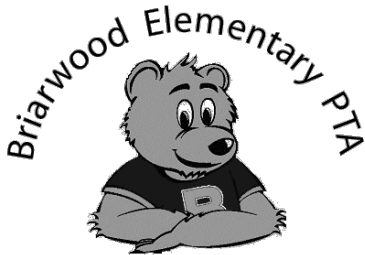


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Beth Donahoe

It's hard to believe it's June of 2011 and I'm writing my last message to you as PTA President. I was so nervous when I sat down to write my first one in September of 2009, but then I quickly realized no one reads them, so I stopped worrying so much. All I can really say at this point, after two years of working with you and representing you to the district at large, is thank you. Thank you for making my job easy, for making it fun, and making me proud to say I was PTA president at our little school. I learned so much and made some very good friends, both in and outside of Briarwood.

To those of you moving on to Maywood—have fun and good luck, because it's exactly the way you remember your own junior high days, only more so. Your child will alternately love and hate middle school, sometimes in the same minute, and you will feel the same way about them. Next year will be tough at Briarwood with all the construction and the budget cuts, but we will get through, and we will be in excellent hands with our new PTA Board led by Laila Collins. Until then, enjoy your summer, get some rest, and I'll see you at the Back to School BBQ on August 29!

GOT SCIENCE? – CAMPAIGN FOR K-5 SCIENCE CURRICULUM



The June 15 Elementary Science Initiative Campaign deadline is rapidly approaching. If you haven't yet made a donation toward this critical K-5 science curriculum adoption for our students, please do so today. The benefit to your child will be immediate and impactful. The campaign coalition (PTSA, District, ISF) is asking every elementary parent to contribute \$50 per child - or whatever they can - to raise the funding required to purchase and implement the full, three domain curriculum this fall. Please visit the campaign website, www.issaquahscience.org to learn why this adoption is vital to your child's education and how you can join our team of campaign fundraisers. *Nourish Every Mind* guests (who represent 7.5% of our District families) made a \$263,000 dent in the Elementary Science Initiative Campaign goal – enough to purchase the second of the three domains. We have raised more since the luncheon, but are counting on the remaining 92.5% of District families to raise the final \$187,000. We can do it!

FRIDAY, JUNE 10: PORTFOLIO AND CARNIVAL NIGHT

Don't miss out on Briarwood's annual Portfolio/Carnival night! Portfolio viewing in your child's classroom will be from 5:30-6:30 pm. Carnival festivities will begin at 6:00 pm (not before) and end at 8:00 pm.

We are still in need of volunteers! Please return the pink volunteer form that went home (or get a new one from the office) to your child's teacher or the office by June 6. We are also looking for reliable, responsible 7-11th graders that are looking for volunteer hours to help out as well.

Donations of cakes, cookies or other baked goods are needed for the Dessert Walk. Not a Martha Stewart or Rachael Ray? No worries...store bought treats are fine! Donations can be brought to the school office on Friday, June 10 until 3pm.

Students who want to show off their baking skills – can enter the Cake Decorating Contest! Entries must be in the office by 8:30am on the 10th for judging. Cakes will be donated to the Dessert Walk.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact chairperson Jenna Thoresen (a.thoresen@comcast.net or 206.930.4993). See you at the Carnival!!

**Friday, June 10****6:30-8 pm**

Portfolio Night & Carnival
Parent volunteers needed!

Monday, June 13

Field Day
Parent volunteers needed!

Wednesday, June 15

5th Grade promotion and Ice
skating party

MONDAY, JUNE 13: FIELD DAY

Field Day is fast approaching and we are still in need of volunteers. Please contact Louisa Pardo at 425-922-4244 or louisampardo@hotmail.com to find out how you can help. If you have already volunteered, please be sure to check in at the gym at 1:00pm. Get there early to have first choice of the station where you would like to work. The kids are so looking forward to this day!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15: 5th GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY

Join us for Briarwood's 5th grade Promotion ceremony on Wednesday, June 15 at 10:00 am in the Briarwood gym. After the program, students will have the opportunity to change clothes, have recess and lunch. The class will conclude their celebration with a party at Castle Ice from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. PTA is covering the class's admission and skate rental so there will be no cost to families for this activity!

Please note: THERE IS NO RETURN BUS TO BRIARWOOD! All students need to be picked up promptly from Castle Ice at 2:30 pm. Please send a note with your child if they will be going home with someone other than a parent.

BRIARWOOD PTA CHAIRS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR

The search is on! We are looking for adults to hold PTA chair positions for next year. All committee positions are also open. If you are interested in helping with a committee next year or coming on as co-chair, please let us know.

Chair positions still open are: Spirit Cups fundraiser, someone to help promote the options available through eScrip, Co-Chair for Carnival, Issaquah Schools Foundation Rep, Legislative Rep, Co-Chair for Lunchtime Book Swap, Parent Education Rep, Pizza Bingo Night Co-Chair, Popcorn Friday Chair(s), Co-Chair for Science Fair, Staff Appreciation, Variety Show, Variety Show Sound Technician, Student Directory, and Procurement (getting prizes and donations to be used all year).

To volunteer, please contact Leslie Kahler (lesliekahler@comcast.net) or Tonya Kezele (kezeleboss@yahoo.com).

MAYWOOD PTSA WELCOMES INCOMING 6TH GRADE FAMILIES

Maywood PTSA welcomes you! In just a few months your son or daughter will begin 6th grade at Maywood Middle School but you need to know now what is going on with the Maywood PTSA. Take a look around www.maywoodptsa.org and become familiar with what our PTSA does for our school. Then join our mailing list by sending your email address to subscribe@maywoodptsa.org. Subscribe now and get to know the Maywood PTSA.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29: BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Adult helpers are needed to supervise for short 30-minute shifts during the Back to School BBQ, from 11 am - 1:30 pm. Help with set up/clean up is also needed. Students going into 7th grade or higher may volunteer and earn service hours at this event.

Please contact Leslie Kahler (lesliekahler@comcast.net) or Tonya Kezele (kezeleboss@yahoo.com). All helpers will be able to spend time in their children's classrooms.

SPIRIT SALES LIQUIDATION BLOW OUT

There are still some youth size XL hoodies, one youth size small hoodie (contact Leslie regarding the hoodie before ordering), youth size large baseball t-shirts, and adult size large baseball shirts available - all shirts are \$10 each. Pictures are on the PTA web site at www.briarwoodelementarypta.org. To order please contact Leslie Kahler (lesliekahler@comcast.net or 425-226-1314). All sales are final and are on a first come, first served basis.

GIFT-A-BOOK DONORS

Thanks to the following students and their families for participating in our Gift-A-Book program from January-June:

Andrena K., Harman G., Elizabeth R., Kylee C., Jessica B., Hunter P., Hannah S., Teresa L., Hailey P., Cristine B., Destinel G., Peyton N., Caroline M., Grace O., Mackenzie W., Aidan V., Trent F., Caitlyn M., Liam R., Diane V., Javier G., Rebecca B., Vivienne E., Matthew O.

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