

# Briarwood Newsletter

Briarwood Family  
Newsletter

[briarwoodpta.org](http://briarwoodpta.org)

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## Message from Mr. Lash

### First Day of School

The 2018-2019 school year is off to an outstanding start because of the combined efforts of our teachers, school staff, parents, students, PTA and community! I like to compare the first day of school to opening day for our hometown Chiefs and Royals. Students come walking into class with a few butterflies in their stomach, but optimistic and hopeful that this is going to be the best school year ever. On opening day at Briarwood you could feel the "positive energy" that filled the hallways as teachers and students anticipated the beginning of a new school season! As I welcomed students and parents there were plenty of pictures, hugs, high-fives, and handshakes as students and parents came marching in! Just like the city celebrates opening day for our sports teams, I think it is important that we celebrate the start of another school year! As principal, I am committed to keeping that "positive energy" flowing all year as we work together to provide our students with a world class education!

### El Primer día de escuela

El año escolar 2018-2019 ha empezado excepcionalmente porque esta combinado con los esfuerzos de los maestros, personal, padres, estudiantes, PTA, y nuestra comunidad! Quiero comparar el primer día con la apertura del juego de los Chiefs y los Royals. Los estudiantes entrando a clase con mariposas en el estómago, con optimismo y esperando este vaya a ser el mejor año escolar que han tenido. El día de apertura en Briarwood puedes sentir la "energía positive" que llena los pasillos tanto como los maestros y estudiantes anticipan el comienzo de una nueva temporada de escuela! Mientras les doy la bienvenida a los estudiantes y padres hubo muchas fotos, abrazos y chocadas de mano y manos en alto, mientras ellos entraban!! Justo como la ciudad celebra el día de apertura en los deportes, yo creo que es importante que celebremos el comienzo de otro año escolar! I como director, yo me comprometo a mantener esa energía positiva fluyendo durante el año mientras trabajamos juntos por y para nuestros estudiantes con una educación de clase mundial!

### Important Upcoming Dates

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- Wednesday, August 22:  
**Room Parent Meeting:**  
6:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 22:  
**MVP Training.** 6:30 pm
- Saturday, August 25 and  
Sunday, August 26: **Dining  
Partners – Duck Donuts**
- Tuesday, August 28:  
**Skating Party at Skate  
City.** 4:00-6:00 pm
- Friday, August 31: **Last  
day to sign up for  
MySchool Anywhere**
- Monday, September 3:  
**Labor Day. NO SCHOOL**
- Friday, September 14:  
**Professional Learning.  
Early Dismissal K-8. No  
School Pre-K.**



# PICKING UP or DROPPING OFF a student at Briarwood Elementary School?

**Left turns onto Nall are prohibited during certain times on school day as indicated on signs.**

- Please pull into parking lots as far as possible to allow other drivers to enter behind you.
- No left turn is allowed from 86<sup>th</sup> St to the East entrance of the Briarwood parking lot.
- Consider car-pooling, bicycling, or walking to and from school.
- If feasible, make plans for your student to walk to a pre-arranged location to be picked up.
- Handicapped accessible parking spots are for vehicles/drivers with the correct permits ONLY. They are not to be used for even a short time by able-bodied individuals. This violation carries a \$100 fine.
- Parking regulations are posted throughout the neighborhood and will be enforced.
- Driving in the opposing lane of traffic when leaving the school is unsafe and is a traffic violation.
- A common violation around schools is the failure of drivers to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

We need your voluntary compliance with the traffic regulations around Briarwood Elementary to ensure the safety of the students and to prevent accidents!!!

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## *Briarwood Directory and Parent Portal*

### ***Update your MySchoolAnywhere information by August 31***

The Briarwood PTA is once again utilizing *My School Anywhere* for our Briarwood Directory and Parent Portal, which includes our online store that will be used for membership and event payments.

**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:** Check your inbox for a confirmation email then update your information. After confirming your information, you can go into the online store and join the PTA.

**New to Briarwood?** Go to <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/join.a5w> and enter the join code **BWBulldogs** then follow the directions to enter your information.

After confirming your information you will be taken to our shopping cart where you can join the Briarwood PTA or make a donation.

***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](mailto:lorib77@me.com)

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## *Share your pictures with us for the yearbook!*



Please help us with the yearbook this year by sharing your pictures! We collect pictures through the ReplayIt app from August 8th - January 30<sup>th</sup>, so get started right away! Haven't downloaded ReplayIt on your phone yet? It's easy - search for ReplayIt by Jostens. **Our password: bulldogs14.**

The best picture submitted from the Ice Cream Social/Back to School Night will be featured on the first page of the yearbook!

