

# Briarwood Newsletter

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## *Message from Mr. Lash*

### Apple Distinguished School

I am proud to share that Briarwood Elementary School was recently recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2018-2021 along with Broken Arrow Elementary School and Trailwood Elementary School. Apple Distinguished Schools are considered to be among the most innovative schools in the world for the ways they inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking among students.

You can learn more about the work of these Apple Distinguished Schools here:

<https://www.smsd.org/academics/digital-learning-initiative/apple-distinguished-schools>

Apple Distinguished Schools showcase innovative uses of technology in learning, teaching, and the school environment, and have documented results of academic accomplishment. I encourage you to read our second Briarwood iBook that does a great job of telling our story. You can preview the iBook here: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/briarwood-elementary-school-a-place-for-big-dreams/id1441840238?mt=11>

"We are proud of these elementary school communities for being recognized as Apple Distinguished Schools," Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton said. "Our commitment to every learner we serve becoming a success-ready graduate is at the heart of our work. We congratulate these school communities for the many innovative, creative, and collaborative ways they are helping students prepare for a future that is yet unknown."

### Briarwood Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Ishya Bhavsar, sixth-grade student from Mrs. Switzer's sixth-grade classroom, for winning the school spelling bee for the second consecutive year!! It was a close contest which came down to Mimi Sufi and Ishya. Ishya and Mimi competed for over 20 rounds and both should be proud of their efforts. Please join me in wishing Ishya the best of luck as she will represent Briarwood in the Johnson County Spelling Bee on January 26<sup>th</sup> at Indian Woods Middle School! Also, I want to thank Mrs. Juday, who was the word caller for the spelling bee, and the judges Mrs. Stotts and Mrs. Roberts.

## *Important Upcoming Dates*

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- Monday, January 14:  
**Preschool Story Time:**  
11:30 am, Library
- Thursday, January 17:  
**Science Night:** 6:00 pm
- Thursday, January 17:  
**Briarwood Blitz Day:**  
10:00 am, Hattie's Coffee
- Monday, January 21: **No School**
- Monday, January 21:  
Dining Partners **Great Harvest Bread Company:**  
11:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Saturday, January 26:  
**Briarwood Blitz Day:**  
11:00 am, Hattie's Coffee
- Friday, January 31: **Class and Club Picture Day**



### **Escuela Distinguida por Apple**

Estoy muy orgulloso de compartir que la Escuela Primaria de Briarwood fue reconocida recientemente por los Productos Apple 2018-2021 junto con la escuela Primaria Broken Arrow y Trailwood. Las Escuelas Distinguidas por Apple son consideradas entre las más innovadas escuelas del mundo por su forma de inspirar creación, colaboración y pensar críticamente entre los estudiantes.

Puedes aprender más acerca del trabajo de estas Escuelas Distinguidas por Apple  
<https://www.smsd.org/academics/digital-learning-initiative/apple-distinguished-schools>

Las Escuelas Distinguidas por Apple nos enseñan innovadoras formas de usar la tecnología para aprender, enseñar en un ambiente escolar, y tener resultados académicos cumplidos. Les recomiendo que lean nuestro segundo libro de Briarwood iBook que hace un magnífico trabajo diciendo nuestra historia. Tú puedes ver el iBook clic aquí abajo. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/briarwood-elementary-school-a-place-for-big-dreams/id1441840238?mt=11>

“Estamos muy orgullosos de estas comunidades de escuelas primarias que han sido reconocidas por Escuelas Distinguidas por Apple,” Dijo Superintendente Dr. Mike Fulton. “Nuestro compromiso para cada aprendiz que ayudamos a tener suceso listo al graduarse esta en el corazón de nuestro trabajo. Felicitamos a estas comunidades de escuelas por su innovación, creatividad y en formas de colaborar ayudando a los estudiantes a prepararse para un futuro que es incierto.”

### **Briarwood Spelling Bee (Deletreo de Palabras)**

Felicitaciones a Ishya Bhavsar, Estudiante de la Maestra Switzer de sexto grado, por ganar el spelling bee de la escuela por segunda vez consecutiva!! El concurso estuvo reñido las últimas participantes fueron Mimi Sufi e Ishya. Ishya y Mimi compitieron más de 20 rounds y las dos deben estar orgullosas de sus esfuerzos. Por favor acompáñenme en desearle a Ishya la mejor de las suertes representando Briarwood en el Johnson County Spelling Bee que será el día Enero 26<sup>th</sup> en Indian Woods Middle School! También, quiero agradecer a la maestra Juday, que fue la que dijo las palabras en el spelling bee, y a los jueces Sra. Stotts and Sra. Roberts.

## Science Night – Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>



We hope to see you at Briarwood Science Night on Thursday, January 17th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm! This free event is open to the entire Briarwood community and only happens every other year - don't miss it!

There will be many returning activities, like the hover craft, indoor fireworks and stunt planes. There will also be some new activities, including engineering, lung health, bee keeping and much more!

There will be NO food served at Science Night, so plan accordingly. You may want to bring a small bag to carry any take-home activities.

