

Briarwood Newsletter

Briarwood Family
Newsletter

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October 8, 2018

Message from Mr. Lash

United Way Campaign October 17-19

Beginning October 17 we will start raising money for the United Way. We have special days planned on the following dates.

- Wednesday , October 17 Crazy Socks Day
- Thursday, October 18 Crazy Hair Day
- Friday , October 19 Hat Day

Students are encouraged to bring money and change each day.

The grade level that raises the most money will get to pick my costume and dress me up for Halloween. The grade level that comes in second will earn an extra recess. I want our families to know there is no pressure to give money and all students can participate in the special days.

Report Card

First-quarter grade cards will be posted on your child's Skyward account on Friday, October 19. I encourage you to review the report card with your child and set goals for the second-quarter. Focus on what your child can do and how their effort determines their success. I have attached a link to a powerful video on the importance of praising children based on their effort versus their intelligence.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWv1VdDeoRY>

Also, when setting goals with your child focus on specific academic skills that your child can practice and measure the results of their effort. The more they can see the correlation between their effort and achievement the more they will succeed.

MVP Update

The Shawnee Mission School District (SMSD) strongly encourages volunteer support for students and schools. It is equally committed to the safety of students and volunteers. To support the goal of safety, the district has instituted a policy requiring background records checks for all volunteers.

In order to make the process more efficient and effective, on September 24, 2018, the Shawnee Mission Board of Education (BOE) approved the use of Validity Screening Solutions to provide background screenings for MVP volunteers. This new background screening process will take the place of the current fingerprinting requirement for MVP volunteers. Instead of coming to the Center for Academic Achievement, MVP volunteers will go on-line to enter the required information.

Important Upcoming Dates

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- Thursday, October 11:
Early Dismissal 12:30 pm
K-6. No school Pre-K.
- Friday, October 12: **No School**
- Wednesday, October 17:
Dining Partners – Papa Keno's
- Saturday, October 20:
Bulldog Jog Check in begins at 7:15 am, Jog starts at 8:00 am
- Saturday, October 20:
Auction Kick-off Party
7:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 7:
General PTA Meeting 7:00 pm

There are now two steps required to complete the MVP process:

1) Attend an in-person training

- a. Visit <https://www.smsd.org/families/volunteer-mvp> for available sessions.
- b. Note: Tuesday morning sessions at CAA require a reservation—seating is limited. Email volunteer@smsd.org for more information.

2) Visit Validity Screening to complete the online, background screening process.

- a. If you have already completed the required training, visit this link to complete the process.
<https://www.ejobapp-validityscreening.com/applicant/companies/29594/accounts/42022/positions>

In most cases, applicants will be approved and ready to serve as a MVP volunteer within 48 hours.

SMSD apologizes for the inconvenience the fingerprinting process and long wait times have created. We believe Validity will provide greater convenience in less time, while still maintaining the safety our stakeholders, students and staff members expect and deserve. Your commitment to your student's education and to the district as a whole is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Campaña de United Way Octubre 17-19

En Octubre 17 vamos a empezar a coleccionar dinero para el United Way. Tenemos planes especiales para esos días.

- Miércoles, Octubre 17 Día de calcetines locos
- Jueves, Octubre 18 Día de peinado loco
- Viernes , Octubre 19 Día de sombrero

Se les alienta a los niños traer dinero y cambio cada día.

El grado que junte más dinero podrá escoger mi disfraz y disfrazarme para Halloween. El grado que quede en 2do lugar ganara un segundo recreo. Quiero dejarles saber a las familias que no hay ninguna presión de dar dinero para que los estudiantes puedan participar en los días especiales.

Boleta de calificaciones

La boleta del primer cuarto será puesta en la cuenta de Skyward el día viernes 19 de Octubre. Te recomiendo que revises la boleta de calificaciones y propongan unas nuevas metas para el segundo cuarto. Enfócate en lo que tu hijo puede hacer y como su esfuerzo determina su suceso. He adjuntado un video en la importancia de como elogiar a los niños vasados en sus esfuerzos en vez de la inteligencia.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWv1VdDeoRY>

También cuando estén poniendo sus metas con tu hijo enfóquense en las habilidades académicas que tu hijo pueda practicar y medir el resultado del esfuerzo. Mientras más puedas ellos ver la relación entre el esfuerzo y el logro más podrán salir adelante.

Actualización del MVP

El Shawnee Mission School District (SMSD) anima fuertemente a ser voluntario para apoyar a los estudiantes y a las escuelas. Está comprometido de igual manera para la seguridad de los estudiantes y voluntarios. Para apoyar la meta de seguridad, el distrito ha instituido una regla de póliza requiriendo los record de antecedentes de todos los voluntarios.

