

Brier Creek Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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Get Ready to Use Your Brain at the Science Fair!!

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Updated Science Fair News: Projects do NOT need to be based on Grade Level curriculum! Students may select anything that interests them. Students may refer to the grade level curriculum for topic idea, but students in ANY grade level may work on any project that interests them. All grade levels are encouraged to participate. Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 are eligible to enter this year's state wide science fair competition. Three winners of the Brier Creek Science Fair will be selected to take part in the State Regional Finals!! Below are key milestones:

Dec 18— Research **proposals** for Science Fair projects due for Tracks 2, 3, 4

Jan 8— Research **proposals** for Science Fair projects due for Track 1

Jan 20—Science Fair sessions for **Track 1 and 3**

Jan 27—Science Fair sessions for **Track 2 and 4**

Jan 29—announcement of overall winners and Regional Science Fair qualifiers.

Go to the PTA website for details: www.briercreekpta.org & click on Science Fair under Calendar of Events. Send questions and research proposals to briercreeksciencefair@gmail.com. Thanks again to Joel Pawlak and Jen Hoch for chairing this Committee.

Dates to Remember

No Family Night Out in December

Dec 18—Track 2, 3, 4
Science Proposals due!

January 20th & 27th—
Science Fair (see article)

February 10—General
Assembly PTA meeting
from 7-8pm with op-
tional Social to follow

April 26—Last General
Assembly PTA meeting
of the school year 7-
8pm.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!

The PTA would like to thank all the **many** parents, teachers, friends and older siblings who volunteered at the Holiday Jamboree and Book Fair! Your help and assistance was **GREATLY** appreciated!! We could not have pulled off these wonderful events without your help!! I hope you all had a little fun along the way and met some new people!! We look forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Carnival in May!!

ARE YOU A WINNER???

If you won a raffle prize at the Holiday Jamboree, you should have been contacted. If you have been notified, please redeem your prize as soon as possible. We still have several people who have not redeemed their prizes. If you won a teacher auction item, please coordinate with the teacher to redeem your prize.

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!

WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING???

I'm sure many of you are wondering where all the money that the PTA is raising is going? Our wonderful BCES community of parents and teachers have raised quite a bit this year and the money has been going towards the items that we committed to in the budget. Any excess has been allocated to the purchase of additional Smartboards. Since the beginning of the school, 9 boards have been purchased through the PTA fundraising efforts and local business sponsorships and an additional 4 purchased by the School and Ms. Chambers. The PTA and school's vision is to install Smartboards in every classroom at BCES.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. To find out more about the budget and where the money goes, visit the PTA website: www.briercreekpta.org

MEDIA CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The media center is in need of additional volunteers to help with different tasks such as shelving books or working the circulation desk. Volunteers can spend 30 minutes or more at a time, once a week or once a month, it all helps! You can volunteer on a regular basis or drop in casually. Your kids are welcome while you volunteer!! If you are interested in supporting our wonderful media center, please contact Kristy Pollard at kspollard@nc.rr.com.

MORE THANK YOU'S!

Thank you to all the families who attended our last Family Night Out. We had an incredible show of support at GamerDoc and Pei Wei! Congratulations to Ms. Ptasnick and to Ms. Coder who tied with the most students attending our FNO!

Our next Family Night Out will be in January, watch for details!