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24th Week of School - Briarlake Elementary PTA News

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Briarlake Elementary PTA Newsletter



24th Week of School

2011-2012

Hello Beavers!

Hopefully everyone is finally drying out after all the rain we got over the past several days. We are looking forward to drier days so the students can take advantage of the great additions to our campus following our recent Home Depot Work Day.

Thanks again to all who attended last week's PTA Meeting. Click [here](#) for minutes.

Our annual Used Book Sale is fast approaching and WE NEED DONATIONS in order to ensure another successful sale. Please send in your donations asap so that our committee can start getting things organized for this great event. Every donation makes a difference!

On another note, we are saddened to have lost a member of our Briarlake community this past week, John Aaron. Please keep Bunny and her family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Reminders:

- Chick-fil-A Spirit Night 1/26
- No Name Calling Week continues through Friday
- Campus Workday 1/28, 9am-12pm
- Walk to School Day 2/1

Have a great rest of the week!

School News & Events

Used Book Sale Needs Books!

Parents: The Used Book Sale Committee is putting out a special plea: Either folks are just waiting to donate their books, or we are in danger of running short of books this year. The Used Book Sale Committee currently has a box count of about 1/4 of what we need for the sale. If you have been waiting until closer to the sale to donate, please do so as soon as possible so we know that we will have a



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Important Dates

January

26 - School Council mtg
1:00 p.m. & Chick-fil-A
Spirit Night
28 - Campus
Beautification Day

February

1 - Walk to school Day
2 HMS Tour 6:30 pm
3-4 Used Book Sale
8, 14 HMS Tour 10AM
13-16 Teacher
Appreciation Week
14 PTA meeting 7:45 am
17, 20 NO School

March

good selection for this popular PTA fundraiser. If you haven't thought about it yet, please consider going through your bookshelves and basements to see if there are any books that you do not want or need anymore and consider donating them to benefit your school. Feel free to talk to your friends, neighbors, and colleagues as well. We accept all sorts of adults' and children's books, DVDs, CDs, or other media.

The sale itself is Feb 3rd (3-6pm) and 4th (9am-1pm). You can send a \$1 or so with your child on Friday, as the kids all come through the sale for a first chance to get books. Another reminder will go home the week of the sale with a coupon for Saturday.

Thank you for your help and support!

Email Heather Hopper at booksale@briarlakepta.org if more info is needed.

This is No Name Calling Week

January 25-29, has been designated No Name Calling Week. Name calling is a form of bullying and will not be tolerated. So remember if you can't say anything nice then don't say anything at all. We are asking all students to participate in the following:

Wednesday

Dress up day: Wacky Mismatched Clothing- Name calling is crazy

- Quote: Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." *Mahatma Gandhi*

Thursday

Dress up day: Wear a hat- Put a lid on name-calling

- Quote: In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Friday

Dress up day: Wear favorite team jersey- We're all on the same team

Quote: "Respect for ourselves guides our morals; respect for other guides our manners." *Laurence Stern*



It's Chick-fil-A Spirit Night! Come on out for Team Trivia Starting at 6pm!

Thursday is Spirit Night, 5-8pm at the North Druid Hills Chick-fil-A. Have dinner, visit with friends and play trivia games for cool prizes. Part of the proceeds from the night will go to Briarlake Elementary so invite friends, family, and neighbors for a fun dinner out!

Campus Workday

Have you seen our incredible new learning deck? It is wonderful and we are all looking forward to those warmer days when our classes will spend time enjoying the new addition. But.... we still have a couple of outdoor projects that need a few helping hands. Some plants need homes, some

[3rd - 5K and Fun Run](#)

Quick Links

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[Briarlake PTA Website](#)

[Briarlake Elementary Website](#)

[Briarlake School Calendar](#)

[DeKalb County Schools Website](#)

[Briarlake Foundation](#)

Cell Tower Update



www.nobriarlaketower.org

[Cell Tower contact list](#)

Student Absences

If your child has an excused absence, please notify Dana Gavrielides in the front office in addition to letting your child's teacher know in order to avoid the absence inadvertently being marked as unexcused. She can be reached by calling (678) 874-2502 or by e-mail at Dana_M_Gavrielides@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us

Want to be Removed from the Weekly e-Blast?

wood chips need to be spread on the habitat trails, gutters installed along with rain barrels - and more. Please join us for an hour or more this **Saturday, January 28th, 9am-12pm**. As always, kids are welcome to come lend a hand.

