treat. "Donut with a Grownup" will be held from 7:00 -8:00 am on October 16 (last names that begin with A-L) and October 17 (last names that begin with M-Z). See you at the Book Fair!

Support the Briarwood Foundation

We all want that little bit of extra for our kids and the Briarwood Elementary School Foundation is dedicated to providing it. The ability to give all students rich educational experiences to enhance their learning is what the Foundation is all about. Directed by a board of parent volunteers, our primary purpose is to fund programs and supplies not provided by federal, state, school district or PTA budgets.

For more information, visit <http://www.briarwoodfoundation.org>



Renovation Sensation Volunteers

Renovation Sensation is a tour of five stunning homes that have been renovated or rebuilt in the Shawnee Mission East area. The tour benefits SHARE at SME, one of the largest student led, school based service programs in the nation.

Please consider volunteering at Renovation Sensation on September 25th! More than 130 volunteers are needed to greet and guide visitors and it's a great way to connect with the SME community. Shifts are available 9:45 am - 7:00 pm, sign up early to guarantee your shift at the house of your choice by clicking on this link: <http://bit.ly/RenSenVolunteer>. Questions? Email us at RenovationSensation2019@gmail.com.

Thank you—

Robin Gedman & Debbie Coe

2019 Renovation Sensation Volunteer Coordinators

RENOVATION *Sensation* HOMES TOUR

Wednesday, September 25, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Tour Pass: \$30



3700 W 64th St, Mission Hills



5208 W 68th St, Prairie Village



4916 W 65th St, Prairie Village



4604 W 87th Pl, Prairie Village



8825 Aberdeen Dr, Leawood

Please join us and be a part of this wonderful fundraiser for the Shawnee Mission East SHARE Program!

Looking for ways to connect with the SME Community?

BE A VOLUNTEER!

We need dozens of volunteers to assist visitors through the homes on tour day, September 25, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Please visit bit.ly/RenSenVolunteer to sign up online and view open shifts.

BE A GUEST!

Come tour our five featured remodeled or newly built homes showing the latest trends in home design and décor.

To buy tour passes visit bit.ly/Rensentourpass or visit one of our local outlets at Spruce Home or participating Hen Houses (Corinth, Fairway and Prairie Village). Tickets will be available the day of the event at each tour home.



For more information, visit
SMEastSHARE.com

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SPEAK UP

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

It is our hope that SPEAK UP will provide education and awareness, bridging gaps between our community, schools and parents. We wish to encourage conversations with your children, provide adults with a navigation system regarding their child's mental wellness, information on how to identify warning signs, and offer resources if you think your child is at risk. Most importantly, teach kids that it is okay to ask for help!

Navigating Your Child's



Mental Wellness

DATE: Wednesday, Sept 25th

TIME: 6:00pm

LOCATION: Corinth Elementary School

ALL SMSD PARENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND

****Childcare provided please rsvp: bit.ly/smsdspeakup19****



SPEAK UP

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

Esperamos que SPEAK UP brinde educación y concientización, cerrando brechas entre nuestra comunidad, escuelas y padres. Deseamos fomentar las conversaciones con sus hijos, proporcionar a los adultos un sistema de navegación sobre el bienestar mental de sus hijos, información sobre cómo identificar las señales de advertencia y ofrecer recursos si cree que su hijo está en riesgo. ¡Lo más importante es enseñarles a los niños que está bien pedir ayuda!

Navegando por los de tu para Niños
Bienestar Mental

FECHA: Miércoles 25 de Septiembre

HORA: 6:00 pm

UBICACIÓN: Corinth Elementary School

TODOS LOS PADRES DE SMSD BIENVENIDOS A ASISTIR

**** Cuidado de niños proporcionado por favor rsvp:**

bit.ly/smsdspeakup19**





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Thank You for supporting SME Debate Team!

Briarwood Elementary Chess Club

The Briarwood Elementary Chess Club welcomes all students so if you do not know how to play our royal game and would like to learn or just fine tune your skill, please join our club. The goal of each club meeting is to **have fun** while learning chess.

The Kansas City Chess Club chess curriculum will guide students from **Pawn to King** level advancement. Students will be given three workbooks to complete during each scholastic year. Progress will be measured by a chess skills test taken at the end of each level. Students may participate **as a team** against other schools at local chess tournaments.

A typical chess club session will consist of a chess lesson, challenge games, workbook exercises, tournament preparation and fun play.

Certified chess instructors from *The Kansas City Chess Club* will be teaching players about important rules, chess etiquette, strategy, openings, endgames, and tactics. Research says chess improves test scores on Math and Reading.



Chess Club tuition: **\$129/student**

Optional add-on items:

- Tournament Chess Set & Board **\$20**
- Kansas City Chess Club T-Shirt **\$10**
- **Kansas City Grade Championship \$35** December 14, 2019 at Oakhill Day School (covers youth tournament and bughouse tournament fee)

Meets Mondays

Fall Term: September 16 – November 18

After school until 4:00 PM

Ways to Register:

1. **Online** <https://www.reg4chess.com>

Select **Fall 2019 Chess Club Registration**. Note: If ordering a t-shirt with your tuition package, we will contact you for the size.

2. **Call 816-446-3550**

3. **Mail payment with registration form**

Make checks to:
The Kansas City Chess Club LLC
PO Box 11244
Kansas City, Missouri 64119



Registration is due by first day of club. We encourage the online register and pay option to ensure your child is registered on time.

Briarwood Elementary Chess Club Registration Form (F2019)

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____
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Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____
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Primary Cell #: _____

Primary Email: _____

*******No registration taken at the school*******

Fall Tuition	\$129 x _____	
Chess Set	\$20 x _____	
Chess T-shirt	\$10 x _____ Youth: XS S M L XL Adult: S M L	
Tournament	\$35 x _____	
Total Submitted		\$

Questions: E-mail Ken at kcchess@gmail.com or call/text to 816-446-3550.

2019-20 PTA Executive Committee

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