Para hacer este proceso más eficiente y efectivo, en Septiembre 24, 2018, La mesa del Shawnee Mission Board of Education (BOE) aprobó el uso de validar las soluciones ocultas (Validity Screening Solutions)

Para proveerlo a los voluntarios de MVP. Este nuevo proceso va a quedar en lugar de la toma de huella para los voluntarios de MVP. En vez de venir al centro Académico (Academic Achievement), los voluntarios MVP lo harán en línea y pondrán la información requerida.

Hay dos pasos requeridos para completar el proceso de MVP:

- 1) Atender en persona a un entrenamiento.
 - a. Visita <https://www.smsd.org/families/volunteer-mvp> para las sesiones disponibles.
 - b. Nota: Sesiones de Martes en la mañana en CAA requieren reservación- cupo limitado. Email volunteer@smsd.org para más información.
- 2) Visita Validity Screening para completar la parte de en-línea, proceso de antecedentes.
 - a. Si tú ya has completado el entrenamiento requerido, visita este enlace para completar el proceso. <https://www.ejobapp-validityscreening.com/applicant/companies/29594/accounts/42022/positions>

En la mayoría de los casos, los alicantes van a ser aprobados y listos para ayudar como MVP en 48 horas.

SMSD se disculpa por la inconveniencia del proceso de la huella y la larga espera que este creo. Nosotros creemos que Validity va a proveernos con mejores horarios para nuestra conveniencia y en menos tiempo, y de igual manera mantener la seguridad de nuestras partes interesadas, estudiantes, personal que lo merecen. Tu compromiso en la educación de tu estudiante y con el distrito es realmente apreciado. Gracias.

Bulldog Jog

Saturday, October 20



Join us for a crisp Saturday morning stroll around the neighborhood while having fun with family and friends!

Registration starts at 7:15 am in the east parking lot of Briarwood.

ONLINE sign up is NOW available on the Briarwood PTA website <http://www.briarwoodpta.org/bulldog-jog/> Alternatively you can print out the form, or use the form sent home, and return it to school with your child.

Not a walker or a jogger??? Sign up to volunteer and help with set up, registration, or be a course volunteer to assist the participants. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094eaaaf2aaafe3-bulldog1> or contact Brian Hughes at (816) 914-3399 for more details.

Auction Kick-Off Party



Let's kick it!!! Please join us for the start of this year's auction fundraising at our Auction Kick Off Party October 20th @ 7 pm. We ask that you bring a cash/credit donation or an item/good/service for the auction as your "ticket" to the party! The party is being held at Casey McCauley and Skottie Young's home at 8001 Rosewood Drive, Prairie Village, KS 66208.

We need your help in reaching our fundraising goal--this year's proceeds will be utilized to supplement our school social worker along with sponsoring the variety of programs that Briarwood's PTA supports. Learn more about the auction at <https://www.briarwoodauction.com/>

This year's party is generously hosted by Casey McCauley & Skottie Young, Megan & Blake Hodges, Heather & Jean-Paul Wong, Tracey & Rich Meyer, Christine & Tye Martin, Dana & Rob Bykowski and Steve and Polly Revare.

Please RSVP here: <https://www.briarwoodauction.com/new-events-1/>

Join the PTA



It's not too late ... you can still support the Briarwood PTA through your purchase of a Family (\$24) or Individual (\$12) Membership. Your membership helps support the many efforts of the Briarwood PTA, AND you get access to the always helpful online directory. Join here: <http://www.briarwoodpta.org/join/>

If you have questions about membership, please contact Leta Anderson at lmander1973@gmail.com or 816-213-0981

Bulldog Families – VOTE!!!



Do you know how amazing it would be if every family from Briarwood voted? Do you know how powerful that would make us? Hundreds of us didn't vote in the primary. Hundreds of us didn't vote in the last general election. But ALL of us could vote in this election! Wouldn't that be amazing?

But you have to be registered to vote. There are only 13 days left to register – the deadline is Oct. 22! Check and make sure you are registered TODAY.

You can check here: <https://voter.jocoelection.org/Search>

The election is on Nov. 6th, but early in-person voting starts on Oct. 22nd. Most organizations who are going to make endorsements have done so already, so if there's a group you are affiliated with make sure to check out their website. These three organizations are local to SMSD and self-identify as being pro-public school.

KNEA Endorsements: <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/c9c2c539-3c59-47dd-8c3c-8334b846419f>

Education First Endorsements: https://educationfirstshawneemission.org/endorsements_legislative/

MainPac's Endorsements:

<https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/mainstreamcoalition/pages/155/attachments/original/1538148280/mainpac-2018-general-endorsements.pdf?1538148280>

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

DETAILS:

- NO RSVP needed; please share this information with your child's grandparent.
- Parents will receive information from room parents if there is any need for refreshment donations, etc.
- If your child's grandparent is unable to attend, feel free to invite another special friend or family member.
- Grandparents may split time between classrooms.
- ** Please note later start time **

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

Reflections Contest – Call for Entries



The Reflections Contest is a National program that encourages students of all ages and abilities to be involved in the arts. This year the theme is "Heroes Around Me".