Math Tournament Results!

A fun time was had by all who attended and participated in the Sagamore Hills Math Tournament on Saturday, January 21st.

Congratulations to the following students for placing in the Individual Competition;

Third Grade- Concepts and Computation, Gavin Zhou- 3rd Place

Fourth Grade- Concepts and Computation, Debbie Kitzler- 3rd Place and Hanna Baniassad- 2nd Place

Fourth Grade- Problem Solving, Flavius Penescu- 8th Place and Hanna Baniassad- 2nd Place

Fourth Grade Overall, Hanna Baniassad- 2nd Place

Fifth Grade- Concepts and Computation, Leila Baniassad- 2nd Place

Fifth Grade- Problem Solving, Leila Baniassad- 3rd Place

Fifth Grade Overall, Leila Baniassad- 2nd Place

All of our second, third, fourth and fifth grade students did a FANTASTIC job competing.

Melissa A. McMillan
Discovery Teacher

Reflections Winner

Congratulations to Nicholas Vastakis in the 4th grade!!!

He placed 2nd in the County Reflections competition for his Musical Composition.

Thank you again to all the students who participated!

Whitney & Holly

Volunteer Opportunity - CPA

Your Briarlake Elementary School Foundation is looking for a CPA to be a part of the Board as Treasurer. If you are interested, or know of an interested person, please contact Michelle at deckerm1@bellsouth.net or Laurie at jhobbs9@bellsouth.net.

Currently, the BESF also has several volunteer opportunities available. Please send your inquiries to deckerm1@bellsouth.net or jhobbs9@bellsouth.net.



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Duke Talent Identification Program Information 2012

Duke University's Talent Identification Program, or Duke TIP, is offered

to 4th and 5th grade students at Briarlake Elementary School. This program offers recognition of a student's outstanding academic abilities and provides enrichment through online opportunities and publications. To be eligible, a student must be in fourth or fifth grade AND must have scored in the 95th percentile or higher on an accepted grade-level achievement test or mental ability test. To enroll, please visit www.tip.duke.edu/enroll. The deadline for registration is March 1, 2012.

After School Art Classes - Openings

Humblebee after school art classes still have some openings. Tuesdays is mixed media, Thursdays step-by-step drawing. \$105 for 7 weeks. Contact Heather at hsotack@yahoo.com for more info.

Briarlake Summer Camp

The weather is chilly still, but it's never too early to start thinking about summer plans. The Briarlake After School Extended Day Program will be offering a summer camp again this year. Click [here](#) for informational sheet. More details to follow in coming weeks.

Community News & Events

DeKalb BOE Public Budget Input Hearing

On Thursday, January 26, 2012, at 6:00pm, the DeKalb Board of Education will hold a Public Budget Input Hearing in the J. David Williamson Board Room at the DeKalb County School System's Administrative & Instructional Complex, 1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard, Stone Mountain.

The purpose of the Hearing is to receive input from the public regarding the taxpayers' priorities in preparation for the development of the 2012-2013 school system budget. The agenda for the hearing is attached. The agenda can be accessed online by going to: www.dekalb.k12.ga.us, click on Leadership, go to eBoard Home Page and click on the date for the meeting agenda.

HMS Tours for Parents of Rising 6th Graders

Henderson PTSA will be conducting tours of the campus for parents of rising 6th graders on February 8 and 14. Each of the tours will begin at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a Q&A session with principal, Terese Allen. An evening tour is scheduled for February 2 at 6:30. Click [here](#) for more information.

ELPC - Change in Meeting Date

ELPC change in meeting date: In order to provide more detailed information about current legislation including updates from our state house and senate representatives we are moving our annual legislative update meeting from January 18th to February 15th at Briar Vista Elementary.

We will send out more information about our guests and topics in the weeks prior to February 15th.

To join the ELPC mailing list please email - emorylavistaparentcouncil-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You can also visit us at www.emory-lavista.org

Sincerely,

Vanessa & Sarah

Vanessa Erens & Sarah Cook , PTA Co-Presidents
Briarlake Elementary PTA

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