



Brywood Bugle

News to Keep Brywood Parents Informed, Connected & Involved

Principal's Message



Dear Brywood Families,

With the long holiday weekends behind us, we look ahead to the very long month of March. The instructional rhythm intensifies during these five weeks as teachers increase the depth and complexity of their lessons. Our 2nd trimester ends in mid March. Report Cards will go home at the end of month and Parent Conferences will take place the last week of the month. Spring conferences are convened on an "as needed" basis only. Your child's teacher will contact you if a conference is needed. Of course, if you have concerns and have not heard from your teacher, please ask to get on their conference schedule.

This time of year is tough for everyone. We go a long time without breaks and sometimes our willingness to keep working wanes. Be sure to maintain regular schedules for your children with a good balance of work and play. Of course good nutrition and lots of rest should be included.

Nutrition is very tricky with school age children. The only thing parents have control over is the meal their children eat before coming to school and after school. During the school day, I'm sure you all pray that your child is eating their lunch. As I cruise the lunch tables, I encourage students to eat and to save any food they cannot finish. Throwing away perfectly good food is a problem. Our lunch supervision do their best to monitor the trash area and stop this from happening. Here are a few tips that might help put your mind at ease, 1) make sure your child has a well balanced, big breakfast, 2) pack food and snacks you know they will eat, 3) give them a nutritious snack as soon as they come home. If you see them return with a full lunch sack every day talk with them about what they are willing to eat and pack just that. We have seen a lot less of this problem since we changed to recess before eating. However, there is always room for improvement.

Following are some of the exciting activities Brywood kiddos have participated in this past month. Our primary students celebrated the 100th day of school by counting out 100 of their favorite things (cheerios, life savers, pretzel sticks), drawing pictures of themselves at 100 years old, and writing about what they might be doing when they are 100, playing checkers or bingo and visiting their grandchildren to name a few.

Third Graders visited the Environmental Nature Center. This field trip is closely aligned to third grade social studies standards focusing on local history. Students tour the nature center taking a journey back in time, learning about the tools, trade and customs of the Tongva (Gabrielino) and Acjachemen (Juaneño) people of Orange County.

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All 5th and 6th grade students were invited to participate in *Team Kids*, an organization that “empowers young people to be responsible, resilient citizens with a passion for service, through innovative school-based and community service programs.” This was Brywood’s first year of participation. Our students really impressed the Team Kids organization with their spirit and hard work.

Our 4th, 5th and 6th grade students went to Northwood High School to see a performance of *Barnum The Musical*. This musical traces the career of America’s greatest showman of the 1800’s Phineas Taylor Barnum. This is a great opportunity for students to get a peak at the performing arts opportunities available to them in secondary education. Perhaps it will inspire some of them to participate in this year’s talent show.

We have passed the midpoint of the school year, and there is still so much to come. Check the calendar section of this newsletter for upcoming events. It’s never too late to get involved.

See you!

Christine Amoroso
Principal, Brywood

P.S. Kindergarten Round Up is coming March 31! If you have a child or know a neighbor with a child who will be starting kindergarten in the fall, NOW is the time to enroll. Even if you enroll on line, you must come in to Brywood to complete the enrollment process.

March Calendar

March 2

Astronomy Night 7pm

March 3

Right to Read Day

March 7

Mother/Daughter Tea

March 8

PTA Meeting 7pm

March 11

*Jog-A-Thon
Talent Show*

March 23

Pizza Night 5-7:30pm

March 25

*CAN Day
CPR Class 6-9pm*

March 28-April 1

*Conference Week
Minimum Days All Week*

March 31

Kindergarten Round-up

Brywood Brags

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

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| Caden Carpenter | Nikhil Vupputuri | Sydnee Salamoff | Cynthia Chen |
| Cate Hoang | Makena Pellazar | Sammie Mah- | Benjamin Liu |
| Erik Petrovich | Shilpa Rajagopal | Gersting | Celeste Webb |
| Mandy Chan | Abrahm Joo | Fabian Borda | Cody Byers |
| Joanne Park | Evan Azizi | Jerry Lu | Michael Ortega |
| Nick Lhamon | Maimuna Ali | Eric Cho | Ana Cortes |
| Claudia Gonzalez-Cruz | Makani Olepau | Michael Son | Emily Kim |
| Jennifer Qin | Sriragavi Ukeshkumar | Joan Kim | Bryson Moorhouse |
| Renny Cribbin | Lauren Miller | Elizabeth Zietz | Conor McLaughlin |
| Alex Aviles | Yebin Kwon | Farhan Hussain | Nathan Bae |
| Raashi Subramanya | Katelynn Thai | Harsema Michael | Alan Ide |
| Hava Sarpas | Hadden Choi | Jacqueline Maciel | Jaden Norris |
| Zachary Sprinkle | Julia Pan | Kolbie Thrower | Alex Gonzalez |
| Jordan Rodeheaver | Alexis Yan | Caroline Johnson | Kana Shaffer |



News You Can Use



Events @ Brywood

Who's Got Talent?

Come out and support the Talent of Brywood. **The Brywood Dads 4th Annual Talent Show** will be held at Sierra Vista Middle School at 5pm Friday March 11th. Cost will be \$3 per person. Come support your classmates, your friends and the children of Brywood. This is a GREAT EVENT. Food, snacks and drinks will be served at an additional charge during intermission.

