



Brywood Bugle

Keeping Brywood Parents Informed, Connected & Involved

Principal's Message



Dear Brywood Families,

It seems you cannot open a newspaper, turn on a television, radio or computer without hearing or reading about our country, and California's poor economy. I personally have family members and close friends who have taken drastic pay cuts or lost jobs as a result the terrible economic climate. Some of you have shared with me your own struggles or those close to you. This is a difficult time for so many people. Often, when I send emails and voicemails asking you to

support Families Forward, a blood drive, and most recently the Haitian people; I wonder if I am asking for too much, too often. Yet each time I ask, you rise to the occasion and I am humbled by your generosity. I am hoping that I can reach out to all of you again, this time to support Irvine Unified School District and Brywood.

Unfortunately, when California suffers financially, so do our schools. Currently our state's budget crisis translates to a \$22,500,000 budget deficit to Irvine Unified School District. Our district MUST cut \$22,500,000 from next year's budget. Our School Board will be making a decision about specific cuts at the March 2 Board Meeting. Programs, that all of us have come to know and love, will be cut. There is no way to balance the budget without cutting programs and reducing salaries. We are beyond the point of making pleas for saving a favorite program. Instead, we need to be thinking about making monetary contributions to our PTA and/or IPSF, the Irvine Public School Foundation. All of us will be impacted by this hit to the budget. Your contributions can help soften the blow. Please read through this newsletter carefully. It will help you make an informed decision about your contribution. Additionally, there is a wealth of information on the IUSD website regarding budget.

I will continue to send my email messages regarding the budget; however the opportunity to meet with community leaders and hear the information first hand is invaluable. I always learn something new. School Board member, Gavin Huntley-Fenner, will be attending our February, 23 PTA meeting, and will be available to answer questions and listen to your concerns. I urge you to attend this meeting. It is a fact that your child's educational program will change as a result of budget cuts. You will want to be informed.

While our financial problems are bigger than a Pizza Night can solve, we will continue to have these fun, family centered events because we believe every \$ helps. Thanks to everyone who came out on a VERY rainy evening to Pizza Night. We managed to have a great turn out, a good time and raise some money for our classrooms.

Thanks to Mrs. Van Vorhis for preparing our 6th grade students for Brywood's Annual Science Fair. Under Mrs. Van Vorhis' guidance, and with parent support, our 6th graders' projects were stellar. We definitely have some future scientists her at Brywood. Congratulations to all of our 6th Grade Students.

We had an excellent turn out for our January PTA meeting. Brywood teachers, Mrs. Mary Thomas-Vallens and Ms. Freddi Siegel presented information on both GATE and APAAS. Every PTA meeting provides an educational opportunity for our parents. I encourage you to attend. Thanks to our teacher for lending their time and expertise.

Finally, the last Friday of the month was CAN Day. Our queen of recycling, Kathy Brook-Wong, invited School Board Member, Gavin Huntley-Fenner, to come see

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CAN Day in action. Our Brywood Student Council and our local Girl Scout Troop helped with the collection of recyclables. Mr. Huntley-Fenner was most impressed with Brywood's "GREEN" Spirit.

While the dark cloud of the budget continues to loom overhead, your children are happy and learning at Brywood. My favorite part of any day is visiting classrooms. Often I'll be watching a lesson in primary grades and a student will raise their hand and confidently give their answer. After praise from their teacher, they look to me and smile proudly. It truly warms my heart. What could be better than that? Or when I visit an upper grade classroom and students share with me their latest project, so excited and proud about their work, talking over one another to get my attention. I love it. During these trying times, it's these visits that remind me of the great job I have. I work with great people. I am supported by a wonderful community and I see those 623 smiling faces every day.

Thanks for all you do.

Christine Amoroso, Principal

Brywood Brags

Congratulations to all of our students who earned Brywood Brags in December and January. Keep up the good work!

December 2009

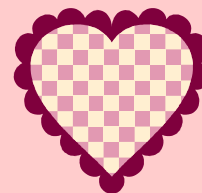
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- Michael Son
- Shilpa Rajagopal
- Katie Yun
- Danica Elejorde
- Michelle Kim
- Anthony Bui
- Emmerson Orozco
- Mia Huynh
- Jackson Baker
- Leia Ibasitas
- McKenzie Keasberry
- Vnuk
- William Pan
- Ayden Mateo
- Sean Yan
- Katelyn Muniz
- David Lee
- Max Tsao
- Jessica Keasberry Vnuk
- Addie Belsby
- Joey Fleming
- Chanel Tran
- Hadden Choi
- Jacob Milsap
- Jenna Swerdfeger
- Aniela Bokota

