

Briarwood Newsletter

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Message from Mr. Lash

Parent Input for Scheduling

As we begin making plans for next school year, the Briarwood staff would like your input on how we schedule Ice Cream Social and Back to School Night. In years past, Ice Cream Social took place prior to the start of school and provided students a chance to "take a peek" at their new classroom. Back to School Night had been held on a separate night a couple of weeks into school and provided an opportunity for parents to hear from their classroom teachers and learn what to expect over the year. This school year (in August 2018) we tried something new and scheduled both the Ice Cream Social and Back to School Night on the same evening.

To help us plan for upcoming school years and find a schedule that works best for most, please take a moment to answer the question below.

1. Did you prefer having Ice Cream Social and Back to School Night on the same day before the first day of school?

OR

2. Did you prefer having the Ice Cream Social and Back to School Night on separate days?

Vote here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/187ASXZ5Q_vsxPhC-VPywrivdxK39d29ee0FrhZpMoVM/viewform?edit_requested=true

Thank you for your continued support at home!

Opinión de los padres para la programación

Cuando comenzamos a hacer planes para el próximo año escolar, el personal de Briarwood quiere obtener su opinión sobre su preferencia de cómo programarnos para la Noche Social de Helados / y de Regreso a la Escuela. Por favor, tome un momento para responder a la pregunta a continuación. ¿Preferiste tener la Noche de Helado Social, y Regreso a Clases el mismo día antes del primer día de clases o preferiste tener el Social de Helados y antes del primer día y luego ¿Tener una noche de regreso a clases después del primer día de clases? Por favor, haga clic en el enlace de abajo para enviar su preferencia.

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Programacion de su Preferencia

¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo en casa!

Important Upcoming Dates

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- **Monday, May 13:**
Preschool Story Time,
11:00 am, Library
- **Wednesday, May 15:**
Field Day, Kindergarten,
1st (beginning at 12:15
pm) 4th and 5th grades
(beginning at 8:45 am)
- **Thursday, May 16:**
Field Day, 2nd and 3rd
grade (beginning at 8:45
am)
- **Tuesday, May 21:**
Talent Show (3rd and 4th
grade), 8:45 am
- **Wednesday, May 22:**
Talent Show (5th and 6th
grade), 8:45 am
- **Thursday, May 23:**
Last day of school,
Early dismissal, 12:30
pm, K-11

Thank you for a GREAT carnival!!!

Planning and executing a carnival for a school our size is NO EASY TASK! It takes a lot of time and a slew of volunteers. We'd like to give a big thanks to our carnival co-chairs Krissie Kiehne and Brandi Roth for their leadership, and we'd like to give a big thanks to all our volunteers who stepped up to help. It truly does take a village. Thank you all!

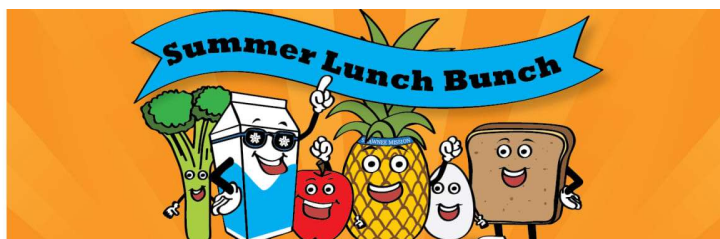


Can you help take care of our Butterfly Garden?

Please help care for our Butterfly Garden Ecosystem over the summer. We need one family a week to assist with watering and weeding. If you are interested in taking care of our beautiful Butterfly Gardens, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080545afa92aa5fb6-care>



Summer Lunch Bunch



The Shawnee Mission School District will be offering free hot meals this summer for children ages 1-18. Adults can purchase a lunch for \$4.25 (cash only). Children do not have to attend the district to come to summer lunch. Families that have children visiting from out of town are welcome to come as well. No advance notice required. The Summer meals are funded through the United State Department of Agriculture. Menus and more details about summer lunch can be found on the web page at, <https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/food-service/summer-lunch-bunch>.