Astronomy Night

*Wednesday, March 2nd is our **Brywood Astronomy Night** at 7pm. Come out to the black top/play area and enjoy a night with stars and planets. Telescopes and education provided by Orange County Astronomers Association.*

Yearbook Announcements

It's time to order the 2010-2011 Brywood yearbook! Be on the lookout for the yellow order envelope in your child's conduit. The cost of the yearbook is \$15 and orders are due back to your teacher by **Friday, March 11th**! The cost of the yearbook goes up to \$20 after March 11th and quantities are limited.

Yearbook Cover Contest!

This year's theme is **"We Can Make A Difference"**.

1. **Encourage your child to create their masterpiece!** Use 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper vertically Include our school name and year in your design: Brywood Elementary School 2010-2011
2. You may use crayons, paint, pastels, markers, color pencils, etc. Fill your entire design with color Avoid leaving background blank or white
3. Write your name, grade and teacher name on the **BACK** of your cover design.
4. All entries are due to your teacher by **Friday, March 18th**. Good luck and have fun!

We want your pictures! If you have any pictures of all-school events, please submit them for the yearbook. These include events such as the Halloween Movie Night, Walk to School Day, Pizza Nights, and upcoming events such as the Talent Show, Astronomy Night, and Jog-A-Thon. Please submit pictures within a week of the event in the yellow Yearbook envelope near the office.

Questions? Please contact:

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HeartSaver CPR Course

March 25th, 6-9 pm in the MPR — Cost: \$20

The American Heart Association is changing the format of their course materials and instruction on April 1st and the fee will be increased. If you have been considering becoming CPR certified or need to renew your certification now is the time to sign-up. To sign-up send an e-mail to mikeandtraci@sbcglobal.net with your name, phone number, address and e-mail.

Pizza Night is Wednesday March 23rd from 5:00-7:30 at Northwood Pizza. Come and have fun with your friends while earning money for your school. See you there!



TEAM Kids is a Success at Brywood

If you are parents of a 5th or 6th grade student who participated in the 4-Week Team Kids Challenge, I would sincerely appreciate it if you can take out time to thank them for what they did for a terminally ill child, a child without winter clothing, a child who lacks books to read, and a child who needs sports equipment to play a sport. Most importantly, applaud them for what they taught themselves and each and every student here at Brywood Elementary.

Please allow me to summarize their successes. Over the last 4 weeks from January 11-February 11th, our 5th and 6th graders gave up their lunch once per week to meet with the Team Kids Group to put together a plan to help someone else in need and who is less fortunate than they are. During the 4 weeks, they learned about many nonprofit organizations and voted together where they wanted to donate their proceeds to go. At the end of the 4-week program, they created a carnival by themselves and used their imagination to invent their own game booths and prizes. Even before the carnival, they were asked to use their Team Spirit and ask each family at Brywood to donate a gently used book, warm clothing or gently used piece of sports equipment. These were all items that each student at Brywood could gather from their home, regardless of their age. The only cost was the heart to share and help others in need.

Week 1: Bring in gently used Books for the Early Literacy Program of Santa Ana.

Goal: 500 Books

Results: 1,684 beautifully gently used books were donated

Week 2: Fill 1 van of gently used clothing for Abused and Battered Children of Orange County.

Results: 2 Vans were filled

Week 3: Fill one van of gently used sports equipment for local families, supported by Family Forward, so they can get out and exercise or have equipment to play a sport.

Results: 2 vans were filled, including a beautiful bicycle and so much more.

Week 4: Lunch Time Carnival for the entire school

Goal: Raise money for Make a Wish Foundation giving a terminally ill child a last wish.

Results: \$704.00 was raised

The Team Kids program was designed to teach kids that they could make a difference. As you can see by our Brywood students and families, we certainly gave our hearts for the less fortunate. I cannot express to you how much I enjoyed working with your child and working with the Team Kids organization. Finally, I hope if the opportunity arises, you reach out to your school principal, Ms. Christine Amoroso and 5th Grade teacher, Mrs. Mary Thomas-Vallens, and thank them for making this all happen at Brywood.

Team Kids
Empowering America's Future



2011 Jog-A-Thon Announcements



Congratulations to **Lillian Zhu**. Lillian is a 6th grader in Ms. Siegel's classroom. She is the lucky winner of our 2011 Jog-a-Thon T-shirt Artist Contest. Thank you Lillian for your magnificent artwork. All other art work from our Brywood students will be displayed in our Multi Purpose Room for you to enjoy.

Our jog-a-thon is scheduled for Friday, March 11th and I hope to see every parent and family member at school that morning to cheer on their student.

Due to Brywood's date change to Friday, March 11th, class running times needed to change as well. Please disregard the times on your child's donation white envelope and make a note of the correct times:

- Grades 5 & 6: 8:30AM – 9:00AM
- Grades 1 & 2: 9:20AM – 9:50AM
- Kindergartner : 10:30AM – 11:00AM
- Grades 3 & 4: 11:15AM – 11:45AM

Any questions can be directed to Diane Aviles at Avilesmom@yahoo.com.