

Briarwood Newsletter

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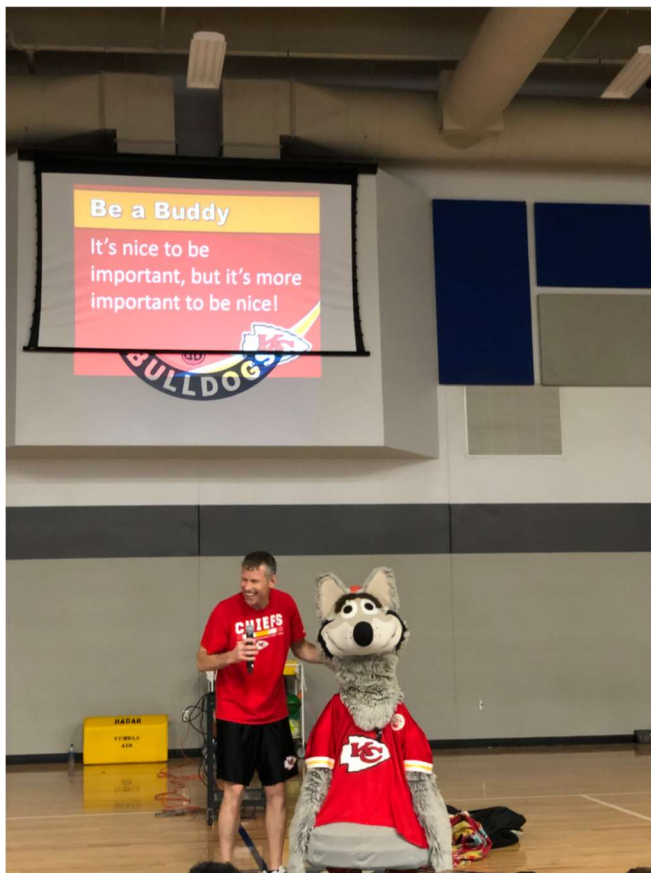
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Message from Mr. Lash

KC Wolf Visits Briarwood with Message of Kindness

We kicked off Kindness week a few days early with an entertaining and educational all school program presented by KC Wolf! The program focused on being a buddy, not a bully. Dan Meers (also known as KC Wolf) spoke about the importance of treating everyone with respect and kindness despite our differences. He also entertained students and staff as they entered the gymnasium and showed a highlight video of skits he has done at football games. The students were able to ask questions about his costume and Nicolas Manoel was the lucky student chosen to dress up as KC Wolf! I want to thank the PTA and Jill Brooks, Cultural Arts Program Chair, for making this experience possible for our students.



Important Upcoming Dates

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- Wednesday, February 6: **Deadline to purchase yearbooks**
- Monday, February 11: **Pre-school Story Time: 11:00 – 11:45 am, Library**
- Thursday, February 14: **Valentine's Day classroom parties: 2:30 pm**
- Monday, February 18: **NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday, February 19: **NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday, February 19: **GagaBall Tournament Briarwood**
- Tuesday, February 26: **Dining Partners - Chipotle: 5:00-9:00 pm**
- Saturday, March 2: **Briarwood Auction: 6:30 pm, Johnson County Arts and Heritage center**



Johnson County Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Ishya Bhavsar who came in 3rd place out of 78 contestants in the JOCO Spelling Bee! Ishya made it to the championship round and had to spell some extremely difficult words. Thank you Ishya for representing Briarwood and the Shawnee Mission School District! You did an amazing job and Bulldog Nation is proud of you!



El lobo KC Wolf Visita Briarwood con un mensaje de amabilidad

Nosotros empezamos nuestra semana de amabilidad unos días antes con un programa de entretenimiento y educacional presentado por KC Wolf! El programa está enfocado en ser un compañero y no ser un bully. Dan Meers también conocido como KC Wolf hablo cerca de la importancia de tratar a todos con respeto y amabilidad a pesar de las diferencias. También entretuvo a los estudiantes y personal mientras entraban al gimnasio y nos enseno un video de sus parodias que ha tenido en los juegos de football. Los estudiantes pudieron hacer preguntas acerca de su disfraz y Nicolas Manoel fue el afortunado estudiante que se pudo disfrazar como KC Wolf! Quiero dar las gracias al PTA y Jill Brooks, al Programa de Artes Culturales por hacer esta experiencia posible para nuestros estudiantes.

El deletreado en Johnson County (Spelling Bee)

Felicitaciones a Ishya Bhavsar que obtuvo el 3er lugar de los 78 participantes en el condado de Johnson en el Spelling Bee! Ishya llego a los últimos del torneo y tuvo que deletrear unas palabras muy difíciles. Gracias Ishya por representar a Briarwood y al Distrito Escolar Shawnee Mission School District! Hiciste un maravilloso trabajo y la Nación Bulldog está orgullosa de ti!

Buy Your Yearbook!

