

Brier Creek Elementary School PTA Newsletter



Welcome to a new school year!!

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Brier Creek Elementary School (BCES). This will be a year of exciting changes! We have several new people on the PTA Board and we have a new Principal, Sandy Chambers. With many new things ahead of us, one thing remains the same, our PTA motto: *Together We Are Better!* And we need your help to do continue to get better.

One of the first things that you can do to participate in these changes is to join the PTA and attend the 4 General PTA meetings this year. Secondly, we have a "U Pick 2" campaign where we would like for you to select 2 committees or events for which to volunteer. All the funds raised by the PTA events go back to the teachers and students. With budget cuts in Wake County, this year is an especially important year for you to participate! We need your help!
~Shilpa Shelton, PTA President

New PTA Website!

Stay informed by regularly checking the BCES PTA website: www.briercreekpta.org

Many thanks to Mark McKenna for getting this up and running on such short notice and for his wife Ricci McKenna, Track 3 VP, for coordinating all the information! Thanks to both of you!!

T-Shirts & Spirit Wear!

We're sure you've seen students, parents and teachers sporting the new t-shirts and spirit wear! They'll be sold at many future events. In addition, be on the lookout for order forms in your child's Friday folders.

Other items available are water bottles, car magnets and pencils! Get yours soon!!

Huge thanks to Amy Mudd, Co-VP, for coordinating the design selections and placing the initial order to arrive in the nick of time!!! Thanks, Amy, for your dedication!

Join the PTA!

The first 100 to join will be entered in several drawings including one for \$100 Target card! Check out the website for more details on all the prizes! Big kudos goes to Kristy Pollard, VP Membership, for coming up with great incentives and the PTA Membership packet!!

Annual Giving Drive!

Have you noticed the big thermometer in the lobby of the school? Here is what it's all about!

Q: What is the Annual Giving Drive?	and students. Review the budget on the PTA website and vote on it at the General PTA meeting on 8/17.	Q: How much should I give?
A: It's a time during the year where the PTA hopes to raise money through donations in lieu of Catalog sales.	Q: Is my donation tax deductible?	A: Give as much or as little as you are able. For \$50, \$100 or \$150 donations, you'll receive free spirit wear! Please write a separate check for PTA membership (\$15/family, \$10/individual).
Q: Where does the money go?	A: Yes, but it's always best to check with your accountant for any special circumstances.	
A: All the money raised goes towards teachers		

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Dates to Remember

July 15—Family Night Out @ Chik-fil -A. 4pm-8pm

July 27—Citipass Coupon Book Sale Begins (Tracks 1, 2, 4)

Aug 17—Citipass Coupon Book Sale Begins (Track 3)

Aug 17—General PTA Meeting with Popsicles on the Playground. Bring a picnic dinner & have a popsicle on us! 5:30-7pm

Special points of interest:

- What is a Smart-board? The PTA would like to raise enough money to place one in each classroom over the next 3 years. Check the website for more info.
- We need Character Ed volunteers. Just follow the pre-developed teaching guide. Notify your child's teacher of your interest - every classroom needs a parent or a team of 2 to do this—great way to be involved!!