

Brier Creek Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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Deadline Extended for Science Fair—Now Jan 8th

January, 2010

It's Not Too Late: The deadline to get your proposals in for all Tracks is January 8th. 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.

Reminder: Projects do NOT need to be based on Grade Level curriculum! Students or teams of 2 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:

Jan 20— **Track 1 & 3.** Group 1: 9:35-10:35, Group 2: 2:00-2:45.
Parent & Family Reception & Showing 6:30pm-7:30pm

Jan 27— **Track 2 & 4.** Group 1: 9:35-10:35, Group 2: 2:00-2:45.
Parent & Family Reception & Showing 6:30pm-7:30pm

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

Thanks again to Joel Pawlak and Jen Hoch for chairing this Committee.

Dates to Remember

January 8—All Tracks
Science Fair proposals
due

January 20th & 27th—
Science Fair

January 25—Family
Night Out at Brixx
Pizza

February 10—General
Assembly PTA meeting
from 7-8pm with spe-
cial guest District 7
School Board Rep Deb-
orah Prickett. Optional
Social to follow at
BRASA.

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

HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

CHANGE IN FAMILY NIGHT OUT!

The monthly Family Night Out (FNO) will no longer be only on Wednesday's. Recognizing that some families have conflicts on this day, the FNO will fluctuate between Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's for the remainder of the school year. So pay close attention to future dates. **This month's FNO is at Brixx Pizza on Monday, Jan 25th all day.**

SPIRIT WEAR—GO JETS!!

If you missed the deadline to order BCES Sweatshirts or 3/4 sleeved shirts, e-mail your name, child's name & teacher & a contact e-mail or phone number to Shannon at BCESspiritwear@gmail.com to express your interest. A minimum of 24 items must be ordered, so the order will be placed when the minimum is reached.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Here are some upcoming opportunities for you to volunteer your time. Remember teenagers can earn community service credit for their efforts:

Science Fair—need on 1/20 & 1/27 to set up, tear down and/or judge (9a-11a or 1:30-3:30pm) or assist with family reception (6:00-7:45pm). Contact Joel Pawlak (drjoelpawlak@gmail.com) or Jen Hoch (jhoch@nc.rr.com)

Spring Carnival—the pre-planning has started for the annual Spring Carnival. If you signed up for this committee at the beginning of the year, you will be contacted soon. If you are interested in helping make this a fun and successful event, we need your help! Contact Shilpa Shelton (shilpa.shelton@gmail.com with Spring Carnival Volunteer in the subject line)

PTA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We currently have over 400 members! But it doesn't have to stop there. Not a Member of the PTA yet? Not a problem! Maybe you are new to the school or didn't have a chance to join the PTA during our annual membership drive in the Fall...either way, it's not too late to join! You can find more information on the BCES PTA website under the Membership tab at www.briercreekpta.org or **contact our VP of Membership, Kristy Pollard at kspollard@nc.rr.com.**

Does your employer have a matching gift program? Seven BCES families asked their employer, GlaxoSmithKline, to match their donation to the school and raised an additional \$525 for the school!! Check your employers internal website or contact our VP of Membership, Kristy at kspollard@nc.rr.com for more info.

MORE SMARTBOARDS! With the recent success of the Holiday Jamboree & the Book Fair, we are able to purchase 6 more Smartboards. Thank you to all those who participated and volunteered!!