



THE BRIER BUZZ

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May 2007

The Brier Arts Festival



Come join us and help transform the school into a gallery of incredible Bobcat artwork for the Arts Festival!

Mount Art
Wednesday, May 9th
1:30 – 3:30 pm

Hang Art
Monday, May 14th
9:00 am – noon

We're also looking for donations of cookies and punch to serve during the Festival.

Thank you for your support.
To volunteer, contact
Debbie Dunne

Connect with us...

We'd like to hear your questions, comments, or suggestions!

- PTA Hotline @ Brier Elementary—(425) 431-7311 ext. 1588
- Email the PTA at brier_pta@yahoo.com
- Visit our website at www.brierelementarypta.org



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Art enriches our children! A recent article in "Our Children", the national PTA magazine, cited studies revealing the connection between arts education and students' intellectual, personal, and social development. These studies show that there is a direct link between the arts and student achievement. Creative expression benefits our kids!

I'm proud to share that this PTA is committed to enhancing the arts at Brier Elementary School. We have met our 2006-2007 goal of increasing arts enhancement programs by funding opportunities for all students to experience music, drama, drawing, dance, sculpture, and literature.

To celebrate all the arts at Brier, please join me next Wednesday evening, May 16th, at the first Brier Arts Festival! This new tradition will provide an opportunity for students to share their artistic masterpieces, literary compositions, musical talents and more. I'm sure we will all be enriched through this wonderful event!

In Celebration,

Debbie Dunne

Brier Elementary PTA President



Upcoming Dates to Remember

May

- 6—12: Teachers Appreciation Week
- 8: All-Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 10: PTA Board Meeting (Board members only), 6—7 pm
- 16: PTA Event—Brier Elementary Arts Festival and Scholastic Book Fair, 5:30—8:00 pm
- 24: PTA General Membership meeting, 6:15—6:45 pm, in the library
- 20—26: Principal Appreciation Week

June

- 8: PTA Event—Volunteer Appreciation Event



Join us at the Book Fair

See the school's gym transformed into a celebration of writing and reading!

Bobcat Author's Corner



You won't want to miss this wonderful collection of Brier Elementary students' writing on display. The doors open at 5:30 pm.

Scholastic Book Fair

Stock up for your summer reading and support our library! One hundred percent of the profits are used to purchase new books for our school's library. Visit the PTA's website (www.brierelementarypta.org) for a sneak peek at the books available this year. Cash, checks, debit and credit cards, and gift certificates will be accepted.

Book Fair Location and Hours:

- Visit us in the gym during the Brier Elementary Arts Festival on Wednesday, May 16. We will be open from 5:30 – 6:00 pm and 6:45 – 8:30 pm.
- In Room 11 on Thursday, May 17, from 11:00 am – 4:30 pm
- And in Room 11 on Friday, May 18, from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm.

See you at the Arts Festival!

Please plan to attend this year's final PTA General Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 24th, from 6:15—6:45 pm, in the library. The primary focus of this short meeting is the approval of the 2007-2008 budget.

We hope to see you there!

Earn Cash for Our School from Verizon Wireless



Here's a simple way to raise funds for PTA programs and activities: Verizon Wireless is offering \$25 to the PTA for each new line of service on a one- or two-year calling plan. Just take a special Brier PTA/Verizon Wireless flyer to their store in Lynnwood (near Nordstrom Rack) and sign up for their service.

You can get a flyer in the office, or contact Sue Coppinger.

Help Wanted: Your Time and Tal-

Our PTA programs depend on volunteers like you for their success. Would you like to be more involved, but are unsure if you have the time? Are you looking for a task that fits your talents? Maybe you have ideas or suggestions you would like to make for our programs...

Your PTA Program Coordinator would love to hear from you! We have many volunteer opportunities available for next year's PTA programs and events. Please email Cathy Fiorillo at vpprograms@brierelementarypta.org



Brier Bobcat Gear Spring Sale

Show your school spirit!

The Brier PTA and EmbroidMe of Lynnwood are excited to offer clothing and accessories to help you show your school spirit! We offer shirts, hoodies, hats and much more! Clothing available in children and adult sizes. Ordering is easy and convenient with three ways to shop:

- ✪ **Order on-line:** Go to the PTA's website (brierelementarypta.org), scroll down to bottom of home page and select "Show Your School Spirit".
- ✪ **Order by phone:** Call the store directly at (425) 776-1350.
- ✪ **Order in person:** EmbroidMe is located at 18500 - 33rd Avenue West, Suite D-2, in Lynnwood (behind Red Robin & Billy McHale's).

