

Briarwood Newsletter

Briarwood Family
Newsletter

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Message from Mr. Lash

Veterans & Grandparents Day

It was awesome to see so many Grandparents and Veterans at Briarwood! The students were excited and proud to show their special guests their school and classrooms. I received many compliments from our patrons about how much they enjoyed the Veteran's Day Ceremony. I want to thank our keynote speaker, Dr. Kent Peach, and the Briarwood community for coming together to help us honor our veterans and thank them for their service to our country. Because of them we can live free. A big thank you to the Shawnee Mission West NJROTC and the Shawnee Mission East Chamber Chorus for being part of the ceremony. Also, I want to thank Shawnee Mission East student, Annie Gast, for playing Taps. In addition, I would like to thank the Briarwood Boy & Girl Scouts for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Gina Sapp, music teacher, for teaching all of the students the song, "Patriotic Medley." Lastly, I want to thank our PTA for their support in this ceremony and the hard work of Amy Prendiville, Katie Enger and Vanessa Watkins. Working together, we had a beautiful ceremony that honored our veterans.



Important Upcoming Dates

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- Monday, November 19 – Friday, November 23 **NO SCHOOL**
- Wednesday, November 28
Dads and Donuts for families with last name A-L 7:00 – 8:00 am
- Thursday, November 29
Dads and Donuts for families with last name M-Z 7:00 – 8:00 am
- Wednesday, November 28 – Friday, November 30
Scholastic Book Fair

Día de los Veteranos y de los Abuelos

Fue maravilloso ver muchos Abuelos y Veteranos en Briarwood! Los estudiantes estaban ansiosos de mostrar sus aulas de estudio a sus invitados especiales. Recibí muchos cumplidos de nuestros patrocinadores diciéndonos cuanto ellos disfrutaron la Ceremonia del Día de los Veteranos. Quiero agradecer a nuestro orador principal, Dr. Kent Peach, y a la comunidad de Briarwood por juntarse para ayudarnos a honrar a nuestros Veteranos y agradecerles por su servicio en nuestro país. Ya que gracias a ellos vivimos libres. Muchísimas gracias a Shawnee Mission West Color Guard Y a Shawnee Mission East Chamber Chorus por ser parte de la ceremonia. También, quiero agradecer al estudiante Annie Gast de Shawnee Mission East, por tocar la queda. En adición, también quiero agradecer a Briarwood Boy & Girl Scouts por encabezar el Pledge of Allegiance (Promesa de Lealtad) Y a Gina Sapp, maestra de música, por enseñar a los estudiantes la canción, "Patriotic Medley." Por último, Quiero agradecer a nuestro PTA por el soporte en la ceremonia y el trabajo arduo de Amy Prendiville, Katie Enger, y Vanessa Watkins. Trabajando juntos, tuvimos una bonita ceremonia que honro a nuestros veteranos.

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Briarwood November 28, 29 & 30!

Plans are coming along for our annual bookfair and we need your help to ensure a successful event! Please sign up for a shift in the link below if you have the availability to help. As always, we appreciate the help and support of our wonderful Briarwood community!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a9ab23aafc1-scholastic>



Crossing Guards

Help keep our kids safe! Sign up to help with crossing guard duty for 2nd semester.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4badae229-2ndsemester>

Makerspace – Lego donations



As previously mentioned, the school has been investing in the Makerspace this year. They have purchased Peel and Stick LEGO Plates and now we are in need of any and all LEGOs! If you have LEGOs you would be willing to donate, we would love to put them to use in the Makerspace. You can send them to school with your student, or you can contact Denise Wheeler (denisetompkins@mac.com or 913-481-1572) to arrange pick up.

In addition, the Makerspace could use an electric pencil sharpener to keep the colored pencils ready to use. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Denise Wheeler.

Thank you for your generosity!!

Local and State Legislative Update

Hey - Briarwood Families - nice job with voting!

The estimate right now is that over 80% of our attendance area had at least one person in each household vote. **That is AMAZING!** Here's a story about our new governor and her plan to increase state aid for public schools. Check it out: http://www.kcur.org/post/governor-elect-laura-kelly-wants-put-kansas-back-track?fbclid=IwAR31TCYSnVHBGgQ4f1lb4v0cdhPy_BZGhKRLZjOZfhaTtBX2ZE05oviZiiw#stream/0

At the district level, our school board and superintendent are currently determining how they will embark on the strategic planning process. If you'd like to share your thoughts with them about this process you can email our area representative, Dr. Mary Sinclair, and our superintendent, Dr. Mike Fulton, at these email addresses: marysinclair@smsd.org; MikeFulton@smsd.org. Your voice matters!

Briarwood Auction Donations

Many hands make light work--the auction committee needs your help! Do you know your local barber, grocer or banker? Are you friendly with a restaurateur or barista at your favorite wine bar? Do you frequent the same coffee shop every day? During this holiday giving season, please ask just one local company for a donation, contribution or sponsorship for our biennial auction. These items will be invaluable to the success of Briarwood's fundraising for 2019. Email us at info@briarwoodauction.com for any help and visit briarwoodauction.com to learn more!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Briarwood November 28, 29 & 30!

- Avoid high prices at the book store and shipping costs from shopping online...add to your home library and get a head start on your holiday shopping right here at Briarwood!
- Help the PTA raise money for our school - up to 55% of all profits go back to Briarwood.
- Add to your classroom's library by purchasing a book from your **teacher's wish list!**
- **Don't miss the annual Dads & Donuts on Wednesday, November 28 (for families with last names that begin with A-L) AND Thursday, November 29 (for families with last names that begin with M-Z) from 7:00am to 8:00am.**

Book Fair Hours

Wednesday, November 28	7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Thursday, November 29	7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday, November 30	7:30 am – 5:00 pm

The Book Fair is held in the Briarwood Gym. Simply buzz in, check in, and head to the gym. See you there!



MOVIES CRAFTS GAMES FUN

Ages 4 and up



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

\$10 per child/\$25 max per family

\$5 grades 5/6 music lesson by upper classman

Bring pillows and blankets for the movie room.

December 1

6:30-10:30 PM

SME Band Room

RSVP to

smebandtrip@yahoo.com

**PROCEEDS GO TO THE SME ITALY TRIP
BOOSTERS**

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