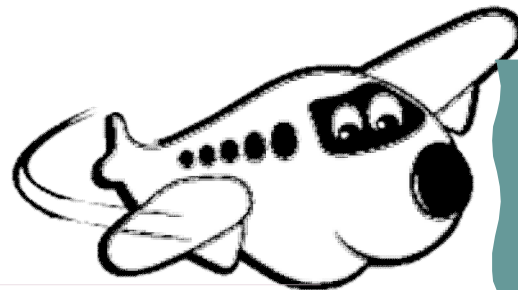


Brier Creek Elementary School

PTA Newsletter

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Third Annual Membership and Giving Drive a Huge Success—Thanks to YOU!!!

Thanks to all the families that joined the PTA and generously contributed to the Giving Drive. We reached our goal of 500 members and almost made it to \$25,000! We're proud to announce that we raised \$23,000! Your donations helped us pay for 30 new laptops and computer upgrades, and will fund various educational and cultural programs throughout the year. Special thanks to Susan Haller and her committee for organizing the Membership and Giving Drive! If you did not give monetarily, please consider donating your time to various PTA committees and fundraising events. Your time is equally valuable! Check out the PTA website for information on the committees.

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Dates To Remember

Sept. 6—Citipass fundraiser money due

Sept. 7—5th grade parent meeting for Washington DC fundraising, 6:00 p.m. in the media center

Sept. 9— Family Movie Night and General PTA Meeting; Family Night Out at Which Wich of Brier Creek—dine in or pick up sandwiches for Movie Night.

Sept. 29—Speaker's Forum on Health & Wellness

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!

Spirit Wear is still available! Return the attached order form to your child's teacher.

"Screen on the Green"

What: Family Movie Night featuring Gnomeo and Juliet

When: Friday, Sept. 9 around 7:45 p.m following a short PTA meeting at 7:15. Come as early as 6:30 p.m., bring a picnic dinner and have fun socializing on the playground!

Where: BCES lawn

Cost: One canned food donation per person, or one family ticket from Giving Drive

Don't forget your blankets and lawn chairs! Concessions will be sold by the 5th grade families and teachers.

Pick up dinner from Which Wich of Brier Creek, and 15% of proceeds will be donated to the school.

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 Pappalardo, Realtor.

Save your General Mills Box Tops! School-wide collection will begin in October. Individual and class prizes will be given to students who turn in Box Tops.

Thank You Parents for linking your grocery loyalty cards! We've had a great response from the grocery card link forms. Please return your form or visit the PTA website and link them online.

Do you know about the fantastic benefits of a Target debit card? You'll save 5% on all purchases and 1% of every purchase comes back to BCES! Get yours today!

Join us for a Speaker's Forum on Health & Wellness on September 29th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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. Sponsored by BCES PTA and All Saints United Methodist Church.

First Annual BCES PTA Golf Tournament

Monday, November 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 & Associates, and Audi of Raleigh for making this event possible!

Print the attached flyer, or contact Rachel Pisciotta at:

rjpisciotta@yahoo.com

Congratulations to September's Volunteer of the Month - Bethany Schlegel! Bethany has 3 daughters that have attended or currently attend BCES. She has been an incredibly active and involved parent at the school since it opened, serving on the PTA board, leading Character Education, and organizing Citipass for the past 2 years. Citipass is one of our major fundraisers, and we are especially appreciative of her efforts again this year. Students have just begun selling Citipass books, but Bethany has been hard at work for months coordinating this year's efforts. In the past, Citipass has raised close to \$10,000 and funded classroom libraries, Smart Boards, our Art Residency with Leni Newall, and the presentation of Shakescenes by the Burning Coal Theater. Bethany is also the BCES parent representative for our district's school board representative, Deborah Prickett, on her Board Advisory Council. We are grateful for Bethany along with her husband, Jesse, and their family for the active role they play in making our school a better place to learn and grow!