- Michael Ortega
- Alyssa Thompson
- Sasha Cooper
- Raphael Dela Cruz
- Christopher Chu
- Emma Shelton
- Ashley Kang
- Harun Shuja
- Neil Gopal
- Miles Johnson
- Jamie Oh
- Nicca Falah
- Ashlyn Shahin
- Dylan Tran
- Jerry Lu
- Danny Wolf
- David Bae
- Morgan Fern
- Joseph Oh
- Emily Lin-Wu
- Megan Norman
- Lyjah Hansen
- Shalini Rao
- Phil Chen

January 2010

- Ali Tamadon
- Cullan McCarthy
- Shivani Kulkarni
- Aniela Bokota
- Isabel Ferguson
- Rory McClelland
- Yassine Samir
- Nabil Fawaz
- Ally Chao
- Jazmyn Cooper
- Destiny Mounce
- Ashlyn Hong
- Makena Pellazar
- Eric Gao
- Kylie Kenyon
- Isabella Sinclair
- Noor Yaseen
- Samuel Kim
- Kristine Nguyen
- Lisa Xu
- Robert Chang
- Albert Wen
- Christine Lin
- Raashi Subramanya
- Lauren Miller
- Paul Bae
- Matthew Thomlinson
- Alysa Chen
- Alicia Thai
- James Noh

February Calendar



- February 1**
ACE Classes Begin
- February 4**
ACE Registration Deadline (Extended)
- February 8**
No School
Lincoln Day Observance
- February 10**
Talent Show Entry Deadline
- February 12**
Culture Performance Entry Deadline
- February 15**
No School
Washington Day Observance
- February 15**
6th Grade Baby Photos Due
- February 17**
Pizza Night
Northwood Pizza 5 to 7:30 pm
- February 23**
PTA Meeting
MPR 7pm
- February 24**
Talent Show Rehearsal 5 to 7:30 pm
- February 26**
Talent Show 6 pm—Sierra Vista MS
- February 26**
Can Day





Message from PTA Advocacy Chair for Irvine Council, Wendy Bokota

Summary of IUSD Budget Community Forum

Thank you to all who attended the IUSD Community Budget Forum on Tues. Jan. 26, and who chose to speak to the board on a particular issue. For those of you unable to attend, the room was packed and overflowing, with concerned parents and staff on hand speaking on a variety of topics. There was an especially large turn-out of supporters for elementary art, but the school board members commented that they had received emails and calls from people on a wide variety of topics. The primary purpose of the forum was for the board to hear from the community. There was limited budget information presented. The projected shortfall is still \$22.5 million, but CEO Lisa Howell cautioned that the number could still change based on CA budget issues. It is important to remember what is really behind the proposed budget cuts—namely, the California state budget crisis and the choices made by our leaders in Sacramento in dealing with that crisis. One item to keep in mind--in the last two years, \$17 billion has been cut from school budgets in California, cuts that are disproportionate to any other reductions in the budget.

We need to speak out against further cuts to education, to keep IUSD's \$22.5 million shortfall from increasing any further. On page 15 of this newsletter, you will find a letter to the governor for you to print out, sign, and send as is, or to customize with your own personal remarks. As parents and voters, we need to tell our leaders to stop sacrificing our children's future through more budget cuts.

Why Support Both PTA & IPSF?

Significant budget cuts in Irvine are inevitable, but parents can help. At the Community Budget Forum, IPSF announced that they are starting an immediate 5 week campaign to raise as much money as they can by March 1st. The money raised will focus on supporting larger classes with instructional aide time (something PTAs can't pay for). The school board votes on the budget cut on March 2, so dollars raised between now and then can help mitigate the cuts. If you don't already know, PTAs cannot hire staff; that can only be done by the district, and IPSF funds can be used for that purpose. Once hired, PTAs may be able to supplement positions, as several schools do now with roles such as health clerk, library/media and K-2 music. But PTA units can only do that if the staff is there in the first place and supporting IPSF's campaign is the way to do that. The work of IPSF has never been so critical as it is at this moment in our history. While \$22 million may be an unattainable goal, IPSF is working tirelessly to raise money for our schools, and we are urging all who support education in Irvine to learn more about the foundation and to make a donation. IPSF has a new website (www.ipsf.net), a new CEO in Neda Zaengle, and a number of fresh strategies, yet its core mission remains the same – to preserve the quality of our schools through fundraising and the facilitation of dynamic programs.

PTA & IPSF Pay for Different Things

PTA = Great Stuff for Your School	IPSF= Great Staff for Every School
PTA funds site-specific needs, such as equipment and supplies. For example, classroom and art materials, library books, computers and technology purchases, school equipment, enrichment programs and limited staff support.	IPSF's annual grant to IUSD pays for staff expenses such as teacher salaries. For example, teachers, aides and specialists who conduct music, art, science, and PE, and health clerks and nurses, have all been funded at times through IPSF funding
PTA Programs = School Site Specific	IPSF Programs = District Wide
Most PTA programs are focused at the school site. Examples include assemblies, playground activities, parent education, family nights, jog-a-thons, and book fairs.	IPSF programs take place at schools throughout the district, insuring equal access for all students. Examples include Afterschool Classroom Enrichment Program, Middle School Zero Period PE, Counseling Support, Great Body Shop Health Curriculum (K-6).