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## *Support the Briarwood Foundation Buy a Friends and Family Sign!*

Support the **Briarwood Foundation** and buy a **Friends and Family sign!** Friends and Family signs are \$100 and all of the money goes directly to the Foundation. Your sign will be **displayed at Briarwood events** such as the Bulldog Jog, Grandparent's Day, Open House, Science Night and Carnival.

<http://www.briarwoodfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/FF-OrderForm18-19.pdf>



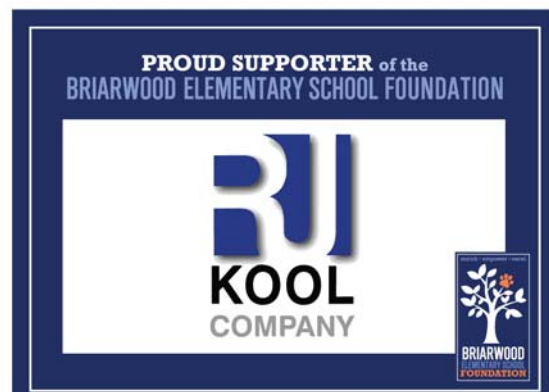
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## *Be a Briarwood Foundation Sponsor*

The Briarwood Foundation is supported by Briarwood parents, families, and businesses whose contributions directly support the extra programs, technology and resources we provide our children. Please visit the **Briarwood Foundation** website to see the innovative teaching tools that were brought into the classrooms last year and how this has impacted the students at Briarwood. [www.briarwoodfoundation.org](http://www.briarwoodfoundation.org).

[http://www.briarwoodfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/BF\\_18\\_19\\_SponsorLevels.pdf](http://www.briarwoodfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/BF_18_19_SponsorLevels.pdf)

If you would like to become a Sponsor, make a donation, or buy a Friends and Family Sign to support the Briarwood Foundation, please see the attached forms, visit our website, or contact Nancy Batdorf at 913.568.2303 or [nbatdorf@gmail.com](mailto:nbatdorf@gmail.com).



## Auction Planning Committee



WE NEED YOU!! Are you creative? A tech wizard? A natural salesperson? We need help in all areas of auction planning, prep, donation and organization. If you are interested in helping Briarwood with their bi-annual auction please reach out to Aimee Mayhew ([aimeemayhew@gmail.com](mailto:aimeemayhew@gmail.com)) or Amy Person ([paperson@att.net](mailto:paperson@att.net)) today!

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## Crossing Guards Needed!



Briarwood parents, we need your help! Please sign up for crossing guard duty at 86<sup>th</sup> and Briar. All the info you need is in the sign up. Let's keep our kids safe!!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4badae229-crossing3>

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**BUY**      **CLIP**      **EARN**

### LOOK WHAT BRIARWOOD COULD BE EARNING!

# OF BRIARWOOD STUDENTS	# OF BOXTOPS PER MONTH	TOTAL MONTHS COLLECTED	SINGLE BOXTOP VALUE	ANNUAL EARNING POTENTIAL
620	1	10	\$0.10	\$620
620	5	10	\$0.10	\$3,100
620	10	10	\$0.10	\$6,200
620	15	10	\$0.10	\$9,300
620	20	10	\$0.10	\$12,400

WE WILL BE COLLECTING BOX TOPS ALL YEAR LONG.  
YOU CAN TURN THEM IN TO YOUR TEACHER IN PLASTIC BAGGIES.

## Send Box Tops: Help Raise Money for Briarwood!

Look for the Box Tops logo on your favorite products! Cut out the box tops and send them to school with your child. Briarwood earns money for each box top collected. The more we collect, the more we earn! All those Box Tops really add up. The chart below shows just how much Briarwood could earn!



# BRIARWOOD LIBRARY

## BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

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

A book club donation makes a wonderful gift from parents, grandparents, or anyone looking for a special gift for their Briarwood Bulldog. Kids love knowing their birthday is celebrated every time their Birthday Book is checked out.



### HOW DOES IT WORK? IT'S SIMPLE!

- Birthday books are ordered at the beginning of the school year.
- Fill out the form at the bottom of this page and return it with your donation of \$10/birthday book. Or visit the "our store" tab at [myschoolanywhere.com](http://myschoolanywhere.com) and order online.
- During the month of your student's birthday, they will be invited to select a special book from the library's current collection. Summer birthdays are celebrated during the month of their half birthday.
- A book plate with your student's name and birthday is placed inside the book. Their "Birthday Book" remains a lasting gift in the library and will be enjoyed again and again by Briarwood students.
- The first deadline to participate in Birthday Book Club for the 2018-19 school year is August 31, 2018.