The six mediums that students can create work in for the contest are: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. There also is a special artist division to provide all students with the opportunity to participate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSvo7vS4Hgg>

Reflections entries are due October 19.

Please contact Katie Barnett for more information
jktbarnett@hotmail.com

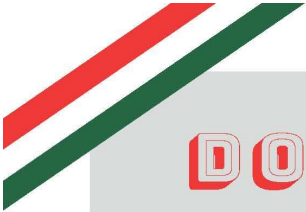
Notes from Nurse Blizzard

The exclusion rules for Influenza have changed. The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) is now recommending students with physician diagnosed Influenza be excluded from school for 7 days after the onset of symptoms, as this is the time period in which they are still contagious. **If your child has been diagnosed with the flu, please remember to keep them home for 7 days after the onset of symptoms.**

Cold or Flu?

Cold	Symptom	Flu (Influenza)
Rare, Mild (less than 100°)	Fever	Almost Always High (Greater than 100°)
Rare	Headache	Common
Slight	General Aches & Pains	Usual/Often Severe
Gradual over a Few Days	Onset	Rapid Onset
Common	Stuffy Nose	Rare
Common	Runny Nose	Common
Common	Sore Throat	Sometimes
Mild to Moderate	Cough	Common – Can be Severe (Dry)

Dining Partners – Papa Keno's



**DONATE WHILE
YOU DINE!**

**Papa Keno's Pizzeria
Wednesday, October 17
5:00PM-9:00PM**



**7901 SANTA FE DR
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66207**

**SHOW THIS FLYER WHEN ORDERING AND A PORTION OF
EVERY PURCHASE GOES STRAIGHT TO THE BRIARWOOD PTA!!!**



Costume Drive

Merriam Park is reaching out to every school in OUR district to join forces and collect costumes for area children. We ask that you follow a couple of guidelines to make organization easier. Outside of those guidelines, it's all about getting as many costumes as we can to positively impact the lives of as many children as we can. Briarwood will be collecting Halloween costumes in the office until **Thursday, October 11.**

GUIDELINES:

- New or gently used (no stains) costumes
- Please place each costume in a bag labeled with the size/age, and description of the costume.
- All costumes must be school appropriate and we ask that there be no weapons or props that look like weapons included. We will not place these out for pick up.

3rd Annual

COMMUNITY COSTUME DRIVE





OUR MISSION: TO ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD HAS A COSTUME

Saturday, October 13, 2018
8 am - noon

Merriam Park Community School
6100 Mastin Merriam, Kansas 66203

Join us in collecting costumes between Sept. 24 - Oct.12.

We will accept new or gently used (free of stains) costumes for this community event. Please place each costume in a separate bag clearly marking the size/age and description of the costume on the outside of the bag.

Questions: Contact Merriam Park at 913-993-3618

BENEFITS ALL CHILDREN IN THE KANSAS CITY METRO AREA

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COLECTA DE DISFRACES DE LA COMUNIDAD



NUESTRA MISION: ASEGURARNOS QUE TODO NIÑO TENGA UN DISFRAZ

Sábado, 13 de Octubre, 2018
8 am – medio día

Merriam Park Community School
6100 Mastin Merriam, Kansas 66203

Acompáñenos a coleccionar disfraces entre Sept. 24 - Oct.12.

Aceptaremos disfraces nuevos o que apenas estén usados (libre de manchas) para este evento de la comunidad. Por favor ponga cada disfraz en una bolsa separada con la talla puesta claramente y la edad para el cual el disfraz debe ser junto con la descripción afuera de la bolsa.

Preguntas: Contacte a Merriam Park at 913-993-3618

**BENEFICIA A TODOS LOS NIÑOS AL REDEDOR DE ALREDA
METROPOLITANA DE KANSAS CITY**

Lost and Found

Dear Mom & Dad,
I'm a lost jacket in the Briarwood lost & found box. I'm so sad because I don't have a name and no one can help me find my way back to your child. You picked me out at the store with such care, I promised myself to always keep your child close and warm. If you would have taken a moment to put a name on me inside, I would be warm and toasty, hugging your child with joy and your love on these brisk fall days. I miss your child SO MUCH. We could have been so happy together! Please be kind to my replacement and put a name on it.

You can look for me in the lost and found box in the Briarwood cafeteria.

With much sadness,
Your Child's Lost Jacket



LANCER



LACROSSE

SME Lancer Lacrosse Boys Youth Clinic
Saturday, October 20th
2pm-6pm
East Lower Turf

Camp is led by Lancer Lacrosse
Head Coach Will Garrett and the
Lancer Lacrosse coaching staff

Grades 2nd-8th
All schools welcome!

Instructors include:

All-American Attack Griffin Fries
All-Met Defense Joseph Mohr
All-Met Faceoff Hank Breckenridge
All-Met Cade Eldred
and more

Registration:

Please visit lancerlacrosse.org

Free T-shirt Included

\$75



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