

Briarwood Newsletter

Briarwood Family
Newsletter

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August 1, 2019

Message from Mr. Lash

I hope everyone is enjoying summer break. The school office is reopened and we are in the process of verifying our enrollment so we know exactly how many children we have in each classroom. If you **will not be attending Briarwood** would you please call the school office at 913-993-2200 and let us know.

Below are some important dates and events for the beginning of the school year.

August 5th

Class Placement

On Monday, August 5th at 8:00 a.m. you can find your child's class placement by logging into your child's Skyward account and clicking on the Student Information tab. If you have a Pre-K or Kindergarten student you will be receiving additional information about your child's conference time on or before August 6th. Below are the projected number of sections for each grade level and the teacher assignments.

- Pre-K - Kaleigh Powell
- KDG – Lisa Dean, Lori Heinze, Madison Nicholson, Lisa Berbiglia
- 1stGrade – Sarah Collins, Kristin Friedel, Laura Nunnink, Emily Ruble
- 2ndGrade – Lindsy Brown, Susan Cunningham, Maribel Gallegos, Erin Weigel
- 3rdGrade – Audrey Boetcher, Barbara Newbold, Susan Reichardt, Tina Regier
- 4thGrade – Hank Koehn, Karen Otey, Tracy Stotts
- 5thGrade – Michele Hartel, Tish Mocker, Morgan Robbins (Shupe)
- 6thGrade – Connor Morris, Kris Switzer, Kaitlyn Buster, Ann Mullins

Please join me in welcoming Kaleigh Powell and Ann Mullins to TEAM Briarwood. Kaleigh taught Pre-K at the Shawnee Mission School District Early Childhood Center last school year. Ann completed her student teaching in 5th grade last spring at Belinder and has also taught 5th and 6th grade through the Teach for America program in Wilmington, Delaware.

Important Upcoming Dates

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- Wednesday, August 7:
Sneak-a-Peek classroom preview 5:00-6:00 pm
Ice Cream Social 5:00-7:00 pm
New Family Welcome meeting 6:30pm
- Monday, August 12:
Classes begin grades 1-6, **early dismissal at 12:30pm**
- Monday, August 12 and Tuesday, August 13: **Pre-K & Kindergarten parent Conferences**
- Wednesday, August 14:
First day for Pre-K & Kindergarten. Boo-Hoo Coffee for KDG parents 8:10-9:00 am
- Tuesday, August 20: **Back to School Night, **grades 4-6****
- Wednesday, August 21:
Back to School Night, **grades 1-3**
- Tuesday, August 27:
Dining Partners, Chipotle

August 7th

Sneak-A-Peek, 5:00-6:00

Students can visit their classroom, meet their teacher, and drop their school supplies off. This is the teachers second day back from summer break so their classrooms will still be under construction.

Ice Cream Social, 5:00-7:00 in the cafeteria

Families can enjoy ice cream, purchase Briarwood spirit wear, and sign up for the PTA.

New Family Welcome, 6:30 in the gymnasium

The new family welcome is for families (parents and children) new to Briarwood this year. The purpose of the meeting is to extend an official welcome, share key information about school activities/procedures and have a Q & A session to assist with a smooth start to the year.

Monday, August 12th

1st day of school 1st– 6th grade

Class Begins at 8:10 and ends at 12:30 (early dismissal time)

Pre-K & Kindergarten Parent Conferences

Tuesday, August 13th

2nd day of school for 1st-6th grade, regular dismissal time of 3:10

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First Day Pre-K & Kindergarten

BooHoo Coffee-KDG Parents, 8:10-9:00 in the cafeteria

Tuesday, August 20th

Back to School Night **Grades 4-6**

5:30 4th Grade

6:15-6:40 PTA Meeting in gym

6:45 5th Grade

7:30 6th Grade

Wednesday, August 21st

5:30-7:30 5th Grade Instrument Fair S.M. East

Back to School Night **Grades 1-3**

5:30 1st Grade

6:15-6:40 PTA Meeting in gym

6:45 2nd Grade

7:30 3rd Grade

School Calendar Update

The 2019-2020 school year calendar has been revised. At the July 22, 2019 Board of Education meeting, Board of Education members approved the following changes:

- Fall Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 23 and 24, 2019 (a change from October 16 and 17, 2019)
- Friday, October 25, 2019 will be a Parent Teacher Conference Day. School will not be held for students in Grades Pre-K-12.
- A Professional Development day will be held on May 27, 2020. There will be no Professional Development day on January 3, 2020.
- Students will return from Winter Break on January 6, 2020.
- The last day of school for grades Pre-K-11 will be May 22, 2020.

Familias de Briarwood,

Espero que todos estén disfrutando las vacaciones de verano. Se reabrió la oficina de la escuela y estamos en el proceso de verificar nuestra inscripción para saber exactamente cuántos niños tenemos en cada salón de clases. Si no piensan asistir a Briarwood, por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela al 993-2200 y déjenos saber.

