



NEWS BRIEF

Calendar

January

- 1/23 Pre-School Story Time 11:15 am
- 1/26 Family Movie Night 6:30 pm
- 1/28 Kinderfest @ Shoreline Center
10 am to Noon
- 1/30 **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Work Day
- 1/31 Heritage Festival 6:00 pm

February

- 2/2 Kindergarten Registration Begins
- 2/6 Pre-School Story Time 11:15 am
- 2/10 Report Cards go home
- 2/16 Family Movie Night 6:30 pm
- 2/20 - 2/24 **NO SCHOOL** - Mid-Winter Break
- 2/28 PTA Meeting 7:00 pm

Message from the Principal

Dear BC Families,

Here we are in 2017 - there's so much to look forward to in the new year! It was so good to welcome our students back from Winter Break, and to get back in to the swing of things here at Briarcrest. I know our teachers and students have been talking about and reflecting on their goals for the remainder of the year, and I have been doing the same. First and foremost continues to be the safety, growth, and academic success of all of our students; we love our children at Briarcrest, and recognize our special opportunity to help them grow.

We will have a **Family Movie Night** on Thursday, January 26th, at which we will watch *The Secret Life of Pets*. Movie nights are free, and begin in our gym at 6:30 PM. Popcorn and water will be available for 50 cents each, and families are encouraged to bring sleeping bags, blankets, and pillows. To help you decide if this movie is a good one for your child, please visit: <https://www.commonensemedia.org/movie-reviews/the-secret-life-of-pets>

Our district's annual **Kinderfest** is coming soon, on Saturday, December 28th at the Shoreline Center. The event runs from 10:00 to 12:00, and is a great opportunity for families with incoming kindergarteners to hear from our Superintendent and talk to our Briarcrest team. I will be there, along with several teachers and our registrar, ready to meet new families and answer questions. Please also help spread the word to families in your neighborhood who have incoming kindergarteners. Everyone should have received a postcard in the mail inviting them to this event, but it always helps to have a personal connection!

Planning and preparation for our **Dual Language** program continues! We will be hosting parent information nights in February, and again in the spring, for families interested in learning more and/or participating in the program. Our Dual Language program will begin next year, at grades Kindergarten and First Grade. As dates are finalized, I will be sending invitations to families and look forward to sharing details and answering questions.

Please mark your calendars and join us for our annual **PTA Family Heritage Night** on Tuesday, January 31st, from 6:00 - 7:30. It is a wonderful celebration of our families and cultures, filled with good food, activities for students, and performances. Families are asked to bring a dish to share, representative of their heritage; children who come wearing clothes related to their heritage are also encouraged to participate in our fashion show! This is truly such a fun event - please do come and join us!

Finally, our **5th/6th Musical** is coming soon, on February 9th and 10th. Our students will be performing *Annie* at the Shorecrest Performing Arts theater. Tickets are available in our front office; they are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children in 6th grade and younger. Proceeds from the tickets help pay for the cost of the theater rental, scripts, costumes, etc. All are encouraged to come and enjoy the show!

Wishing you all the best,

Jonathan Nesson
Principal | Briarcrest Elementary School

Thank You

Thank you to the Sno-King School Retirees who have funded three grants for Briarcrest Elementary School this year.

Sadrina Dorn has received a grant for STEM resources for the classroom.

Cindy Ebisu received a grant to purchase beginning level Spanish story books that would be of high interest to third grade readers.

Carrie Wandler also received a grant to purchase some Makey Makey kits to use in our library Marker stations.

Community Story Time

For parents and pre-school children ages 2-5 years old.

Join us for a story, an activity and check out books on the following Mondays from 11:15-11:45 am.

Jan. 23	Feb 6
March 13, 27	April 10
May 1, 22	

Briarcrest Performing Arts Presents Annie, Jr.

Please join us Thursday February 9th or Friday February 10th @ 7PM for Briarcrest’s 5th and 6th grade musical “Annie” at the Shorecrest Theater. Every year our 5th and 6th grade students put on a full scale musical full of dance, song and wit. The students have been working very hard and can’t wait to share what they have learned.

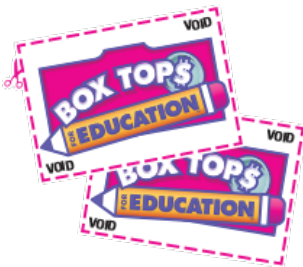
Tickets can be obtained from the BC office.

Safety Reminder - Please Sign In

For the safety of all Briarcrest students, staff, and visitors we ask that you stop in the office to sign in and get a visitor’s sticker even if you are only going to be in the school ‘for a minute.’ Then, please sign out when you leave. This helps us keep track of who is in the building in the event of an emergency. Thank you for your cooperation.

Box Tops for Education

Please look for Box Tops for Education labels on grocery products or other household items, clip and send them in to the school. The collection box is in the main office. Please send in any box tops you can...each label is worth \$0.10 and it adds up quickly!



Kinderfest January 28

Do you live in Shoreline or Lake Forest Park and have a child who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2017? If so, Kinderfest is the place for you!

Kinderfest is an opportunity for parents and guardians of incoming kindergartners to learn about the programs offered by the Shoreline School District. Join us on **Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** at the Shoreline Center, Shoreline Room, 18560 1st Ave. NE, to receive information on food services, transportation, nurses, English Language Learners, Special Services, Highly Capable Program and PTA. Each elementary school will have representatives available to answer questions. Spanish, Amharic, Mandarin, Korean and Vietnamese interpreters will be available. [Read more here...](#)