



NEWS BRIEF

Calendar

November

- 11/28 to 11/2
BOGO Book Fair (see page 2)
- 11/29 PTA Meeting 7:00 pm

December

- 12/2 BOGO Book Fair's Last Day
- 12/2 PTA Winter Dance 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- 12/5 NO SCHOOL - Staff Work Day
- 12/6 PTA Dine Out at LFP Bar & Grill
- 12/7 Vision Screening
- 12/8 Family Movie Night 6:30 *Frozen*
- 12/8 School Bond Presentation in Library
6:30 pm
- 12/12 Pre-School Story Time
Library 11:15 to 11:45
- 12/21/2016 to 1/3/2017
NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

From the Health Office

Vision Screening for grades K,1,2,3 and 5 has been rescheduled and will take place on Wednesday,

December 7th ALL DAY!

Many volunteers are needed to complete this state mandated screening. If you can help, please contact Nurse Susan.

Any amount of time between 8:15 and 3:00 is helpful. Training and treats will be provided. Please lend a helping hand!

Thank you,

Nurse Susan

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Message from the Principal

Dear BC Families,

I trust that the holiday weekend was an enjoyable one for you and your family. It was great to have some time at home, and also so fun to hear the children describe their family traditions.

I would like to encourage all of our families to come to a very important presentation by Rebecca Miner, Superintendent of Shoreline Public Schools. She will be coming to the Briarcrest library at 6:30 PM on Thursday, December 8th, to talk about an upcoming school bond that would fund the construction of an Early Learning Center, and rebuild Parkwood Elementary, Kellogg Middle School, and Einstein Middle School. We will do a free Family Movie Night that same evening in the gym, where we will watch the movie *Frozen*.

While I usually require families to attend the movie nights with their children, you may have them watch the movie, while you attend the meeting in the library. I hope you can come - I am sure it will be very informative!

I also hope you are planning to come to our PTA Winter Ball this Friday, December 2, from 6:00 - 7:30. It is always so fun to see the children dancing, and the grown ups are definitely encouraged to join in. Our PE teachers will be helping to lead some social dances, and pizza, drinks, and desserts will all be available.

Finally, thank you so much to everyone who supported our PTA Straight Up Fundraiser. I am so impressed at the generosity of our community, and the organizational skills of our PTA Fundraising Team. The funds are put to great use, and truly enhance the experiences that our students experience at Briarcrest. Thank you!

Wishing you all the best,

Jonathan Nesson,

Lost & Found

Briarcrest has a very full Lost & Found area in the hallway by the lunchroom. Remind you child to check it frequently and make it a stop when you are at school. Unclaimed items are donated to The Works.

BOGO Book Fair

The BOGO (Buy one Get one Free) book fair will be from November 28th to December 2nd in the Briarcrest Library. As always you are certain to find some excellent deals! Parents and students are welcome to shop during the shopping hours.

Shopping hours:

Monday, Nov 28th: 11:15-12:45, 3:00-4:00

Tuesday, Nov 29th: 11:15-12:45, 3:00-4:00, 6:00-7:00
(before the PTA meeting)

Wednesday, 30th: 11:15-12:45, 3:400

Thursday, Dec. 1st: 11:15-12:45, 3:00-4:00

Friday, Dec. 2nd: 8:15-8:40

We always need sales help during Book Fair week! If you would like to help, please fill out the following and return to the Briarcrest library as soon as possible! (Please print legibly.) Or, email your information to nancv.loviska@shorelineschools.org. Thank you!

Briarcrest PTA Winter Ball

Friday, December 2

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Briarcrest Elementary Gym

Tickets: \$10 family or

\$3 per kid (12 & under) or \$4 per adults

Or get in free with canned/boxed meal donation

Food: Pizza, Drink, Dessert Bar

All tickets are \$1/each.

Prizes: 12-Cup Popcorn Maker

Cotton Candy Maker

Dear Briarcrest Families,

Come dressed in your holiday best and join us at the PTA Winter Ball on December 2nd for a special evening of dancing, friends, food, photos, face painting and prizes. Entry tickets are \$10 for the entire family or \$3 per kid(s), \$4 per adult. Pizza, drinks and desserts are available for \$1 each. Donate canned or boxed items for the PTA Council Drive and get in free! No drop offs.

All proceeds go to the Briarcrest PTA which helps enhance the school experience of our students by bringing Art Classes, Assemblies, Popcorn Monday, Field Trips and so much more! Hope to see you all on December the 2nd!

Your Child Must Be in School to Succeed in School

One of your child's most important school-related responsibilities is to get to school on time every day. Research shows chronic absence (missing 10% or more of school days) hurts success in school. To prevent it families can:

- Stick to a schedule. Help you child develop habits that prepare him/her for school each day.
- Schedule carefully. Make medical and other appointments during non-school hours when possible. School should be a priority when planning family trips as well. If your child must be absent work with his/her teacher to help your child complete make up work.
- Seek help when needed. Many problems contribute to missing school. If you family struggles with health, transportation, work, child care or other issues, talk with school staff. Our shared goal is to help kids get to school and do their best.

Source: H.N. Chang and M. Romero, "Present Engaged and Accounted For," National Center for Children in Poverty, niswc.com/attend_research

Minutes Matter

If a student is 10 minutes late to school each day, this adds up to missing more than 30 hours of class time in a year. A student with a 90% attendance average for Kindergarten through 12th Grade will miss over a year of accumulative time in the classroom.

Save the Date - Bond Presentation

Our superintendent, Rebecca Miner, will be visiting Briarcrest on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 PM to share a building bond proposal with our families.

We will have a Movie Night showing of Disney's *Frozen* in the gym at the same time, so that families do not have to worry about childcare. Please come!