A continuación hay algunas fechas y eventos importantes para el comienzo del año escolar.

5 de Agosto

Colocación en clase

El lunes 5 de agosto a las 8:00 a.m. puede encontrar en que salón estará su hijo iniciando sesión en la cuenta de Skyward de su hijo y haciendo clic en la pestaña de Información del estudiante. Si tiene un estudiante de Pre-K o Kindergarten, recibirá información adicional sobre el tiempo de conferencia de su hijo el 6 de agosto o antes. A continuación se muestra el número proyectado de secciones para cada nivel de grado y las tareas del maestro.

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- 3er Grado - Audrey Boetcher, Barbara Newbold, Susan Reichardt, Tina Regier
- 4º grado - Hank Koehn, Karen Otey, Tracy Stotts
- 5º grado - Michele Hartel, Tish Mocker, Morgan Shupe
- 6º grado: Connor Morris, Kris Switzer, Kaitlyn Buster, posición abierta

Únase a mí para dar la bienvenida a Kaleigh Powell y Ann Mullins a TEAM Briarwood. Kaleigh enseñó Pre-K en el Centro de Primera Infancia del Distrito Escolar de Shawnee Mission el año pasado. Ann completó la enseñanza de su estudiante en quinto grado la primavera pasada en Belinder y también enseñó quinto y sexto grado a través del programa Teach for America en Wilmington, Delaware.

7 de Agosto

Sneak-A-Peek (hecha un vistazo), 5:00-6:00

Los estudiantes pueden visitar su salón de clases, conocer a su maestro y dejar sus útiles escolares. Este es el segundo día en que los maestros regresan de las vacaciones de verano, por lo que sus aulas aún estarán en construcción.

Helado social, 5:00-7:00 en la cafetería.

Bienvenida a nuevas familias, 6:30 en el gimnasio.

La nueva bienvenida familiar es para familias (padres e hijos) nuevas en Briarwood este año. El propósito de la reunión es brindar una bienvenida oficial, compartir información clave sobre las actividades / procedimientos de la escuela y tener una sesión de preguntas y respuestas para ayudarlo a comenzar el año sin problemas.

Lunes 12 de Agosto

1er día de escuela 1º - 6º grado

La clase comienza a las 8:10 y termina a las 12:30 (hora de salida temprana)

Pre-K & Kindergarten Conferencias de Padres

Martes 13 de Agosto

2º día de clases para 1º a 6º grado, hora de salida regular de 3:10

Pre-K & Kindergarten Conferencias de Padres

Miércoles 14 de Agosto

Primer día de Pre-K y Kindergarten

Padres de BooHoo Coffee-KDG, 8:10-9:00 en la cafetería

Martes 20 de Agosto

5:00 Noche de Regreso a la escuela 4-6

5:30 4to Grado

6: 15-6:40 Reunión de PTA en el gimnasio

6:45 5to Grado

7:30 6to Grado

Miércoles 21 de Agosto

5:30-7:30 5to grado Feria Instrumental S.M. East

Noche de Regreso a la Escuela Grados 1-3

5:30 1er Grado

6: 15-6:40 Reunión de PTA en el gimnasio

6:45 2do Grado

7:30 3er Grado

Sitio web de Briarwood / redes sociales:

El sitio web de nuestra escuela está lleno de información importante, como la lista de materiales para la clase, el menú del almuerzo, el calendario escolar y los aspectos más destacados de la escuela.

○ <https://briarwood.smsd.org>

Actualización del Calendario Escolar

El calendario escolar del año 2019-2020 ha sido revisado.

El día 22 de Julio el comité de Educación tubo una junta, los cuales aprobaron los siguientes cambios:

- Las conferencias de otoño con los padres de familia serán en Octubre 23 y 24 del 2019 (que es el cambio de octubre 16 y 17, 2019)
- Viernes 25 de Octubre habrá conferencias durante el día. No habrá escuela para los estudiantes en los grados Pre-k -12.
- Desarrollo profesional será Mayo 27, 2020. No habrá desarrollo profesional el día Enero 3,2020.
- Los estudiantes regresaran de sus vacaciones de invierno el día Enero 6,2020.
- Ultimo día de escuela para los grados Pre-k – 11 sera mayo 22, 2020.

Calling All Volunteers!



While you're updating your calendar, let us know how you would like to help! We need parent support to make these events a success and there is something for everyone! Please indicate your interest in this SignUp Genius survey or on the interest form at Ice Cream Social and Back to School Night. There is no obligation at this time - the event Chairs will reach out to you with further details.

Thank you for your support of the Briarwood PTA and our Briarwood Bulldogs!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449a9ad29a2ff2-briarwood4>

HERE'S THE SCOOP!



Don't Miss the Ice Cream Social!

Join us for the Ice Cream Social and Sneak-a-Peek on Wed., August 7 from 5pm to 7pm. Meet your teachers, see your friends, join PTA, order spirit wear and more! If you ordered school supplies through Briarwood they will be in your classroom. We'll see you there!

