

Brier Creek Elementary School

PTA Newsletter

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Welcome to a new school year!!

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year at Brier Creek Elementary School (BCES). This will be a year focused on continued commitment to academic excellence and positive "SOARING" behavior.

In collaboration with Dr. Chambers, our wonderful Principal, the PTA Board developed 2 priorities for this year: outfit every classroom with a Smartboard and leveled books. The Smartboards support our teachers with a tool that provides expanded experiences and engages our children in new ways of learning. The leveled books allow each classroom to have books on hand at reading levels of all the kids in that grade, providing more opportunities to take books home to encourage the love of reading.

The priorities can only be met by supporting the efforts of and participating in the PTA. One of the first things that you can do to participate is to [join the PTA](#) and attend the 4 General PTA meetings this year. Secondly, we [encourage you](#)

to sign up for a committee or volunteer during the year. All the funds raised by the PTA events go back to the teachers and students. Participating in the PTA is rewarding not only to parents but also your children and the whole BCES community!

~ Shilpa Shelton, PTA President

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 including the upcoming Open Houses later in the month of July.

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

Huge thanks to Amy Mudd, VP Operations, and Diana Clemens, VP Fundraising, for coordinating the design selections and sales of all the spiritwear! GO JETS!!!!

School Directory—be a part of it!!!

Please complete the green sheets that were sent home with the packet of information from your teachers. The school directory has important dates, phone numbers, coupons and a list of contact information exclusively for the use of its students and parents.

Annual Giving Drive! Help Us Reach The \$15K Goal!!

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

Q: What is the Annual Membership & Giving Drive?

A: It is the time of year where the PTA asks parents to join the PTA for the 2010-11 school year & hopes to raise money through parent donations.

Q: How much does the PTA expect to raise with the Giving Drive?

A: Our goal is to raise \$15K. For every \$25 donation, a Contributor Card will be placed in the entry way of the school in your family's name.

We need 600 contributor cards by August 31st to demonstrate our success at raising \$15K! It is a large amount of money, but if we all work together by building a wall of 600 contributor cards we can reach this significant goal.

Q: How much should I give?

A: Give as much or as little as you are able. Get great BCES Spirit Wear incentives for donations starting at \$50.

Q: I joined the PTA last year, do I have to join again?

A: Yes, Please! It is an AN-

NUAL Membership An Individual membership is \$10.00 or a Family Membership is \$15.00. That's ONLY \$.83 - \$1.25 per month for the entire school year!

Q: Where does the money go?

A: All the money raised goes towards teachers and students. Review the budget on the PTA website and vote on it at the General PTA meeting on 8/31.

Q: Is my donation tax deductible?

A: Yes, but it's always best to check with your accountant for any special circumstances.

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Dates to Remember

July 26 & 27—
Family Night Out @
Dairy Queen Brier
Creek 3:00-8:00pm

July 29—Open
House Track 1-3.
Spirit Wear Sales &
Committee sign Ups.

Aug 26—Open
House Track 4.
Spirit Wear Sales &
Committee sign ups.

Aug 31—General
PTA Meeting with
Popsicles on the
Playground. Bring a
picnic dinner & have
a popsicle on us!
6:00-7:00pm

Special Interest

- What is a Smart-board? The PTA would like to raise enough money to place one in each classroom over the next year. Check the website for more info.
- We need Character Ed volunteers. Just follow the pre-developed teaching guide—no experience required. 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!!

