



NEWS BRIEF

Calendar

April

- 4/10 to 4/14
Briarcrest BOOK FAIR
- 4/12 OPEN HOUSE 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 4/17 to 4/21
NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- 4/25 PTA Dine Out at LFP Grill
- 4/26 Movie Night 6:30 pm
- 4/27 Performing Arts Presents
Third & Fourth Grade
'School House Rock, Jr.'
- SLC Auditorium 6:30 pm
- 4/29 PTA Carnival 11am - 3 pm

May

- 5/1 Pre School Story Time 11:15
- 5/2 Kindergarten Tour
- 5/2 PTA STEAM Night
- 5/3 Special Needs PTA - SLC 7pm
- 5/8 to 6/2
SBAC Testing
- 5/8 Popcorn Monday
- 5/11 Family Movie Night 6:30 pm
- 5/15 A regular schedule school day
- 5/17 Moms & Muffins 7:45 am
- 5/17 Family Fitness Night 5:30 pm
- 5/22 Pre School Story Time 11:15
- 5/23 PTA Meeting 7 pm
- 5/25 Performing Arts
'Seussical, Jr.
1/2 Grade at 6:30 pm
- 5/25 Band & Orch. Concert
Multipurpose Room 7:14 pm
- 5/29 **NO SCHOOL** - Memorial Day

Message from the Principal

Dear BC Families,

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Open House, Ice Cream Social, and Book Fair this Wednesday evening! I will be in the gym helping with the ice cream, so please stop by and say hello. We start first with Ice Cream and our Book Fair at 6:00, and then our classrooms will be open from 6:30 - 7:30. We will continue serving ice cream until we run out, and the Book Fair will be open until 8:00. Our library receives some funds/books for hosting the Book Fair, so not only is it a great opportunity to add books to your family's collection, but it also helps our students at school!

We had over 40 volunteers come on Sunday to help our Briar Patch outdoor learning area take a giant step forward, and it looks great! Our team of parents and students started with a spring clean up of the area, removing moss, brambles, and mud. We moved on to cutting and assembling many large garden beds, which will be filled with soil and used for planting. Some real heroes spent the whole afternoon working, and the results are awesome - please take a moment to check it out at Open House, or after school sometime! Huge kudos go to April Ingle, who has been a tireless advocate and organizer for having an outdoor learning area at our school, and everyone who has given the gift of their time and support.

I would like to congratulate Pam Stever, Deanna Mar, Stacey Watkins, and Dagne Rueda as receivers of our PTA Golden Apple and Golden Acorn awards this year. They put so much time and energy in to our students each year, and all of their efforts are greatly appreciated. We will be having a special district celebration at the end of the month, thanking them for all that they do!

Spring Break is just around the corner, and will hopefully arrive with both sunshine and great opportunities for family time. If you are traveling, I wish you safe journeys; if you are staying close, I hope the week is relaxing and fun. Either way, please make some time for reading during the break - 20 to 30 minutes a day is a great place to start.

When we return, we will soon be starting our 3rd - 6th grade Smarter Balanced Assessments. Our schedule is listed on the next page. Please make sure that your child is well rested here at school on the testing days. The Smarter Balanced Assessment is untimed; most students take about 2-3 hours each day to complete their test, but they can have as long as they need. It gives our students an opportunity to demonstrate all of the skills they are developing here at school, and we use the results to ensure that we are serving students appropriately and to fine-tune our instruction. Our PTA has generously provided snacks to our students, which we appreciate and enjoy.

Wishing you all the best,

Jonathan Nesson

Principal | Briarcrest Elementary School

Open House & Ice Cream Social

Wednesday - April 12, 2017

6:00-7:30pm Ice Cream Social

6:00-8:00pm Book Fair

6:30 - 7:30pm Classrooms Open

Community Story Time

Join us for the last two pre-school story times on Monday May 1 and 22 fro 11:15 to 11:45

SMARTER BALANCE TESTING SCHEDULE FOR GRADES 3-6

Mark your calendars for these important testing dates for all students in grades 3-6. Your help is appreciated in avoided any late arrivals, early dismissals, or absences during these dates. Students should come to school well rested and fed to be ready for the day. Talk to your teacher about possibly bringing snacks during dates of testing.

Week of:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 15 - 19	4th Language Arts	4th Language Arts	5th Language Arts 6th Language Arts	5th Language Arts 6th Language Arts	5th Language Arts 6th Language Arts
May 8 - 12	3rd Language Arts	5th Science	3rd Language Arts	3rd Language Arts	4th Language Arts
May 22 - 26				3rd Math 4th Math	
May 29 - June 2	NO SCHOOL		5th Math 6th Math	3rd Math 4th Math	5th Math 6th Math

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR 2017-2018

Briarcrest staff is preparing to conduct their annual student placement process for the coming school year. We are not certain who will be teaching each grade, and probably will not know until late August; however, we will begin working on classroom groupings in late May and early June.

Our goal is to carefully balance classes according to academic performance, social-emotional development, leadership abilities, special learning needs, boy/girl ratio, and independent work habits. This is also a good time to break up counter-productive combinations of children, and nurture productive relationships. Your present classroom teacher and the support staff will be involved in the placement process.

If you have special concerns or circumstances that we are not aware of, we will be happy to hear from you and will give consideration to your input. We need this done in writing on our "Input for Placement" form by Friday, May 13 Placement Forms are available in the school office or on the BC website. We respectfully ask that parents do not request specific teachers.

Final staffing does not occur until fall, and the intent of this form is to share information. This form is given directly to the classroom teachers to assist us in finding the best placement for each child.