Orange County's First Arts Advocacy Conference

The Creative Edge Opens the Door to Opportunity

Redefining the Role of Creativity in
Business, Education and Society

When: Monday, March 15
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: OC Performing Arts Center
Costa Mesa

Keynote Speaker:

Daniel Pink

The author of *A Whole New Mind*, will talk
about 'Why Right Brainers Will Rule the Fu-
ture'

Strategic breakout sessions will be presented by
arts advocacy professionals.

Learn how you can be part of a growing grass roots
movement to support the arts in Orange County.

For more information, contact Steve Lus-
tig, 4th District PTA Cultural Arts Chairman,
at cultural-arts@fourthdistrictpta.org.



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OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF DESERVE "P.A.T.S." ON THE BACK!

THE IRVINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION PRESENTS
PARENTS APPRECIATING TEACHERS AND STAFF

Thank your child's teachers and special staff members for all of their hard
work through the **Parents Appreciating Teachers and Staff (PATS)**
program.

There are many reasons to participate in PATS:

- It is a great way to recognize those individuals who make a difference
in your child's education.
- Your tax-deductible donation goes directly back into the classroom
through the Innovative Teaching Award Program (ITAP).
- Your child's teachers and staff members receive a personalized cer-
tificate of recognition with a small gift expressing that you think they
are special and how much you appreciate them.

APPRECIATE YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER OR STAFF TODAY!

- \$20.00 donation recognizes one (1) teacher or staff
- \$40.00 donation recognizes three (3) teachers or staff
- \$60.00 donation recognizes five (5) teachers or staff
- \$80.00 donation recognizes seven (7) teachers or staff
- \$100.00 donation recognizes nine (9) teachers or staff

All Donations Must Be Received By March 5, 2010

*Please make checks payable to IPSF
Mail check with this page to IPSF
18552 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92612
Please write "PATS" on your envelope!*

Teacher/Staff Name: _____
If you are recognizing multiple teachers or staff, please include the
necessary information on a separate sheet.

School or Location: _____

Student's Name: _____

Optional Personal Message to be printed on certificate (20 words or less
only, please): _____

Parent's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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News You Can Use



Events at Brywood

Brywood Dads Present:

Brywood Talent Show 2010

Show Us What You've Got!

This year's talent show will take place **Friday February 26th** at Sierra Vista Middle School's Performing Arts Building. It is sure to be a hit, as it keeps getting better every year. Come out to support your children, your school and show your spirit. These kids will work hard preparing and performing and they should be recognized and supported by all. Entry Fee is \$2.50 per person. Pizza and snacks will also be sold by the 6th Grade Class. So start spreading the word.. tell your friends, neighbors, families, relatives and classmates. If your child will not be performing...that is OK, you can come out and support Brywood! Look for more information to come... emails, fliers at school, etc. For more information, please contact Hiram Aviles at HiramAviles@yahoo.com. I know that Brywood Kids have talent...Let's see it!

ACE Winter Session Begins

The Brywood ACE Program Winter 2010 session begins on February 1st and will go through the end of March. Did you know that ACE stands for "After-school Classroom Enrichment" and that it is sponsored by IPSF? The ACE Mission Statement is "To enrich the lives of students by providing high quality, accessible after-school learning opportunities at Irvine School sites." Together with carefully-selected ACE class instructors, the ACE coordinator and other parent volunteers called "Class Monitors" create a fun, safe, and enriching program for students here at Brywood. Brywood ACE Program flyers should have gone home in your child's conduit last week, a lime green one for the lower grades and a tangerine one for the upper grades. The flyers are available on page 16 and 17 for your viewing. If you have not signed your child up for an ACE class, yet, you may do so online by Thursday, February 4th, the extended deadline, by following the instructions on the flyers. Any questions regarding ACE classes can be directed to Kathy Brook-Wong at acemama@me.com.

6th Grade NEWS

Baby Photos

It's time to search for baby photos of your 6th grader! These photos will be featured in this year's Brywood Yearbook in the 6th Grade Pages. When you find your baby photo, please scan and email it to Hussam.El-Leithy@rosettanet.org or send an original (which will be returned to you) to your child's teacher in an envelope labeled "6th Grade Baby Photo" with your child's name on the back of the photo. If you email the photo, please be sure to include your child's name as well. Due date for pictures is February 15, 2010.

