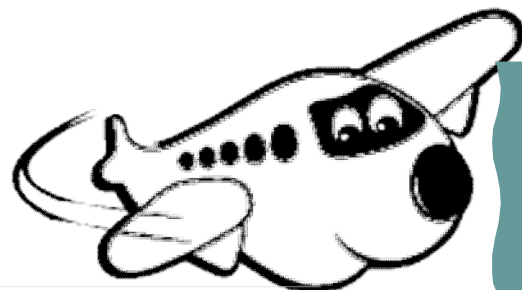


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Dates to Remember

Oct. 20—Halloween Family Night Out at Qdoba Brier Creek. Wear your costumes!

Track Out Adventure at Great Wolf Lodge
Track 3: Oct. 23-27
Track 4: Oct. 9-13
See PTA website and flyer for more information.

Oct. 31—Deadline for Box Tops collection. Prizes for class that collects the most!

Nov. 14—BCES PTA Golf Tournament

Nov. 15—Walk-a-Thon—all tracks

Our Citipass fundraiser was a huge success! We exceeded our goal by \$1,000 and made \$11,000 for our school! A huge thank you goes out to Bethany Schlegel and her committee members: Lauren Syer, Becky Claxon, Torrie Klein and Ricci McKenna.

Congratulations to Katie Groff for selling the most Citipass books! She sold 30 books and her family now has a free one-night stay at Great Wolf Lodge along with passes to the water park. Thank you to all who participated and helped make this fundraiser so successful!

Get ready.....Get set....Go!! As a way to promote school spirit with a focus on fitness, the students of BCES will be participating in our 2nd annual Walk-a-thon on Tuesday November 15th during recess. Money raised from the Walk-a-thon will be used to support programs that directly benefit the children of BCES. Although this is a fundraising event, all children may participate in the Walk-a-thon, even if they do not seek donations to do so.

We are excited to offer the option of on-line donations this year! You can log on to the BCES PTA website at www.briercreekpta.org/walk-a-thon to make pledges on-line. This a terrific option for our BCES families and for out of town friends and relatives!! You can also continue to solicit traditional cash/check donations. Thank you so much for your generous support of this event!

Important Dates: Oct. 7–Nov. 9: Students collect pledges; Nov. 14: Pledge money due at the school & on-line donations must be complete; Nov. 15: Walk-a-thon—All tracks!; Nov. 18: Top collecting classes/individuals announced & prizes distributed

Would you like a \$5 coupon & admission to an exclusive sales event at Belk's?

On Nov. 5th from 6-10 a.m., area Belk's stores are having a huge sale to benefit charities & schools. When you purchase a \$5 admission ticket, 100% of the proceeds go directly to support the BCES PTA & the 5th graders' trip to DC. Tickets went home in your child's Monday folder on 9/29. More tickets are available; sign up on the PTA website:

www.briercreekpta.org/belks-charity-day-sale.html or email DCTrip@briercreekpta.org

First Annual BCES PTA Golf Tournament
Monday, Nov. 14, 2011 at Brier Creek Country Club

Have your company sponsor a hole, or register with your friends and family to play. Win a car at the Hole in One Contest!

10:00 a.m.: Registration

11:00 a.m.: Shotgun start, scramble format

Special thanks to Brier Creek Country Club, Dr. Robert Kent, and Audi of Raleigh for making this event possible! Contact Rachel Pisciotta at rjpisciotta@yahoo.com for more info.

The 2011-2012 BCES Student Directory is now available online at www.briercreekpta.org.

Thank you to Felicia Ramsey and Nikki White for their assistance in preparing the directory!

We were thrilled by how many people came to our first general PTA meeting and "Screen on the Green". Thanks to the generosity of those who donated items and volunteered at the concessions tent, the 5th graders raised over **\$600** for the DC trip!

Presenting our October Volunteer of the Month... Jim Baudreau! Jim has volunteered countless hours assisting the BCES PTA with technology upgrades. The PTA board often receives e-mails from Jim in the wee hours of the night, as he is working away on our projects long after his regular work hours. Jim developed a new PTA website that enables parents to sign-up for events and make purchases on-line, improves communication with parents and teachers, and provides convenient access to all the exciting things happening at BCES. In addition, Jim assisted the PTA in developing an electronic student directory, helping us comply with our school's "Go Green" initiative. THANK YOU, Jim, for your hours of volunteering and your hard work to improve our school!!!