You choose your method of payment (cash, check or credit card) and delivery option (home, school or pickup at the store).

~ A Change to Popcorn Fridays ~

Popcorn Fridays have changed slightly. Popcorn will be for sale at the last recess, not at lunch recess. Remember, the three remaining Popcorn Fridays of the year will be May 11th, May 25th, and June 15th. The cost is 25¢.



If you'd like to volunteer to help pop and serve popcorn, please contact Jill Brocksmith or Penny Ebright.

WASHINGTON STATE PTA HONORS BRIER

We're thrilled to report that the Brier Elementary PTA has received three distinctive honors from the Washington State PTA.

- ✪ Outstanding Newsletter Award
- ✪ Standards of Excellence Award
- ✪ Honor Unit Award

Representatives of your PTA were recognized at the recent Washington State Annual PTA Convention.



Thank you for all your support and commitment to the Brier Elementary PTA. These terrific successes are shared accomplishments!

Congratulations to all!!!

Your Brier PTA in Action!



The Arts are Alive at Brier!

Thanks to the generous PTA contribution and a grant from the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation, our integrated arts program is going strong. This month, we will have two guest artists in residence as we prepare for our Arts Festival on the 16th. Kim Newall, a visual artist, and Debbie Gilbert, a professional dancer and educator, will be here six days this month! Students will have an opportunity to work with both artists to further explore movement/music and to further refine their drawing and observational skills. In addition, Kim will teach a Family Drawing Class at our Arts Festival on May 16th.



We are so very lucky to have the support of our PTA to assist us in our Arts efforts. So often, the Arts are the first content areas to be cut when it comes to budget, including training and materials expenses. We value you, our supportive parents. Thank you!

—Cindy Marum

2006—2007 PTA

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APRIL 12, 2007 BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

(Pending Approval)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- ◆ Popcorn Fridays: Debbie attended the Edmonds Council PTA meeting, where the representative from Food Services for the Edmonds School District covered the rules regarding outside food sales on school grounds. As long as we are not selling popcorn at the same time as district food service sales (lunchtime), we will be in compliance. If a school is caught violating this rule, it could result in loss of government funding for that day's meals. Popcorn sales will be moved to last recess.
- ◆ The May General Membership meeting has been changed to May 24. We will hold the meeting before that evening's school musical, "Lighten Up."
- ◆ Brier Elementary PTA will be recognized at the State PTA Convention in May. Our PTA will receive three awards: "Outstanding Newsletter"; "Standards of Excellence"; and "Honor Unit". In addition, we were nominated for the "Outstanding Local Unit" award.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ◆ Congratulations to Mark Givens and his wife on the birth of their baby girl, Maile Givens.
- ◆ There will be a Lock Down Drill tomorrow.
- ◆ WASL testing begins next week and will continue over the next three weeks.
- ◆ Teacher grade level band grants are being used to enhance classroom libraries. Cindy conveyed the teachers' thanks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ Budget Committee Update: The committee will meet three times. Penny will e-mail people to set up the meetings. The budget needs to be ready for approval at the May General Membership Meeting.
- ◆ End of the Year Event: Some current ideas are: snow cones; field day (with relay-type events, balloon toss, etc.); possibly having the event at Brier Park.

Brier's Reflections Art Program Winners!

Look for the display of all Reflections entries at the Arts Festival



LEFT: "Mount Rainier National Park", 1st Place. By Arshia, 3rd grade



ABOVE: "My Favorite Place is My School, Brier Elementary", 2nd Place. By Katelyn, Kindergarten

RIGHT: "My Favorite Place is the Space Needle", 3rd Place. By Kali, 1st grade (Regional Finalist)



LEFT: "My Favorite Place is My Room", 4th Place. By Kira, 2nd grade



RIGHT: "Orcas Island", 5th Place. By Catherine, 3rd grade



A-P-P-R-E-C-I-A-T-I-O-N!!!!

PTA would like to thank Kathy Saneto and Ingela Hense for putting together yummy luncheon baskets for Julie Whittles and Danielle Croston during Professional Administrative Appreciation Week in April.



During Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6—12), the PTA will honor Brier's wonderful teachers with an all-staff luncheon on May 8th. Parents and students are encouraged to show their appreciation for their teachers, as well.

Also, coming up during Principal Appreciation Week (May 20—26), the PTA will honor our amazing principal, Cindy Marum, with some special treats.

Brier PTA Business Members

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