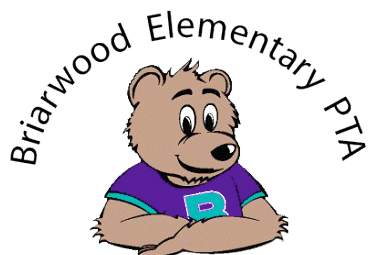


# Briarwood Bear Facts



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Laila Collins

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! I hope you all enjoyed your summer break and are ready for a bumpy ride this year as our new school gets built. A special welcome goes out to all of our new students including our kindergartners and new Science and Technology students and their families.

PTA has had a busy summer! We debuted our new website at the BBQ and hope all of you will take the opportunity to check it out. Once you get signed in, you can join PTA, volunteer for PTA programs, sign up for eScrip, and even purchase a yearbook without filling out any more forms! The website will drastically reduce the amount of paperwork that we send home but it is critical that you sign up or you may miss information about our exciting programs and volunteer opportunities. This will be the only issue of our newsletter that we plan to print. All future issues will be available on our website only.

Our annual Jog-A-Thon is coming up on September 30th and I urge all of you to be as generous as possible with your donations. Due to the construction, we decided to limit the number fundraisers this year which means it is very important to our budget that we meet our goal of \$30,000. The funds raised support our PTA programs and services as well directly benefit our children in the form of additional Educational Assistant hours in the classroom, teachers stipends and grants, assemblies, and support of the Afterschool Assistance Program (ASAP).

I am excited to serve as your PTA president and hope to see you at the first PTA meeting of the year on Monday, September 19 at 6:30pm in the library!

## 30 ON THE 30<sup>th</sup>: JOG-A-THON 2011

Sounds ambitious, doesn't it? Raising \$30,000 in one day? Well, it is, but it's also necessary and completely possible. On Friday September 30, our students will be walking and running—heck, some even dance—to raise funds support the PTA and School programs that make our school the exceptional place it is.

Packets were sent home Friday, September 2 and include all the information you need to help your child raise money for their school. If you need additional copies of the pledge sheet or tax receipt for donors – you'll find the under "Jog-a-thon" on the website. If your child needs help with what to say to potential donors, you'll find a "script" there as well.

If you want to help with this incredible event, sign up in the Volunteer section of the website. There are plenty of jobs, big and small, for everyone. Questions? Contact event chair Beth Donahoe ([beth.donahoe@comcast.net](mailto:beth.donahoe@comcast.net) or 425-793-7890).

Special thanks to our corporate sponsors: Babbit Neuman Construction, Cornerstone Architecture, and Michael's Toyota!

## BRIARWOOD BEARS SPRIT WEAR SALES. ORDER BY 9/16/11!!

Show your Briarwood spirit! A new collection of t-shirts and sweatshirts is available now for kids and adults. You can check out the style and print an order form here. Samples are also in the office. Forms should be returned to your child's teacher with a check made out to Cloud 9 Sports. You can also order online and pay with credit card at <http://www.c9sports.com/briarwood>.

Order deadline is September 16th and all sales are final. For questions or more information (including help with sizing), please contact Leslie Kahler ([lesliekahler@comcast.net](mailto:lesliekahler@comcast.net) or 425-226-1314).



- **September 16**  
Sprit Sale orders due
- **September 19**  
PTA General Membership meeting, 6:30p, library
- **September 30**  
Jog-A-Thon
- **October 14**  
Pizza Bingo Night, 6p
- **October 28**  
Pumpkin Carving, 6p



### Check Out Our Website!

[BriarwoodElementaryPTA.org](http://BriarwoodElementaryPTA.org)

- E-version of our newsletter
- Information on upcoming PTA events
- Construction Updates
- Legislative news
- Parent Education seminars
- News & information from the 4 Creeks Sheriff's Station

### **REMINDER: JOIN PTA and the NEW WEBSITE!**

If you haven't had a chance to log on to the new PTA website – please do so soon! You'll find lots of information to help get you through the school year - including a calendar with all the fun family events! Once you sign on – you can join PTA, volunteer, buy spirit wear, and even put in an order for a yearbook. And after this month – it will be the only place to read this newsletter! Don't miss out – join today!

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION & LABELS FOR EDUCATION**

Briarwood PTA receives 10¢ from General Mills Corporation for every Box Top collected and accumulates points from Campbell's Corporation for every Label for Education collected. Briarwood PTA uses this income to fund special events for its students and redeems points to purchase office and play equipment, classroom supplies, and prizes for the Jog-A-Thon and other events.

Please cut and save Box Tops and Labels for Education. You can send them to school at anytime in a plastic sandwich bag with your child's name and teacher on the outside of the bag to receive credit for monthly and year-end classroom collection competitions. Details are on the Briarwood PTA website under Fundraising.

### **WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR PTA PROGRAMS**

Volunteers are the backbone of our PTA! Volunteers are what keep the PTA moving ahead and in the right direction. Volunteers come in all shapes, sizes, and personalities. Every volunteer has a different reason for being there. But the bottom line is - PTA volunteers are there for the children of our school.

There are literally hundreds of ways families can give their time to help with PTA events and programs at Briarwood for the 2011-2012 school year. Every bit of time you can give, no matter how big or small helps. Please be sure to take a look at the various volunteer opportunities available to you on the Briarwood PTA website. In addition to volunteering for ongoing programs, we also have listed events/programs happening this fall and winter. For questions regarding volunteering please contact Co-VPs of Volunteers Reanu Ranna ([reanur@hotmail.com](mailto:reanur@hotmail.com)) or Katie Breuel ([breuel422@comcast.net](mailto:breuel422@comcast.net)).



### **Welcome Back!**

We love the start of the school year and the smell of potential in the air. Whether your kids are at a new school or reconnecting with a favorite, make sure they take advantage of the nearly ¾ million dollars in school and student investments made possible by Issaquah Schools Foundation donors. We are so proud of our community and the tremendous commitment they make to ensure our students receive the best possible education. Here's to another great year!

### **All in for Kids Annual Fund Campaign**

You've probably heard that the Calling for Kids Campaign is now the All in for Kids Annual Fund Campaign. Why the name change? To emphasize the need for everyone—parents, grandparents, friends, community and business members—to get involved and to encourage families to donate prior to our calling nights (November 16, 17 & 19). All in for Kids campaign flyers are available in your school office and online at [www.isfdn.org](http://www.isfdn.org). Please give what you can—\$5 a month or \$500 a year. Your donation will make a difference to students in every school, every classroom, every day. Thank you.

### **Crawl, Walk or Run to the Issaquah Run at Salmon Days**

Thanks to the Issaquah Rotary, the Foundation will once again be the beneficiary of a portion of each October 2 Issaquah Run entry fee. Last year, the Foundation received a donation of over \$9500 from proceeds. Celebrate Healthy Kids and Healthy Communities. Join the fun as an individual runner, or grab your friends and form a team. It's easy. Go to [issaquahrun.com](http://issaquahrun.com) for more information.