We need volunteers, too! Please sign up here to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848aea62fa1fc1-briarwoods>

Briarwood Directory and Parent Portal

**** Update your information by August 31 ****

The Briarwood PTA Parent Portal and Online Directory (formerly in My School Anywhere) is being migrated to Membership Toolkit. You will use the Membership Toolkit portal to make payments for PTA membership, room parent communication and event payments throughout the year. **Please note:** This portal is separate from Skyward and the contact information given will be used for important PTA communications such as room parent emails and event announcements.

Returning families: Your family's data will be migrated to Membership Toolkit, but you will need to create an account on the new portal. Watch your inbox for an email that will detail the few simple steps needed.

New to Briarwood? We will distribute instructions on how to get your new accounts set up at the Ice Cream Social and Back to School Nights.

If you don't want your family's information included in the online and printed directories there is an opt-out option during the confirmation process, but we encourage you to at least enter an email address so that you receive messages from the PTA throughout the year.

Your family's information must be entered online and confirmed in order to be included in the online and printed school directories. All families will have access to the parent portal, but access to the online directory is limited to PTA members.

Questions? Email Lori Bennett: lorib77@me.com

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 • 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!

Crossing Guards Needed!



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

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

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. Be sure to stop by the Briarwood Foundation table at the Ice Cream Social to find out how you can support our wonderful teachers and staff by contributing to the Foundation.



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

Get Your Bulldog Spirit Wear!



Hey Briarwood!!

The Spirit Committee could not be more excited about the school apparel this year - we hope you agree!! We will have plenty of items to purchase on August 7th during the Ice Cream Social. Watch for further details about ordering online!



If you ordered a school supply kit for your student, the kit will be in your student's classroom at the Ice Cream Social on August 7th. Kindergarten students can find their kits in their classroom when they attend their kindergarten conference. Please sign-off that you picked up your kit on the sheet posted in the classroom.

Contact Kim Hill with any questions or concerns: kimmarinaccihiill@gmail.com 630-639-6316

Room Parents Wanted!



Briarwood Elementary is looking for room parent volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year. We are in need of at least one room parent for each classroom.

As room parent you will assist the teacher with planning parties and communicating classroom needs with other parents. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please look for the room parent sign up table at the Briarwood Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 7th from 5-7:00 pm.

If you cannot attend or miss the sign up table, please contact Kim Stroud via email at kstroud@kc.rr.com.

Thank you for helping to make Briarwood Elementary such a wonderful place for our students and staff. It's a great day to be a Bulldog!

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.

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HOW TO
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Introducing: Bulldog Books



Sponsor a Briarwood library book in recognition of your student!*

A Bulldog Book donation makes a wonderful gift from parents, grandparents, or anyone looking to support their Briarwood Bulldog. Your student will be recognized every time his/her Bulldog Book is checked out from the library.



HOW DOES IT WORK? IT'S SIMPLE!

- Bulldog book donations are available at the beginning of the school year.
- Fill out the form at the bottom of this page and return it with your PTA donation of \$10/book. Or visit the "our store" tab at myschoolanywhere.com and order online.
- During the school year, your student will be invited to select a book from the library's current collection. Your student's personalized book plate is placed inside the book to recognize his/her special year.
- Each "Bulldog Book" remains a lasting part of the library collection and will be enjoyed again and again by Briarwood students.
- The first deadline to participate in Bulldog Books for the 2019-20 school year is Friday, September 6, 2019.

*Bulldog Books is replacing "Birthday Book Club." Books will be distributed as a class rather than on your student's birthday.

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Bulldog Book Club

| Student's Name | Teacher | Grade | Donated by (for example, "Grandpa" or "I love, Mom") |
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Enclosed Donation: \$10.00 x = \$
(# OF BULLDOG BOOKS) (AMOUNT ENCLOSED)

Please make checks payable to Briarwood PTA with a memo: Bulldog Books

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Dining Partners

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT! Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Briarwood Elementary School. Come in to the Chipotle at **6879 W. 91st Street** in Overland Park on **Tuesday, August 27th between 5:00pm and 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.

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MEXICAN GRILL

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

EL CAMBIO QUE UNO CREA



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, August 27th**, 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.



Si realizas una orden en línea durante el evento de recaudación de fondos, ten en cuenta que debes elegir la opción de pagar en el restaurante e informar al cajero de tu participación antes de pagar. Las compras de tarjetas de regalo durante los eventos de recaudación de fondos no cuentan para el total de ventas donadas; sin embargo, las compras realizadas con una tarjeta de regalo existente sí cuentan.

Popsicle

Skate Party

Briarwood

Tuesday, August 27th
4-6 pm Adm. \$5.00*

Regular skate rental \$1.50*

*Prices based on cash discount

Dinner Special \$4.25*

Hot dog, chips & drink

*Prices Based on Cash Discount

**One Free Popsicle
for each paid skater!**



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2019-20 PTA Executive Committee

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