

# Brier Creek Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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## Prepare for the Holiday Jamboree on Nov 7!!

October, 2009

MARK your calendars for **Saturday November 7th** from **4pm–8pm** for the Holiday Jamboree! Plan to do your holiday shopping from local crafters and eat some delicious food! The night will include a holiday shopping bazaar where local vendors will be selling unique items for holiday gifts and a kids holiday shop for them to buy a present for their parent or other family!! There will also be a live fantastic toe-stomping band, great food from local restaurants, the beloved “time with teacher” silent auction AND exciting, incredible raffle items (iPod, Wii, tickets to events, restaurant gift certificates and we are still collecting!!

**This is an event you and your family/friends/extended friends won't want to miss!!**

Tickets will be available for purchase so be on the lookout for additional communication about that through e-mail and on our website: [www.briercreekpta.org](http://www.briercreekpta.org). We plan to offer the option to purchase tickets online through PayPal on our PTA website. If you are interested in being a vendor at the Holiday Jamboree, e-mail [holidayjamboree@hotmail.com](mailto:holidayjamboree@hotmail.com) or call 919-270-8954.

### Dates to Remember

Oct 6—District 7 School Board Voting—please vote!!! Critical Year!!

Oct 12—General Assembly PTA meeting from 7-8pm. Optional Social afterwards at local restaurant

Oct 21—Family Night Out (3rd Wed of Month) at McDonald's at Brier Creek.

Nov 7—Fall Jamboree Event! CALLING ALL VENDORS! Rent a table at the Jamboree or donate food or raffle items, etc. Please contact Janet Skiscim at 919-270-8954 or e-mail [holidayjamboree@gmail.com](mailto:holidayjamboree@gmail.com)

### SMARTBOARDS ARE HERE!

The first 3 Smartboards have arrived all thanks to your donations to the giving drive!! They will be installed soon. We plan on ordering more during the course of the year as we raise additional funds through donations from local business at the Diamond Level (see article below for more details).

### SCHOOL DIRECTORY COMING!

You will soon be receiving a **permission slip** to agree to be listed in the directory. Please respond by the **deadline** to be included! After printing, we cannot add you later ☺

### HURRICANES TIX COMING SOON!

Discount ticket to the Hurricanes games will be available to the BCES community. Forms will be distributed soon! Let's go Canes!

### BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

You may have noticed some banners going up in the hallways and lobby of BCES. What are they for? The ones in the lobby are Diamond Level sponsors who have contributed \$5000 to the PTA. The ones in the cafeteria have donated \$2500, the ones in the class hallways donated \$1800 and the ones in the glass cases in the lobby contributed \$1000. Donors contributing between \$50–\$500 will be listed in the school directory. So far this committee has raised over \$25,000 for BCES!!! This will be used to fund Smartboards, school supplies, teacher requests and academic programs.

**Please** frequent these businesses and let them know how much you appreciate their support of BCES and that you saw their ad, banner, or PTA website!! Diamond level sponsors' websites are on the PTA web page. Because of these businesses, BCES remains an outstanding school even with Wake Co budget cuts. Also, a BIG thank you to **Leslie Pawlak** for chairing this committee and **Amy Mudd** for getting us to a whopping start!! There are more sponsors in the wing so keep checking out the website and banners!

If you know of a business who would like to be a partner of BCES, please send have them contact [leslie.pawlak@yahoo.com](mailto:leslie.pawlak@yahoo.com) or [amy.mudd@gmail.com](mailto:amy.mudd@gmail.com)

### District 7 Elections –VOTE, VOTE!!

Wake County has 9 school districts. BCES is located in District 7 and has 2 candidates running: Deborah Prickett and Karen Simon. Prickett is “for” neighborhood schools and reduced bussing and Simon is “for” current school board policies & continued bussing. This is a CRITICAL year. Since it's an off-year, a low participation is expected so as few as 1500 votes could change the direction of our schools! Every vote counts so please tell your neighbors, spouses to vote, even if they don't have kids—it will impact all of us!!!

Most of you will vote at the Brier Creek Community Center. To double check, go to the State Board of Elections site: [www.sboe.state.nc.us/VoterLookup.aspx](http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/VoterLookup.aspx)

**Mark your calendar: October 6th**

**ALERT:** PLEASE remind your kids to **wash their hands** frequently to avoid spread of H1N1 flu. Keep kids home if they are sick and for 24 hours after fever breaks! This is a highly contagious flu so please keep our kids SAFE. Thank you!

