

Beaver Bulletin



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Principal's Corner

The month of February is filled with love at Briarlake!

We are excited about meeting our prospective kindergarten students and new families during our Kindergarten Informational Meeting on February 26 at 9:00 a.m..

Our fifth grade students will be taking the Fifth Grade Writing Assessment on March 3 and 4. The fifth grade teachers have worked diligently to prepare them for this assessment.

Housekeeping Task:

School Hours: As we enter into the spring of the year, I am once again asking all parents to adhere to the morning carpool procedures. Many parents have acknowledged the need to bring more awareness to this issue to ensure the safety of our children. Our Safe Routes to School members are meeting on Thursday, February 25 at 8:15 a.m. for anyone who may be interested in joining us. In addition, we are excited to have students arrive at school beginning as early as 7:30 a.m.. Students are free to go to their homerooms beginning at 7:45 for our school wide Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.) time. From 7:45-8:00 a.m. each day, students will have the opportunity to engage in 15 minutes of silent reading! Arriving at 7:45 a.m. each day will enable your child to sharpen their fluency and reading skills as they actively read.

Sincerely,

Dr. Culbreath

Note from the Clinic

Thank you to all who have contributed items for the clinic this year. The items are always appreciated. The clinic is always in need of donated clothes such as sweatpants and shorts - boys and girls. Also, if you could donate bandaids, they will be gladly used every day. Thank you for your help.

Mrs. Hilliard, clinic assistant



Co-Presidents' Message

Briarlake Families,

Now we are well into the second half of our school year and busy as ever. We have already had a Spirit night, a great science night, no name calling week, and a wonderful used book sale. In the next few weeks we are looking forward to another spirit night, kindergarten round-up, spring pictures, assemblies, the Fun Run and the Spring Gala. We could not do all of this without our fabulous group of volunteers who put in countless hours to make all of these events happen. Thank you!

And we cannot say enough how much we appreciate the teachers and staff for all of your support and for everything you do for our children!

Looking forward to a wonderful spring at Briarlake!

Sarah and Laurie

How to Read Progress Reports

For the second semester, progress reports are 2-3 pages in length. The number of pages for your child is printed in the final column of the grading key, located at the bottom of each page. The first semester classes and grades are listed first, including the final semester grade.

All first semester classes have an "A" at the end, identifying those classes as first semester courses. The second semester information follows, beginning with a row that includes only the homeroom teacher's name and, as you follow that row to the right, your child's attendance.

Finally, the second semester classes and grades are listed underneath the black heading, "2nd Semester". All second semester classes have a "B" at the end, identifying those classes as second semester courses.

This is the first marking period for the second semester. Therefore your child's academic grades for the 4.5-week marking period are listed in the "1" column with the corresponding conduct grade listed in the "Conduct" column.

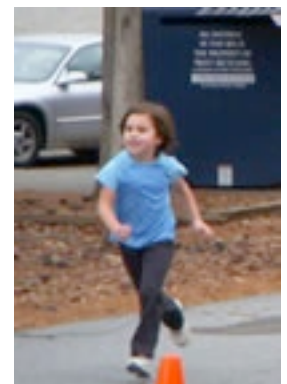


Briarlake Healthy Habits 5K & 1 Mile Fun-Run

Get Ready, Get Fit, GO! The 2nd Annual Briarlake Healthy Habits 5K and 1 Mile Fun-Run is coming up on March 6, 2010 (start time for 5K 8:30am, for FunRun 9:30am). You can go to our PTA home page and register online or you may go to www.active.com to register for the run. We look forward to everyone joining us for another refreshing morning.



(See more pictures from the 2009 event in the banner on Page 1)



**DeKalb
County School System
Mission and Vision**

MISSION

The Mission of the DeKalb County School System is to form a collaborative effort between home and school that maximizes students' social and academic potential, preparing them to compete in a global society.

VISION

“Premier DeKalb Schools - Setting the Standard for Excellence through Unity and Purpose”

Briarlake Elementary:

A Georgia School of Excellence



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**Briarlake Elementary School
Values, Vision and Mission**

VALUES

We value a multi-disciplinary learning experience that promotes student achievement in a challenging, stimulating environment.

We believe in sustaining continuous progress in the core curriculum while providing enrichment and acceleration so that all students reach their full academic potential. We believe our knowledgeable and caring staff holds high expectations for all students and provides a risk-free environment to facilitate the development of good citizenship and character in each student.

VISION

We envision a change in the status quo as we create a culture of new expectations. We expect our stakeholders to work collaboratively to raise standards and increase achievement in the academic program for all students at Briarlake Elementary.

MISSION

We accept the charge to form a collaborative effort between home and school that maximizes students' social and academic potential, preparing them to contribute to the common good of the community and to compete successfully in a global society.

Mark Your Calendars

Mar 6 5K and Fun Run