

Briarwood Newsletter

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Message from Mr. Lash

Safety Guidelines

With warmer weather and longer days ahead, children will be playing outdoors in the neighborhood more during non-school hours. Please review all of the safety guidelines associated with playing unsupervised outside. I recommend doing some role playing by asking your child the following questions:

- What would you do if someone you were playing with was injured? (cut, fell and hit head, etc.)
- What would you do if a stranger in a car came by and started asking you questions?
- What would you do if a stranger was walking down the street and approached you and your friends?
- What would you do if you went over to a friend's house and his/her parents were not home?

These types of questions provide opportunities for the exchange of valuable information. It can reassure the parent that their child has a good handle of what to do in a potential emergency situation and can provide a chance to do some teaching or re-teaching if needed.

Normas de Seguridad

Con el clima más caliente y los días más largos por delante, los niños estarán jugando más tiempo afuera por el vecindario durante el horario que no hay clases. Por favor repase todas las normas de seguridad asociadas con jugar afuera sin supervisión. Yo recomiendo practicarlas jugando haciéndole a su hijo/a las siguientes preguntas:

- ¿Qué harías si alguien con quien estás jugando se lastima? (Se corta, se cae y se pega en la cabeza, etc.)
- ¿Qué harías si un desconocido en un carro viene y te empieza a preguntar preguntas?
- ¿Qué harías si un desconocido estuviera caminando por la calle y comenzara hacerte preguntas?
- ¿Qué harías si fueras a la casa de un amigo y sus padres no están en casa?

Estos tipos de preguntas proveen oportunidades para el intercambio de información valiosa. Puede reasegurar al padre que su hijo/a tiene un buen manejo de que hacer en una situación de emergencia potencial y puede proveer una oportunidad de enseñarle o recordarle lo aprendido si es necesario.

Important Upcoming Dates

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- **Tuesday, March 19** – Dining Partners, 5:00 – 9:00 PM Cascone's
- **Friday, March 29 NO SCHOOL**
- **Wednesday, April 3** – Briarwood Community Meeting with Chief Douglas and Mary Sinclair, 7:00 pm, Lunch Room
- **Monday, April 8** – Preschool Story Time, 11:00 – 11:45 AM, Library
- **Thursday, April 18** – Kindergarten Round Up, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- **Friday, April 19 NO SCHOOL**

2019-2020 School Transfer Information

The Shawnee Mission School District will accept transfer applications beginning at 8 a.m. March 1, 2019, through 5 p.m. April 30, 2019. The Transfer Procedure information can be found here:

<https://www.smsd.org/families/transfer-procedures> . Links for electronically submitting applications will become available at 8 a.m. on March 1, 2019 on this page. Please note that the Board of Education adopted the following considerations as part of the district transfer policy on Jan. 14, 2019.

- Siblings of current District Transfer students receive first priority consideration.
- In-District students of employees will receive the second priority consideration.
- In-District Transfers are reviewed first in the order they are received.
- Remaining transfer requests are considered in the order they are received.

The following elementary schools will be closed to transfer for the 2019-20 school year due to enrollment adjustments and/or high enrollment: Apache, Briarwood, Brookridge, Corinth and Ray Marsh.

Transfer requests should only be submitted for those who are not currently transfer students. Applications for readmittance are not needed for current transfer students. Please do not submit a transfer request if this applies. Applications for readmittance are not needed for current transfer students who are moving from sixth grade to seventh grade and students moving from eighth grade to their freshman year of high school. Please do not submit a transfer request if this applies. The full transfer policy can be read here:

<https://www.boarddocs.com/ks/smsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B8B4WG6C29AF> .

March Dining Partners – Cascone's March 19



Progressive Dinner April 27



Let's eat, drink and be merry with new and old friends! This annual tradition is a fun night out and a great way to celebrate Briarwood. Prior to the event, Briarwood parents will receive an invitation via email to an Appetizer house. At the Appetizer house, everyone will receive their dinner assignment and from dinner we all gather together at the dessert house for more fun and fellowship.

- 6:00-7:30pm: Appetizer House – this is when you'll receive your dinner assignment
- 7:45-9:15pm: Dinner house- hosts provide dinner and drinks for their guests
- 9:30pm: Dessert house- sweet treats and libations

Ticket prices are \$50 per person and proceeds benefit Briarwood PTA #itsforthekids. Sign up today and pay online – <https://one.bidpal.net/briarwoodprogressivedinner/welcome>

Dinners hosts- we need you! Delight us with your family favorite recipe, Pinterest fail or your best catering skills! If you host, you do not need to purchase tickets (bonus!)

Contact Deana Curtin dmlogan77@yahoo.com or Courtney McFadden at cmfadden01@yahoo.com with any questions and food allergies/sensitivities.

Briarwood School Community Meeting with SMSD Executive Director of Emergency Management – Wednesday, April 3



Have you heard your kids talking about Code Red drills? Want to know more about their safety plans at school? Our district is taking a new direction with a new strategic plan - are you interested in what that involves?

Join us on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm as we welcome two guests to Briarwood:

- **Chief John Douglass, Executive Director of Emergency Management**
 - **Mary Sinclair, Board of Education Member, SM East area**

Each will speak for a bit and there will be plenty of time for your questions. (Chief Douglas is a very engaging speaker. Trust us, you won't want to miss this!) We hope you can make it to this informative evening!

Lancer Spring Girls Softball Clinic Saturday, April 13

Who: Grades - 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th (2018-2019 School Year)

When: Saturday, April 13th 2019

What: Goal is to improve softball fundamentals and to have fun

Cost: Attend both sessions for \$25

Session #1 (9 a.m. - 10 a.m.): Fielding Clinic or Pitching Clinic

Session #2 (10 a.m. - 11 a.m.): Hitting Clinic

Where: SME Softball field, SM East High School, 7500 Mission Rd

Staff: SME High School Softball Coaches



Walk ups welcome but will be charged a \$5 late registration fee. Make checks payable to: Lancer Softball Booster Club. Complete online form here: <https://goo.gl/forms/UL4U3nPi0HYLffc02> then send payment to: Chip Ufford, 7500 Mission Rd, PV KS 66208

Questions: Contact Chip Ufford 913-993-6656, email eaufford@smsd.org

Bring: Glove, bat, and batting helmet (tennis shoes in case we must go inside due to weather)

You can also follow us on twitter [@smesoftball](https://twitter.com/smesoftball) for most up to date information and during the season.

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