



THE BRIER BULLETIN

January 15, 2008

Greetings Brier Families,

Brrr! It's cold outside and Jack Frost seems to always be nipping at my nose! I hope this bulletin finds you snuggling up to a warm fire, cuddled in snuggly blankets, and keeping yourself nice and toasty!

I shared with all of you last week about a fun theme going on here with our staff that includes a lot of bucket filling. I thought this week, it would be fun to share with all of you a new program that has gotten started this year to recognize all of the awesome students we have here at Brier. Some of you have already heard my voice on the other end of your phone line calling with a "Sunshine Smile" and if you haven't, just wait! "Sending Sunshine Smiles" home is a new communication system we have put into place. A "sunshine smile" is a positive call from here at school to share with you something great that your son or daughter has done or is doing in the classroom or here around school.

Here's the process for "Sending a Sunshine Smile": Each of our teachers, as well as our learning support teachers and specialists have the chance to fill out a positive message about a student or students in his/her classroom. Once the message is written, that message gets dropped off into my mailbox. After I receive the message, I make a phone call home to your family and share with you the great news from someone here at school. You'll hear me say, "I am just calling to share with you a "Sunshine Smile!" It's so fun to call and share the great news with our Brier Families! We have students doing amazing work in their classrooms, making leaps and bounds with their learning, and developing daily as well rounded citizens each and every day! It is important to me, as well as, all of us here at Brier that we recognize these accomplishments and let our students know that we think they are outstanding Brier Bobcats! Be on the lookout for a phone call home from the principal! I hope to call your family soon with a great big "Sunshine Smile"!

Have a fantastic week Brier Families!

Winter Smiles,

Tori Thomas, Principal

The on-line Brier Bulletin has changed!!! It is now available on our school maintained website, both past and present issues! Paste this link into your favorites: <http://staff.edmonds.wednet.edu/brier/default.html> and you are ready to go! Please notify the school office if you no longer need a paper copy. Thank you for saving us time and cost by opting out of receiving a paper copy.

Calendar of Events

- 1/16 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration 6:00pm-9:00pm Lynnwood Convention Center
1/16 5th grade Select String Students Concert @ Mountlake Terrace Elem. 6:30pm
1/16 Site Council Meeting @ 8:00am in Library
1/17 Student Council Meeting @ 8:00am in Library

1/21 No School - MLK Day

1/24 MLK Jr. Assembly @ 9:20am in Gym

1/24 Early Dismissal 12:10pm (AM Kindergarten students do not attend school; PM Kindergarten students will attend in the morning)

1/25 No School (Teacher Learning Improvement Day)

1/26 PTA Brier Family Splash Swim Party, 4:40-5:40 pm @ Mountlake Terrace Pool Pavilion

1/31 PTA General Membership Meeting, 7-8 pm @ School Library-Doors open @ 6:45 pm

Information for Families

The fifth grade Select String Students from Brier, Evergreen, Hazelwood and Mountlake Terrace Elementary present their "Debut" concert on Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30pm at Mountlake Terrace Elementary School Gym. Their address is: 22001 52nd Ave. W. Mountlake Terrace

PHONE CHANGES:

- We have a new phone system. Currently, we do not have an attendance line set-up. Please report your child's absence, early dismissals, etc. on the main line (425) 431-7854.
- We've heard that some people are receiving a busy signal when you call the school office. Our prefix changed from 670- to 431- back in July-2006, however it still worked until Dec. 2007. As of January, 2008 the 670- prefix will no longer work and you need to dial 431- or you will get a busy signal. The correct number is (425) 431-7854.

PTA Membership News

Thank you to the more than 250 staff, family, business & community members who have joined PTA and are helping our kids **"Reach for the Stars"** through your support of PTA and all the programs it provides for our school! Congratulations to Mrs. Bollen's 5th grade class for having the highest number of PTA members – an impressive 31!

We're still shooting to reach our goal of 300 members by January 25th – so if you're still interested in joining PTA it's not too late! **The PTA sponsored swim party on January 26th will be FREE for PTA family members** (2.00/person for non-members). So don't delay, join today!

PTA membership envelopes are available in the school office or by contacting Marie Tschirgi at 425-697-3928 or matteall@comcast.net. Scholarship memberships are available by checking the "scholarship" box on the membership envelope or by contacting Marie at the number shown above (all scholarships are handled confidentially).

Brier Family Splash

Date: Saturday January 26, 2008

Time: 4:40 to 5:40pm

Place: Mountlake Pavillion Swimming Pool

5303 228th St SW Mountlake Terrace

Cost: Free to PTA members/ \$2.00 per person non-PTA members

Questions: Judy Edwards 206-774-3820

The Northwest Boychoir will hold open auditions for boys 6 to 9 years old on Saturday, Feb. 9 at the University Heights Community Center in Seattle. No previous music training is necessary. Auditions are casual and fun. To make an audition appointment, call 206-524-3234. To learn more about the Northwest Boychoir, visit www.nwchoirs.org.