2018-2019 Yearbooks are now available for purchase! This year, yearbooks can be purchased through 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 (You can also purchase through MSAnywhere app on iPhone or Android). ***(If you have not set up your MySchoolAnywhere (MSA) account, use the join code BWBulldogs and follow the instructions to set up your account. Any questions about MSA should be directed to Lori Bennett at lorib77@me.com)***

- 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!



Be sure to check backpacks this week!

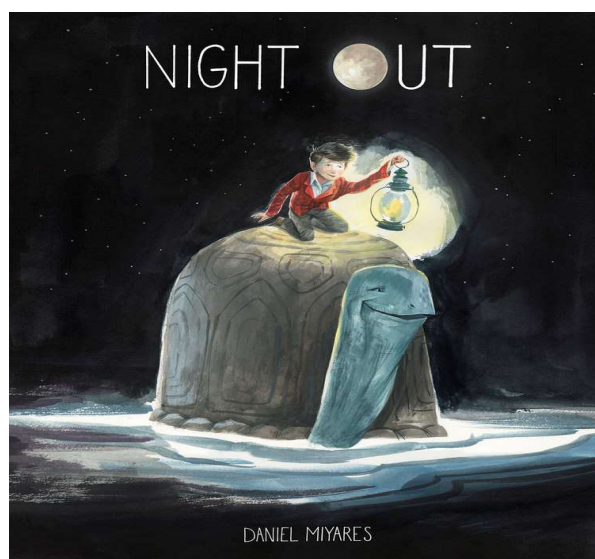
Look for your auction invitation coming home in backpacks this week!



Second Annual Briarwood Read-A-Thon

Get your books out and your library cards ready! The Briarwood Read-a-Thon is coming the week of February 25th. Thanks to the generous support of grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and friends, we raised enough money last year to bring a local author and illustrator to kick-off this year's event! Daniel Miyares is coming on Monday, February 25th and each grade will have the opportunity to learn from him about the art of storytelling.

In addition, we are launching "One Book, One Briarwood" and the PTA purchased grade level copies of Daniel Miyares' newest book - Night Out - so each student will be familiar with his work. We hope that students of all ages will have fun talking about this book together!



Box Tops

Box Tops for Education are always being collected in the main office earning our school \$.10 for each Box Top. Please keep clipping!!!



Earn Money for Briarwood while shopping on Amazon!



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Progressive Dinner – Save the Date!

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the Date*

April 27, 2019

It's time for Briarwood's annual

Progressive Dinner

Dinner hosts, we need YOU! Shove the toys in the basement and let's put that formal dining room to use!

Want to show off that new kitchen remodel? Have an amazing meal that will have the school talking?

Sign up now, it's for the kids!

Questions? Contact Deana Curtin dmlogan77@yahoo.com

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Sign-up and details to follow

February Dining Partners - Chipotle



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Briarwood Elementary School. Just come in to the Chipotle at **6879 W. 91st Street** in Overland Park on **Tuesday, February 26th** from **5:00pm to 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.

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, February 26th**, 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.

GaGa Ball Tournament – Tuesday, February 19



WHO:

Briarwood Bulldogs

WHERE:

Briarwood Gym. Please enter through the gym doors.

WHEN:

Tuesday, February 19

COST:

Suggested donation of \$10/child. All money raised will be used to support the Briarwood Foundation.

GaGa Ball Tournament

Another day off?? Do your kiddos need to burn some energy? If so, please join us for a GaGa Ball Tournament on Tuesday, February 19!

The Plan:

9:00 – 10:00 K and 1st Grade - Variety of activities in the gym

9:00 – 10:00 2nd & 3rd Grades

10:00 – 11:00 4th & 5th Grades

11:00 – 11:45 6th Grade

No need to sign up – just show up!

Brought to you by the Briarwood Foundation. Please visit our website at briarwoodfoundation.org.

Due to the number of children participating, we would appreciate it if you could drop-off and pickup promptly and adhere to the times designated for your child's grade.



Enrollment Coming Soon!

Pre-K enrollment kick-off will start on February 19 at 8 AM. Kindergarten enrollment night will be April 18. More information will be coming soon. Call the office to put your child on our information e-mail list.



Auction Donations

We still need donations from local businesses! Please help your auction committee secure restaurant gift cards, sporting tickets and hotel/transportation services to round out the AWESOME auction experience items we are putting together! Please email info@briarwoodauction.com to help!



Do you know about IXL?

Did you know this year the PTA has provided students in grades 2-6 with access to IXL Math? IXL is a diagnostic resource that adapts to meet the needs of each student. Because at Briarwood, we value personalized instruction for all students. We are using it to fill in gaps in learning as well as enrich in areas of strength. Teachers use IXL to supplement core instruction where they are lacking resources. Because classroom teachers are only given grade level content, they need IXL to help meet students' needs that extend beyond the grade level curriculum. This gives students support in areas they may need remediation and enrichment in areas they need extension.

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