Talent Show

The Talent Show is coming on February 26th and the 6th grade families are in charge of the snack bar! Last year, the 6th grade class had refreshment tables of pizza, home-baked and store-bought sweets and beverages, as well as flowers and other gifts for the performers. We will be doing this same this year. Please consider volunteering to sell and/or bake goodies, pick-up pizzas and water bottles, or work set-up/tear down of the snack bar. The contact for volunteers and donations is Kathy Brook-Wong, so please contact her at KBWong90@yahoo.com to sign-up by February 21st.

Popcorn Wednesday

The Student Council will be selling popcorn every Wednesday after school for 50 cents a bag. Each month the combined profits will be donated to a community charity. Last month the Student Council voted to donate the money they raised to the Sheepfold, a charity that offers support and a place to live for abused women and children.

Pizza Nights

Continue

You are invited to Northwood Pizza on Wednesday February 17th from 5:00-7:30 for our monthly pizza night fundraiser. It's an evening of yummy food and great friends. This is one event you simply don't want to miss!

Take-out and delivery are always available by calling (714) 838-2111.



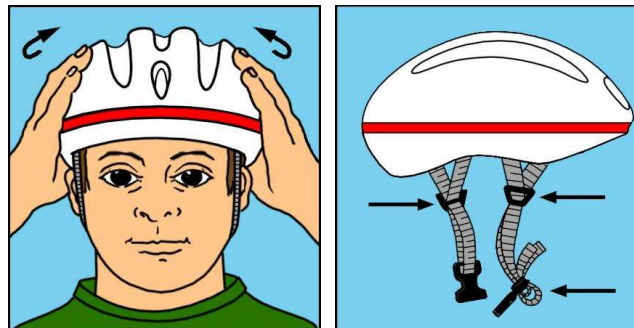
Do you know the correct way to wear a helmet?

Many adults and children are not wearing their helmets correctly to protect their head in a crash!

85-88% of critical head and brain injuries can be prevented through the use of a bicycle helmet. Helmets worn correctly can prevent an estimated 75% of bicycle fatalities among children.



Wear the helmet flat atop your head not tilted back at an angle, this will not protect the forehead!



Make sure the helmet fits snugly and does not obstruct your field of vision. Make sure the chin strap fits securely and that the buckle stays fastened. Only a two finger space should be between the strap and the chin. Wearing it any looser will move the helmet upon impact and not protect the head as the helmet is intended to do.

Please take the time to make sure your child's helmet is adjusted correctly, it could save their life!!!



BRYWOOD



→ Recycles

Mrs. Gillette's Students Star on ICTV

Did you have a chance to watch the "green schools" segment of ICTV on Cox Cable channel 30 when it aired on January 20th? A few of Mrs. Gillette's

students and our Recycling Coordinator, Kathy Brook-Wong, were interviewed and our Brywood recycling program was highlighted on the show. If you missed it, check out the ICTV website at http://www.cityofirvine.org/depts/citymanager/pio/ictv/irvine_news.asp for it should be posted throughout the month. Just click on "Irvine News - January 20, 2010" and again on "Green Schools" to watch that segment. Here are a couple of photos taken on December 11th when the ICTV crew visited Mrs. Gillette's classroom.



Kathy provides craft materials for the students' recycling art project.



One of Mrs. Gillette's students shares his enthusiasm about recycling with the ICTV crew.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal and Swap

Did you know you can trade up to 5 household cleaning, paint, pesticide, fertilizer products at the Household Hazardous Waste collection center for free? It's a nice reward for taking a little time to take the items you are disposing of properly instead of putting them in the trash. Just drive up and they take the items you are discarding out of your car for you then you can park and go in and select the items you want. It is off Sand Canyon right where the dog park is. They are open Tues-Sat 9am-3pm. They take things such as household chemicals, paint, electronic waste, batteries, lightbulbs. Here is the link for further information:

http://www.cityofirvine.us/multiunit_household.php

Thank you for doing your part in saving the environment!



iRECYCLE Water Bottle

What better way to show our pride in the amazing job we have been doing to recycle at Brywood and to "practice what we preach" than to use a reusable water bottle with "iRECYCLE BRYWOOD ELEMENTARY" written on it. This awesome design was created by our very own graphic art genius, Mark Song, and the water bottle project was instigated by Richard Stein, another Brywood dad. Many thanks to you both! This 20 ounce stainless steel bottle will not only reduce the use of plastic bottles but also look fabulous on you child's desk and will make a perfect gift for other family members and friends. Please order your water bottle by filling out a Water Bottle and Jog-a-thon T-shirt form by Friday, February 5th. The order form on page 14 can be printed and returned to Brywood.



Brywood Needs Your Ink and Toner Cartridges

Brywood is now accepting donations of used ink and toner cartridges. You may bring them on CAN (and Cartridge) Day through the end of the school year or drop them into the box labeled "CARTRIDGES FOR BRYWOOD" in the front office. Brywood will receive \$3 for each cartridge you donate and that will go directly towards purchasing office and classroom supplies for the school. We can reduce the number of cartridges that end up in landfills and benefit our children's school by doing this simple act of donating our cartridges to Brywood.





