

# Brier Creek Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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## PTA YEAR IN REVIEW

What an amazing year we have had at BCES! We had many great events & accomplished that benefited the entire BCES community. As a result of all the fundraising and other events, we were able to purchase 15 Smartboards!!! This has differentiated our school from so many others in Wake county. A huge thanks goes out to Denise Holliday, Track 1 VP, who had the vision and led the charge!! In addition, the successful fundraisers—The Holiday Jamboree, Co-Chaired by Janet Skiscim and Terri Knowles allowed us to be able to have enough money to purchase many of smartboards. The Business Partnership, Chaired by Leslie Pawlak, was also an amazing contributor—these businesses helped us all year long. We also had a successful Membership & First Annual Giving Drive, chaired by Kristy Pollard—we doubled our membership base to over 400 members!

Of course, the year wasn't just about fundraising. We had wonderful enrichment programs like Character Education—Chaired by Bethany Schlegel, the Science Fair—Co-Chaired by Jen Hoch and Joel Pawlak, and Cultural Arts—Chaired by Alice Miller. The Science Fair drew a record number of students and parents! We had 8 cultural arts performances by 4 different artists and a week long art residency for 5th graders. All these programs enriched and rounded out our children's education. We look forward to another great year beginning July 9th!!

## HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

In light of Father's Day, we would like to acknowledge some amazing fathers who have helped our PTA.. First is Mark McKenna, who has painstakingly built and kept our website updated. This has been an ongoing task throughout the year and he's done an amazing job!! Next is Joel Pawlak, who co-chaired our Science Fair and helped out at every fundraising event in ways big and small! Last but not least, are all the husbands of the PTA Board members and Mr. Chambers (our principal's husband). They watched the kids, helped clean up after events, and patiently gave us time to devote to the PTA and the school, so that all the children at BCES would benefit. We would not have been as successful as we were without these GREAT fathers!!!! Happy Fathers day to you all!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW PTA BOARD

President: Shilpa Shelton  
Vice Presidents: Trina Fisher & Amy Mudd  
Treasurer: Jennifer Erdmann  
Secretary: Melinda Posner  
VP, Fundraising: Diana Clemens  
Track 1 VP: Tracey Noble  
Track 2 VP: vacant (interested?)  
Track 3 VP: Lisa Dooley  
Track 4 VP: Bethany Schlegel  
VP, Membership: Robin Barnhill  
VP Business Development: Leslie Pawlak  
Bookkeeper: Kim Johnson  
A HUGE THANKS goes to the members who are rotating off the Board: Kristy Pollard, Dana King, Denise Holliday, Ricci McKenna & Laura Nemecek. We appreciate all your contributions!!!

## POSITIVE PARENTING

The PTA and All Saints United Methodist Church are co-sponsoring famous speaker Amy McCready, on June 17th from 7pm–9pm to present proven and easy to implement ways to correct children's misbehavior permanently without nagging, reminding or yelling. Amy is a renowned parenting expert who has co-authored books about positive discipline approaches and is presently a TODAY Show contributor. She has been featured on the Today Show, ABC News, the New York Times and Sirius/XM satellite radio. To learn more about her, visit [www.positiveparentingsolutions.com](http://www.positiveparentingsolutions.com). Please join us for this FREE seminar. For questions, email [Kelly.matson@me.com](mailto:Kelly.matson@me.com).

## June, 2010

### Dates to Remember

June 17—Positive Parenting Seminar 7pm-9pm (child care provided)

June 17—9:15—9:45am Character Education Volunteer Breakfast

June 22 & 23—Back to School event at Barnes & Noble—Purchase BCES teacher-selected books per grade. Percent of sales go to BCES. Details to follow!

June 30—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## THANK YOU PARENTS

Thank you to all those who volunteered in the classroom to teach character education lessons. You helped show that character counts at BCES! We will honor you on June 17 @ 9:15a

## SURVEY

The PTA would like your feedback as we plan for next year. An electronic survey will be e-mailed to parents through room parents. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey. Your ideas are valuable to us!