



BRIARCREST

NEWS BRIEF

Calendar

March

- 3/16 Family Movie Night 6:30 pm
- 3/22 Class Picture Day
- 3/22 Family Bowling Night 5 - 7 pm
- 3/23 Special Needs PTA Meeting - 7:00 pm Shoreline Center
- 3/27 Pre-School Story Time 11:15 am
- 3/29 Dads & Doughnuts 7:30 am

April

- 4/3 **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Work Day
- 4/4 BC PTA Meeting 7:00 pm
- 4/5 to 4/7 Sixth Grade Outdoor School
- 4/10 Popcorn Monday
- 4/10 Pre-School Story Time 11:15 am
- 4/12 OPEN HOUSE 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 4/17 to 21

Message from the Principal

Dear BC Families,

I would like to recognize all of our Math Olympiad teams and participants for all of their work this year, and congratulate them on a terrific showing at the Shoreline Math Olympiad this past Saturday.

We had over 60 students participate this year, and half of those students won a medal at the event! Math Olympiad is a big community effort here at Briarcrest; thank you and kudos to Stacey Neble for all of her organization and work, and to our coaches who met weekly with their teams through the year. It is such a gift to our students.

We also had Global Reading Challenge this past month, with 36 students in 4th and 5th grade participating. We hosted a building challenge here at Briarcrest with KCLS staff hosting, and then our winning team went on to the District competition. They did an amazing job, getting all of the questions correct but two. A team from Brookside ended up winning with a perfect score - very tough competition! We are so proud of our teams, and they will be having a celebration next week.

Our Spanish/English Dual Language work continues moving forward for our Kindergarten and First Grade class next year. I will be hosting a parent information night on Tuesday, March 21st, starting at 7:00 in the library. I highly encourage our current kindergarten families to come and hear more about the program, to help decide if it would be a good fit for their child. We have enrollment forms for the program in our front office, which will need to be submitted by March 31st in order to be included in the drawing.

Thank you to our families for taking the time to join us for Parent/Teacher conferences last week. I enjoyed my opportunities to sit in on many conferences, and to hear about the progress that our students are making. As partners in education, it is so helpful to connect and talk about current performance and goals for the year. We also truly enjoyed the lasagna and salad dinner on Thursday evening - it made the late night all the more enjoyable.

Finally, our Family Movie Night is coming up this Thursday, March 16th, starting at 6:30 in our gym. We will be watching *Moana*.

Families are encouraged to bring pillows, blankets, sleeping bags, etc. Snacks are welcome; popcorn and water will be available for fifty cents each. Please join us!

Wishing you all the best,

Jonathan Nesson

Principal

Principal | Briarcrest Elementary School

No-overdue Book Month

March is No-overdue Book Month at the Briarcrest Library.

\$5 gift certificates for the April

Briarcrest Spring Book Fair will be awarded to 5 students every Friday in March.

All students with NO overdue library materials are eligible to win!!

\$5 for 25 students

Winners will be announced each Friday.

RETURN YOUR BOOKS • Parents who have questions about overdue books can email or call 393-4173

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.

March 27

April 10

May 1, 22

P.A.W.S.

At Briarcrest, we use our PAWS program to remind our students of behavior expectations. When our students follow our PAWS, they are on track to have a great day!

P.A.W.S. - Briarcrest's Tools for Self-Management

- **P**roblem Solve
- **A**ct Respectfully
- **W**ork to do Your Best
- **S**afe Choices

Each month we focus as a school on one area of our P.A.W.S. self management. At the first assembly of the month, this focus is announced to the students. During the final assembly of the month, P.A.W.S. Pride awards are given out to one student from each class who has demonstrated excellent P.A.W.S. behavior in that month's area of focus. We will now be announcing the current P.A.W.S. focus for each month in our newsletter.

This month, our focus is **Classrooms**. To the right are the expectations for what excellent self management looks like in this area:



| PAWS in the Classroom | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Student Expectations | Adult Expectations |
| Problem solve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Manage yourself | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Be consistent ❖ Have clear and appropriate expectations |
| Act respectfully | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Use "0-3" voice level ❖ Use kind words and actions ❖ Listen when others are speaking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Hear the students out ❖ Use calm and kind words ❖ 5 positives to every 1 negative |
| Work to do your best | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Be ready to learn ❖ Attempt all tasks ❖ Make a strong effort | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Be prepared to teach ❖ Allow student choice |
| Safe choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Keep hands, feet and objects to self ❖ Use materials appropriately | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Present expectations visually and verbally ❖ Review and model routines regularly |

From the Briarcrest Health Office:

Below are a few reminders about items that are not necessarily thought about until the specific needs arises. Please feel free to contact me or stop by. I am conveniently located just behind the front office desks. Let's have a happy and healthy final few months of school!

Extra clothing: Please consider keeping an extra change of clothing in your student's backpack. There is a limited supply of clothing and shoes in the Health Office for students to borrow. If your student has borrowed clothing please wash and return the clothing to school.

Medication at School: All medication, both over the counter and and prescription, that is to be administered at school must be kept in the Health Office with a Permission to Administer Medication at School form completed by parent/guardian and licensed health professional and on file. It is possible to have permission given for a student to self-carry and/or self administer medication which must be noted on the Permission to Administer Medication at School form. A hard copy of the form can be sent home or emailed. Medication must be collected directly from a parent/guardian.

Is my child too sick for school?

Please keep your child home if they have these symptoms because your child might be contagious:

- Fever (100 degrees F or ABOVE)
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Thick mucous draining from eye or nose
- Sore throat especially combined with fever or swollen neck glands
- Rashes unrelated to heat or known non-communicable causes
- Unusual tiredness, paleness, lack of appetite or irritability

Health Office hours: Monday-Friday from 8:30-3 and can be reached at 206-393-4176 susan.goldman@shorelineschools.org

Sincerely, Nurse Susan