Jog-A-Thon News You Don't Want to Miss!

We have many exciting things planned for our 2010 Jog-a-thon that is scheduled on Friday, March 5, 2010. Parents come out to Brywood, "Run for Life" and support your child.

We can't run without a Jog-a-thon T-shirt, so will you help design it? Parents, the flier that went home last week is on page 13 of this newsletter which is calling all artists. Please have your child design our 2010 T-shirt. Our theme is "Run for Life," how much more creative can you get than life? This design must be turned in to your student's teacher by Friday, February 5, 2010 (deadline extended).

Along with the Jog-a-thon fliers, we hope you noticed our new Brywood 20 ounce stainless steel water bottle. In an effort to continue education on recycling, our goal at Brywood is to eliminate the use of plastic bottles by having our students purchase a reusable bottle.

Fill out your water bottle and Jog-a-thon T-shirt order form (on page 14 of this newsletter), and mandatory parent approval student waiver form (below) so your child can "Run for Life." Lastly, have your student set a running goal by having him or her begin collecting sponsors from family and friends. If you have not yet turned in your waiver, water bottle order and T-shirt order, please do so immediately.



Jog-A-Thon Mandatory Parent Approval and Student Waiver Form

_____ has my (our) permission to participate in the Jog-a-thon 2010 on Friday, March 5, 2010 at Brywood Elementary School. I (we), as parent(s) or guardian(s) of the minor, do for my (our) son/daughter, remise, release and forever discharge Brywood Elementary and the California State PTA and all PTA officers, employees and agents of each foregoing, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action on account of referred. I (we) hereby certify that to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief, said minor is in good health. In case of illness or accident, permission is granted for emergency treatment to be administered. I (we) consent to treatment of my (our) son/daughter and agree to pay all medical costs incurred as a result of said treatment.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Parents/Guardian Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Parents/Guardian Cell Number (_____) _____

Parents/Guardian Work Number (_____) _____

Brywood Elementary School
1 Westwood, Irvine, CA 92620
Christine Amoroso, Principal



Brywood's 6th Annual MultiCultural Festival

The success of Brywood's Multicultural Festival continues to grow as our City recognizes Brywood for teaching our children and community the importance of diversity. Please be apart of this success and share your heritage and values with your children and others.

Our event will take place on Friday, March 26, 2010 from 5:00PM-8:00PM. The theme for this year's festival is "Teaching and Practicing Proper Multicultural Etiquette"

Last month PTA asked your child to draw a picture related to this year's festival theme, "Teaching and Practicing Proper Multicultural Etiquette." This was an optional activity for students to participate in sharing their country's cultural etiquette. We would like to thank each student who participated. It was a success and we received over 120 pieces of artwork. These pieces will be laminated and displayed around the school to advertise for the festival and will be on display during the festival.

Parade of Nations at the Bryworld Culture Festival

Come join the fun and show off your favorite traditional ethnic outfit in the Parade of Nations at the Bryworld Culture Festival on March 26th. Brywood students of any grade level are welcome to sign up to participate. Each Parade of Nations model will go on stage in a traditional outfit from their heritage or any culture they choose while an emcee describes what they are wearing and additional information about outfit if provided. At the end of the fashion show, the children will parade around the school grounds giving the festival guests a closer look at their bright faces and colorful customs of our Parade of Nations participants. Attendance of the dress rehearsal on Thursday, March 25th at 3:00pm in the MPR is mandatory. Please fill out and turn in the Parade of Nations sign-up form on page 11 of this newsletter, by March 1st if you would like to participate.



BryWorld Corner



Social Etiquette Around The World

Never give carnations, lilies, or white flowers as a gift to a Norwegian. They are flowers used only at funerals.

Deadline Extended for Culture Festival Performers

If you have a cultural act you would like to perform at the Culture Festival this year, the deadline to enter has been extend to February 12. Please complete the form on page 12 of this newsletter and return to your classroom teacher.



BryWorld Culture Festival

5:00-8:00 pm, Friday, March 26, 2010

“Parade of Nations”

– WELCOME BRYWOOD STUDENTS –

Join the “Parade of Nations” Fashion Show at the BryWorld Culture Festival on Friday, March 26th. Wear a traditional outfit from your heritage or any culture of your choice. Previous modeling experience not necessary.

MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL on Thursday, March 25th at 3:00pm in the Brywood Multipurpose Room.

To participate, please complete and return the form below to your teacher by Monday, March 1st.

For more information, please contact Kathy Brook-Wong at (949) 653-6790 or acemama@me.com.

Return bottom portion to your teacher by March 1st

BryWorld Culture Festival “Parade of Nations”

- I would like my child to participate in the Parade of Nations Fashion Show!
- I understand that my child must attend the dress rehearsal on March 25th in the Brywood MPR at 3:00pm.

