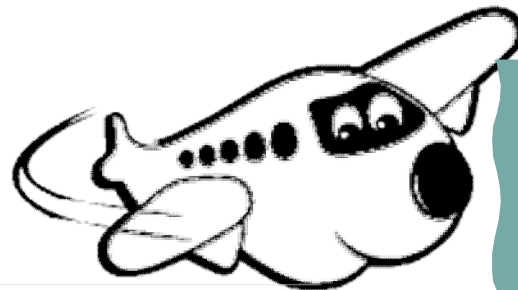


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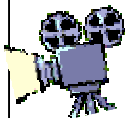


Join the PTA and Donate to the Giving Drive

Thanks to all the families that have generously contributed to the Third Annual Giving Drive. We have reached our \$10,000 milestone! We have until August 26 to reach our goal of \$25,000. If you have the ability, please strongly consider this **tax-deductible** support of our school and make a direct impact on his/her education. ALL contributions, no matter the amount, make a DIFFERENCE. Together, we can fund 30 new laptops for the technology lab, upgrade existing computers, and provide for educational and cultural experiences throughout the school year.

Join and Give Today: online by going to www.briercreekpta.org, or use a giving form that was sent home with your child. You can also find forms in the school lobby.

THANKS to contributors who are proudly recognized in the school entryway! Be sure to check out the stock certificates that are filling up the wall!



"Screen on the Green"

Join us for Family Movie Night on **September 9** for a showing of **Gnomeo and Juliet!** Admission is one canned food donation per person, or get your family ticket by donating to the Giving Drive. The movie will begin at dusk, around 7:30 p.m. Come as early as 6:30 p.m., bring a picnic dinner and have fun socializing on the playground! Don't forget your blankets and lawn chairs!

Opening Act: A special dance performance by our very own BCES staff if we reach our Giving Drive goal of \$25K! This will be a great chance to get a sneak peek at our Staff Talent Show, coming later this year.

THANKS to the following sponsors for making this PTA family event possible: Brier Creek Community Center, Dr. Robert Kent & Associates at Carolina Braces, and Kim Pupularo, Realtor.

Contact Luana Deans at ludeans@yahoo.com if you'd like to be on the coordinating committee.



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Dates To Remember

Aug. 9—Open House Track 4. Spirit Wear Sales and Committee Sign-ups.

Aug. 11—Family Night Out at Qdoba Brier Creek.

Sept. 9—Movie Night & General PTA Meeting

Track Out Adventure at Great Wolf Lodge

Track 1: Sept. 18-22

Track 3: Oct. 23-27

Track 4: Oct. 9-13

See PTA website and flyer for more information!

Reminders:

→ Send in your Student Directory information forms!

→ It's not too late to buy Spirit Wear. Stop by the PTA table in the lobby at any Track 4 back to school event. Order forms will be sent home in your child's weekly folder and will be available on the PTA website soon.

It's Now Easier To Link Your Target and Grocery Cards!!

It's time to sign up again for grocery links including Harris Teeter, Kroger, Food Lion, and Target! You must renew them annually, and this year we have made it very easy!

Go to <http://www.briercreekpta.org/fundraising.htm>, scroll to Passive Fundraisers, and click on the grocery links...it's that easy! The grocery stores make the donation, and you pay nothing extra.

And, remember to clip and save **Box Tops** from all General Mills products. Our first collection will be this fall.

Donors Choose— Connecting you to BCES classrooms in need.

Visit www.donorschoose.org to view our school's current "projects" for items that our teachers need. Many companies will match your donation. To find out if your company participates, go to:

www.matchinggifts.com/donorschoose

Contact Susan Haller for more information: susan.haller@sas.com



Congratulations to **Susan Haller**, our August Volunteer of the Month! As VP of Membership, Susan has worked tirelessly to organize the Annual Membership and Giving Drive. She has been present at many back to school events, encouraging parents and teachers to support the PTA. She also has worked countless hours behind the scenes producing and distributing thousands of brochures and welcome packets, organizing incentives, and tracking contributions. Thanks to Susan, the Giving Drive is off to a very successful start! Thank you, Susan, for all your hard work!

SAVE THE DATE—Sept. 29, 2011, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Speaker's Forum on Health & Wellness: Providing parents with tools to help our children SOAR

Specialists have been invited to present on the following topics: **Internet Safety** and **Your Child**; Looking at **ADHD with a New Perspective**; Practical Ideas to Encourage **Healthy Eating & Physical Activity**; Effective Strategies for **Preventing Bullying**

Visit www.briercreekpta.org for more information and to register for this free event.