----- CUT HERE AND RETURN TO THE BRIARWOOD OFFICE -----

### Birthday Book Club

Student's Name	Teacher/Grade	Birthday	Donated by (for example, "Grandma")

Enclosed Donation: \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(# OF BIRTHDAY BOOKS) (AMOUNT ENCLOSED)

\*Please make checks payable to Briarwood PTA with a memo: Birthday Book Club

YOU'RE  
*Invited*

DUCK DONUTS®

3630 W 95TH ST | (913) 381-3825

DONATE WHILE YOU DINE  
AUGUST 18-19, 25-26 & RECEIVE

A FREE DONUT WITH  
YOUR PURCHASE

- proceeds benefit  
The Briarwood PTA



See you there!

## Save the Date – Bulldog Jog!

School has started... so the calendar updates are happening. Mark this as a DO NOT MISS event. The 2018 Bulldog Jog is coming up – **SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6, 2018 AT BRIARWOOD**. Join us for the Bulldog Jog 5K run and 1-mile family fun run. The same race course from last year will take you through Briarwood neighborhoods and around Franklin Park. Food and beverages will be provided at the start/finish line. All proceeds go to supporting your Briarwood PTA. We look forward to having you be a part of this wonderful event.



**Popsicle**  
**Skate Party**

**Briarwood Elementary**

**Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**4-6pm**  
**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!*

**SkateCity**

10440 Mastin  
Overland Park, KS 66212  
913-888-6668  
[www.skatecityhouston.com](http://www.skatecityhouston.com)

A cartoon character of a yellow dog-like creature wearing a striped shirt and shorts, holding a popsicle. The background is a colorful, abstract design with splashes of paint in various colors.



## Notes from Nurse Blizzard

Hi Briarwood Families,

My name is Beth Blizzard and I am excited to be the new nurse here at Briarwood. I'm thrilled to be a part of this great community and I appreciate the warm welcome I have received so far!

Our school wide dental screenings will be on Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup>. Health Partnership Clinic will be doing the screenings.

We will also be having school wide vision screenings on Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup>. These are done using a spot vision screener through the Lion's Club.

If you have any questions about these screenings please contact me at [elizabethblizzard@smsd.org](mailto:elizabethblizzard@smsd.org) or 913-993-2202.

To protect your student and prevent the spread of disease, please keep your student home when any of the following conditions are present:

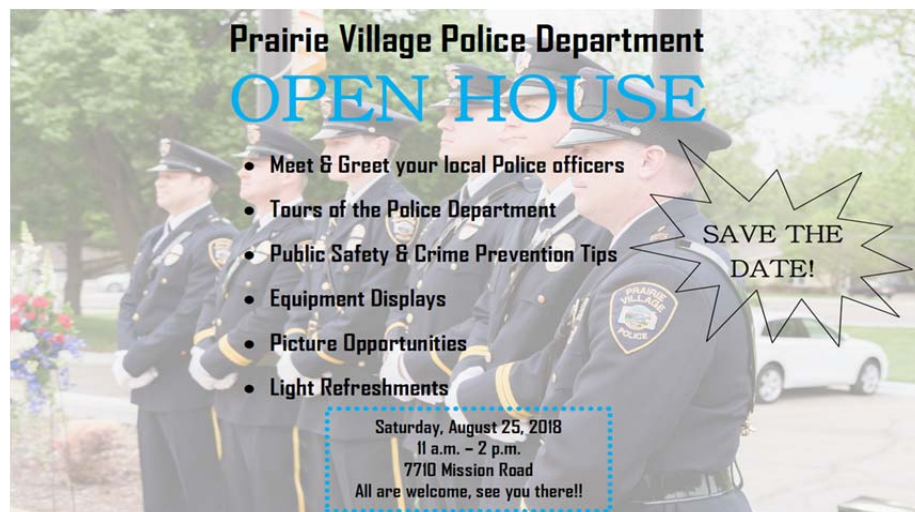
- Temperature of 100 degrees or greater
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Severe sore throat or pain with swallowing
- Severe headache
- Severe cough
- Undiagnosed rash or skin lesions or sores that are weeping or draining
- Any suspected or doctor-diagnosed contagious disease

Students may return to school when they have been free from fever (without medication), vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours.

Students should be checked by the school nurse after head lice treatment before returning to class.

I look forward to a great year at Briarwood!

*Nurse Blizzard*







We are so happy to have you all here at Briarwood and hope school is off to a great start!



## 2018-19 PTA Executive Committee

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## Get Social with Briarwood

Stay up on the latest Bulldog updates  
via social media!



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