**We also need parent volunteers! No expertise needed!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449a9ad29a2ff2-briarwood2>

## Briarwood Blitz Day

# BRIARWOOD BLITZ DAY

The Auction is right around the corner! Our volunteer committee has been hard at work for months, but we need YOU to help us reach the finish line! Grab a friend or two, meet us at Hattie's Coffee in Corinth, and we will give you an area list of targeted businesses to approach for donations. It's easy and all that is needed is your help that morning - no further commitment is required! A couple of hours of your time and the money raised at the auction will benefit our students for TWO years!

Please pick the date on the Sign-Up Genius (either January 17 or January 26) that works the best for your schedule. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449a9ad29a2ff2-briarwood3>

## Buy Your Yearbook!

2018-2019 Yearbooks are now available for purchase! This year, yearbooks can be purchased through [www.myschoolanywhere.com](http://www.myschoolanywhere.com) (or the app). Each yearbook is \$20. Please make sure that if you would like to purchase yearbooks for more than one child, place an order for EACH child (this can be done in one transaction). Yearbook purchases are due on **Wednesday, February 6**. For instructions on how to purchase, please see below.

Purchase online at MySchoolAnywhere, please go to [www.myschoolanywhere.com](http://www.myschoolanywhere.com) (You can also purchase through MSAnywhere app on iPhone or Android)

- Select **2018-2019 Yearbook**
- Select student's name
- Click **Add to cart**
- Click **Ok** (\*Please repeat the above if purchasing for more than one student\*)
- Once done, please click on **Your Cart** and then choose your method of payment  
\*If you are not taken directly to the store, please click on **Our Store** at the top of the screen\*

If you are able, please consider purchasing an additional yearbook as a donation, just click on the **Yearbook Donation** and proceed as you did in directions above. If you aren't able to donate the full amount of a yearbook, you can adjust the amount to donate toward the purchase of a yearbook. Thank you for your consideration!



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## January Dining Partners – Great Harvest Bread Company

When: Monday, January 21, 2019

Time: 11AM-7PM

Address: 4002 W 83rd Street, Prairie Village, KS 66208

Kids are out of school...get out of the house and grab lunch or dinner at Great Harvest Bread Company! This month's partner has graciously extended their hours to include both lunch and dinner giving us even more time to help raise money for our school! Plus, if you buy a loaf of bread, you can enter to win FREE bread for a YEAR! The class with the most participation wins a free rice krispie treat party and the teacher wins free bread for a year!!! \* Paper or digital flyers both accepted. \*



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## ***Social Worker Focus – Sleep Tips***

Hello Briarwood Families,

As we get back into the groove of second semester, I wanted to share some information on sleep. Many times when our children are struggling it can be as simple as a lack of adequate sleep. Here are some tips from Children's Mercy Hospital regarding sleep and the amount needed. I hope 2019 is finding you happy and healthy! As always feel free to contact me if I can be of any help.

### **Sleep tips**

Help your kids do their best by helping them get the right amount of sleep. A lack of sleep can leave kids feeling cranky, clumsy, forgetful, sluggish, or even hyperactive. Follow these simple tips to help your kids get a good night's sleep.

- Allow time for plenty of exercise during the daytime – at least one hour of physical activity a day
- Encourage kids to go to sleep and wake up at the same time each day
- Avoid caffeinated drinks, especially after 2 p.m.
- Turn off television, video games, cell phones and other screens at least 1-2 hours before bedtime

### **Why sleep is important for kids**

- Helps them feel prepared for the next day
- Helps their tissues, muscles and bones grow
- Helps keep their immune systems healthy (which helps to fight illness)
- Allows their brains to sort and store information
- Makes it easier for them to think, focus, remember and solve problems
- Restores their energy to be active during the day

### **Sleep recommendations by age**

- 3-5 year olds need 11-13 hours of sleep
- 5-12 year olds need 10-11 hours of sleep
- 13-17 year olds need 9-10 hours of sleep



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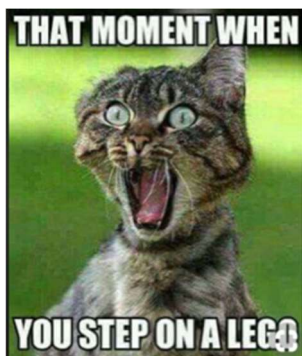
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## ***Lego Donations Needed!***

Happy New Year Parents! The school has a new STEAM after school program starting and a new LEGO table and we are now in need of lots and lots of LEGOs!

If you have LEGOs to donate, your kiddos can drop them off at the Makerspace, or you can contact Denise Wheeler (913-481-1572 or [denisetompkins@mac.com](mailto:denisetompkins@mac.com)) to arrange pick up.



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## ***Food Service – Did You Know?***

**Do you know what makes a school meal?** Students must choose a full portion of at least three of the five components to receive a full school lunch and at least one component must be a 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetable. Components include entrée, grain, fruit, vegetable, and milk. There are unlimited (single trip) fruits and vegetables available, except for juice and potatoes. Please help by encouraging your student to take what they want, but eat what they take in order to reduce waste. Remember milk is offered, but not required to be taken.



Don't forget – if your child receives free or reduced meals, they are eligible for one breakfast and one lunch per day as part of this benefit. All breakfast and lunch meal choices are available for all students regardless of eligibility status. **The school breakfast menus, lunch menus, and other nutrition information are available on the district's website** <https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/food-service>



## 2018-19 PTA Executive Committee

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