Updated School Birthday Celebration Guidelines



SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the next school year, 2019-2020 Briarwood will implement a “no birthday treats” guideline. No food or drink birthday treats will be allowed to be brought in to celebrate a birthday. If your child still wants to bring something for classmates, items such as a pencil, eraser, etc. could be ideas for alternate choices.

This decision was made after much thought and discussion at the building and district level. There are a variety of reasons why we are making this change, the main one being to coordinate with our district’s wellness policy on making healthy choices, in alignment with federal regulations.

Other rationale for restricting treats at school include the following concerns:

Allergies: Due to the increasing number of students with food allergies, schools have had to be extremely careful with any food items entering the school building. It is a safety issue and something that we need to take very seriously.

Promoting Healthy Lifestyle: The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one in six school-age children are overweight; triple the proportion in 1980. The agency has projected that one in three children born in 2000 will eventually develop a form of diabetes linked to being overweight.

Equity: Some parents are not able to provide treats for their child on birthdays or special days because of financial hardships.

The purpose of this change is to assure a school environment that promotes and protects students’ health, well- being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating, physical activity and healthy choices. This change brings together current research to create guidelines that help us with healthy choices for all of our students. If you are interested in reading the district’s policy on wellness, it is available on the District website.

Classroom teachers will continue to recognize and celebrate children on their special day.

Thanks in advance for your flexibility and for caring about the health of our students.

Para el próximo año escolar, 2019-2020 Briarwood implementará una guía de " No alimentos en los cumpleaños". No se permitirá traer alimentos o bebidas de cumpleaños para celebrar un cumpleaños. Si su hijo todavía quiere traer algo para sus compañeros de clase, artículos como un lápiz, un borrador, etc. podrían ser ideas para alternativas.

Esta decisión fué tomada después de bastante consideración y discusión en nuestro edificio y a nivel distrital. Hay una variedad de razones por las cuales hicimos este cambio, la principal es el estar en coordinación con nuestra política de bienestar al tomar decisiones saludables en alineación con las normas federales.

Otra de las razones por las cuales restringimos alimentos en la escuela durante las celebraciones de cumpleaños incluye las siguientes preocupaciones:

Alergias: Debido al creciente número de estudiantes con alergias a ciertos alimentos, las escuelas han necesitado ser extremadamente cuidadosas con cualquier artículo alimenticio que entra al edificio. Es un problema de seguridad y algo que necesitamos tomar muy en serio.

Fomento de un Estilo de Vida Saludable: Los centros federales para el control y prevención de enfermedades estima que uno en cada seis niños de edad escolar tiene exceso de peso; triplicando la proporción de 1980. Esta agencia ha proyectado que uno en cada tres niños nacidos en el 2000 desarrollará eventualmente una forma de diabetes en conexión al exceso de peso.

Igualdad: algunos padres no pueden proveer alimentos para su hijo/a en su cumpleaños o días especiales debido a situaciones financieras difíciles.

El propósito de este cambio es el asegurar un ambiente escolar que promueva y proteja la salud, el bienestar y la capacidad de aprender de los estudiantes, apoyando un hábito alimenticio saludable, actividad física, y decisiones saludables. Este cambio combina estudios de hoy en día para crear guías que nos ayuden a tomar decisiones saludables que afectan a todos nuestros estudiantes. Si está interesado en leer la política de bienestar distrital, está disponible en la página de internet del distrito.

Los maestros continuarán reconociendo y celebrando a sus estudiantes de manera especial en su día especial.

Le agradecemos de antemano por su flexibilidad y por preocuparse del cuidado de salud de nuestros estudiantes.

We'll see you again real soon!

Grades 1-6 go back to school on Monday, August 12 (with early dismissal at 12:30 pm). Kindergarten and Pre-K start school on Wednesday, August 14th. Have a great summer!!!



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