CHILD'S NAME:

GENDER:

TEACHER:

GRADE:

PHONE #:

E-MAIL:

COSTUME & COUNTRY: (Provide 1-2 sentences describing the traditional outfit including what it looks like and when and where it is usually worn)

Parent's Signature: _____



BryWorld Culture Festival



DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Calling all Brywood Students and Families!

The Brywood Multicultural Committee
invites you to share your talent
by performing a cultural act
at our BryWorld Culture Festival on
Friday, March 26, 2010

The performance may be musical (song, dance, instrumental) or some type of act that is in line with our cultural theme. To submit your act, please complete the form below and return by Friday, February 12, 2010 and start practicing!

Did you know???

The theme this year is **Social Etiquette...**

Come to the festival not only to have fun but also to learn about the proper way to behave in social situations involving people from other cultures

Need more info? Contact Maybel Quaglierini at QMaybel@gmail.com 949-295-4781

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Fill out the form below and return to your teacher by Friday, February 12, 2010

Culture Represented: _____

Act Title: _____

Performer Name(s) with Grade Level: _____

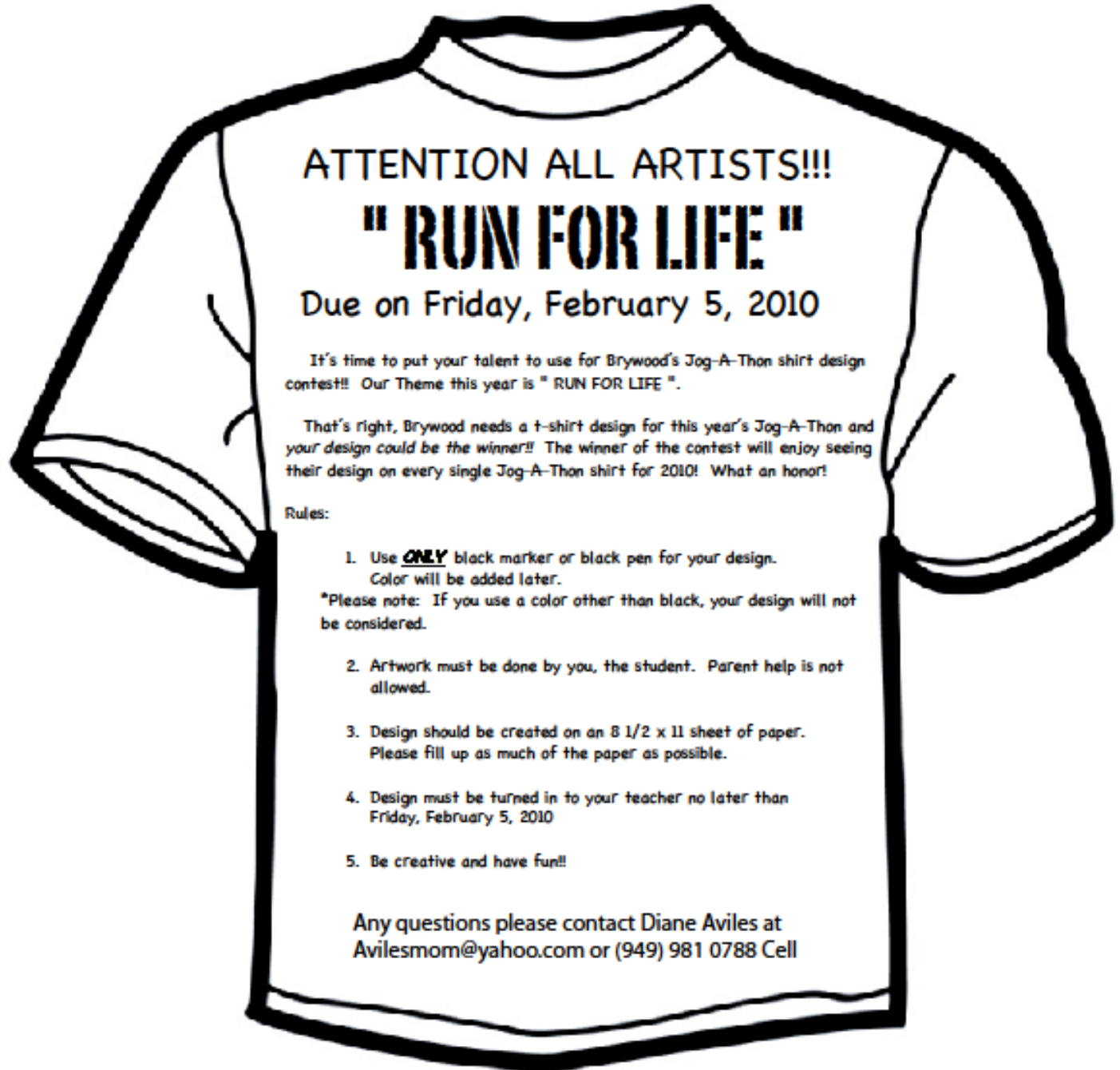
Parent Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____



BRYWOOD 2010 JOG-A-THON

IT'S COMING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010



T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



**T-SHIRTS ARE \$6 EACH
20 OZ STAINLESS STEEL WATER BOTTLES ARE \$10 EACH**

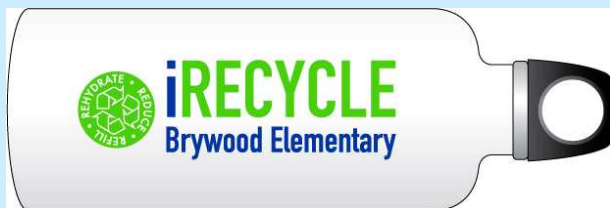
In an effort to continue our education on recycling, we would like to introduce our new 20 oz stainless steel water bottle with "iRecycle Brywood Elementary" written across it. Our goal is to eliminate the use of plastic bottles at Brywood by having our students purchase a reusable bottle. Please place your order by Friday, February 5th. Make your check payable to "Brywood PTA."

Student's name: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

_____ 20 oz Stainless Steel Sports Bottle @ \$10.00 each Total \$ _____



Please indicate the quantity next to the appropriate size:

T-shirts

Youth Small _____

Adult Small _____

Adult X-Large _____

Youth Medium _____

Adult Medium _____

Adult XX-Large _____

Youth Large _____

Adult Large _____

_____ Jog-a-thon T-shirts in total @ \$6.00 each Total \$ _____

Complete and return this order form along with payment to your classroom teacher by **Friday, February 5th**. Please contact Diane Aviles with any questions at (949) 981-0788 or avilesmom@yahoo.com.

LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR REGARDING CUTS TO EDUCATION

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

As a voter and parent in the Irvine Unified School District, I am deeply concerned about the effect of your proposed January budget on public education. This proposal makes huge cuts to schools, in the amount of \$2.4 billion over the next two years, despite your pledge to protect education.

In the past two years, \$17 billion has been cut from school budgets, cuts that are disproportionate to those made in other program areas of the state budget. Additional cuts to social services have added to the budget burden borne by our state's children and families. It is imperative that additional cuts not be imposed on schools or children's programs.

Please keep the following points in mind:

- Any additional cuts to education and children's health and social service programs will only dig our state deeper into the hole we need to climb out of, and delay our economic recovery.
- Investing in education now is investing effectively for the future. A 2009 RAND Institute report concluded that investments in education benefit taxpayers, because such funding leads to increased income tax revenues and decreased costs for social support services and prisons.
- Californians understand the connection between investment and performance. According to a statewide survey conducted in April 2009 by the Public Policy Institute of California, 61 percent of Californians believe that more state education funding leads to higher quality public schools.
- New cuts to schools would contradict educational policy reforms being advanced by you and our legislators as part of the state's application for federal Race To The Top funds. We really can't race to the top in education if we sink to the bottom in our investment in children.

We all know that this year's budget will require tough choices. But it also gives you, as our Governor, the opportunity to ensure your legacy is making "caps and gowns" a priority, and not just rhetoric.

Sincerely,

Name _____

Address _____



Winter 2010 Session

Brywood ACE Program

Fun with Yoga by Tini Yogini Grades K-3

Yoga for children is a natural way to exercise, relax, focus, and strengthen the body and mind. Studies show that yoga is an effective self-help therapy for ADD/ADHD, Autism, and general health and well-being of ALL children.*

Tuesdays, February 2, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23
(No class on Feb. 9 & 16)

Cost: \$70, Time: 2:30-3:30 p.m.
(6 Sessions)

* Please wear loose comfortable clothing and bring water and a yoga mat to class.

Time is Money by Math Monkey Grades 1-3

This game-based class focuses on real-life math using money and time as the basis. Students will learn the Vedic technique of All from 9, Last from 10, and other techniques to make change and calculate time.

Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11
Cost: \$120, Time: 2:25-3:25 p.m.
(6 Sessions)

Students will meet a Class Monitor by the lunch tables at 2:15pm each week. They will eat a simple snack (provided) and then be taken to their classrooms.

Class Monitors Needed:

The work includes taking roll, assisting children who need help, occasionally helping with classroom set-up and clean-up, and checking on each class a few times during the class period. Volunteers who monitor are granted one class tuition at 50% off. If interested, please contact Kathy Brook-Wong at acemama@me.com.

Art by Abrakadoodle Grades 1-3

This class will teach children to explore their inner creativity while exercising their critical thinking skills. Abrakadoodle's unique approach to teaching art focuses on the process of making artwork rather than on the artwork itself. This allows the students to use outside-the-box thinking as they learn to appreciate art. This class covers mediums such as Crayola Model Magic, watercolors, tempera, oil pastels and many others.

Mondays, February 1, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22
(No class on Feb. 8 & 15)

Cost: \$105, Time: 2:25-3:25 p.m.
(6 Sessions)

REGISTER ON LINE
by January 31

Scholarships Available

1. Log onto www.acewise.org
2. Click Parents Click Here
3. Create a log-in and password for yourself.
4. Click on Create New Profile (parent's).
5. Once your parent profile is created, Log in.
6. Click to Register a new student.
7. Create a student profile for each child.
8. To continue enrolling, click on Enroll.
9. Select the class your student is enrolling in.
10. You may either check out or continue enrolling in another class.
11. After checking out, you will receive an email receipt listing the class(es) your student is enrolled in. To enroll another child, go back to the homepage and begin again.

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Winter 2010 Session

Brywood ACE Program

Young Chefs Academy Grades 4-6

Join us for *Cooking Up Fun!* We offer much more than just following a recipe. Young Chefs Academy Chef Instructors use full lesson plans to supplement recipes so children also learn math, history, geography and more in addition to cooking terms and techniques. Kids prepare real recipes from scratch that they get to eat at the end of each class!

Mondays, February 1, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22
(No class on Feb. 8 & 15)
Cost: \$105, Time: 2:45-3:45 p.m.
(6 Sessions)

S.O.S (Student Organizational Skills) Grade 6

Are you ready for the organizational challenges of middle school? Join our class, and learn how to organize a goof-proof binder, use a planner, create a productive workspace at home, work with a study bud, use a computer more than in's, take "to do" notes, manage a group project, correct bad homework habits, plan a long term project and much, much more! Classes are taught by Susan Mulcaire, author of *The Middle School Student's Guide to Ruling the World!*

Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9
Cost: \$85, Time: 2:40-3:40 p.m.
(6 Sessions)

Homework Club Grades 4-6

Complete your homework and receive any necessary help from a Brywood teacher!

2:35-3:35 p.m. with Ms. Siegel in Room 12
Course #BW3a: Tuesdays \$70
Course #BW3b: Thursdays \$70
Course #BW3c Tuesdays & Thursdays \$110

Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16
Thursdays February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18
(7 sessions)

Web Site Design Grades 4-6

In this information-packed, fun-filled program young computer artists will learn basic page-building techniques for creating a professional quality web site. From storyboards, digital art and page building to navigation, design and page linking, students will gain mastery of digital techniques step-by-step. By the end of the class, students will actually post their pages to the World Wide Web.

Thursdays February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18
Brywood Computer Lab
Cost: \$120, Time: 2:40-3:45 p.m.
(7 Sessions)

* Bring a 1 gig flash drive to class each week. *

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Run or Walk for Our Schools



IRVINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



The Event:

For the past 11 years the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation has held a very successful run-walk event in the Irvine Spectrum area for its donors and participants. This year IPSF is proud to team up with PCRF to help raise funds for Irvine schools!

In 2010, the event will be held on Sunday, May 2.

The event in 2009 had more than 4,000 registered participants, 450 volunteers, 75 exhibitors, 55 fundraising "teams", one huge Kids' Fun Zone, a VIP hospitality tent, and more than 6,500 in total attendance.

The 2010 running events are:

- ~ Half Marathon
 - ~ 10K Run
 - ~ 5K Run
 - ~ 5K Walk
 - ~ 1K Kids' Run
- addition for 2010 – chip timing for all events*

Steps to Join the IPSF Team:

1. **Form a Team:** Get donors and supporters to participate and solicit pledges from their friends, neighbors, colleagues, etc. Each group or individual can register completely online as part of the IPSF Team.
2. **Earn Money:** All the money Team IPSF raises through pledges (minus Kintera's processing fee) will be sent directly to IPSF within 4 weeks of the event. Additionally, IPSF will receive \$5.00 for each half-Marathon, 10K or 5K participant registered on our team (excludes Kids' 1K).
3. **Festival Expo:** Team IPSF will have an exhibit area at the Festival Expo. This is a great way for us to connect with our current supporters and to introduce IPSF to new donors. Festivities will include: Live Mariachi band, face painting, kids bounce house, sea life tide pool, petting zoo, prizes, refreshments and much more.
4. **Registration:** Each school can register as a team, or multiple teams, or individuals. Please make sure to register under Team IPSF so that we receive the proceeds!!

Go to www.pcrf-kids.org to register. Click the "Register Now" button, then "Continue", on the right side is the "Group Rank" ~ select Irvine Public Schools Foundation, then "Join Team."

5. **Questions:** Call Cheryl Braun (949) 265-6410 or email cbraun@ipsf.net